

Walks Programme 2000

Date	Grade	Title and Description
Saturday 6th May	C+	Taynuilt to Loch Etive Meet at Helensburgh Upper Station for the 8.55 a.m. Oban train to Taynuilt. Alternatively join the train at Dumbarton Central 8.37 or Garelohead 9.06 a.m. Return ex Taynuilt 6.32 p.m. arriving Helensburgh Upper 2031 p.m. Leader: Julie Ayres Scenic rail journey to start of 9-mile walk, then across River Awe, through forest to side of Loch Etive at Glen Noe, and return. OS Landranger map number 50 grid reference for start 003 312
Sunday 14th May	C+	The Kilpatricks and Doughnot Hill The walk around the Lang Craggs opens up views extending from the Renfrew Hills, the Clyde Estuary and Loch Lomond. Distance 6/7 miles with easy climbs over terrain ranging through tarmac road, forest tracks and moorland. Leader: Geof Flann OS Landranger map 63. Starting point Overtoun House; grid reference for start 425 762.
Sunday 21st May	A or C	Butterbridge to Ben Dubh/Ben Vane – back by Abyssinia. First part on Waterworks Road thereafter hill-walking ascending to 3,000 feet. Total distance 10 miles with duration 6 hours. Butterbridge to Loch Sloy Firstly, on Waterworks Road thereafter an easier route with little descent but over some rough moorland. Leader: Alan Dow OS Landranger Map 56. Start at Butterbridge Grid reference: 235 095
Saturday 3rd June	C	Glen Loin A pleasant uphill walk from Arrochar into Glen Loin. A good firm path, mostly easy gradient with the odd short steep bit returning on a steady downhill forest track. Leader: Malcolm Mackenzie (but contact Geof Flann) OS Landranger Map 56. Starting point car park opposite filling station Grid reference 299 047
Sunday 18 th June	A	Ben Reoch from Black Sheep, Tarbert. One hill (2,168 ft) or on to Tullich Hill (2,073 ft) returning by new Water Road. Total distance approx. 10 miles, duration 6 hours. Leader: Alan Dow OS Landranger Map 56. Starting at Black Sheep Tearoom, Tarbet, Grid reference 315 044

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Saturday 1st July	B	Bishop's Seat — Joint walk with Strathkelvin Group. Forest tracks leading to open hillside with spectacular views of the Firth of Clyde (weather permitting!) and return via a pleasant glen. Terrain: forest tracks, open hillside, tracks and paths in glen. Total distance 13 km (8 miles) Total ascent (506 m) 1660 ft. Leader: Barry Pottle OS Landranger map 63 Departure point Dunoon Pier (Grid ref 176 765) Meet at Helensburgh Pier for 9.10 a.m. ferry (or 9.40 from Kilcreggan) to Gourock to meet up with leader and Strathkelvin Group for 10.20 am ferry to Dunoon. Alternatively: Drive to Gourock or direct to Dunoon for meeting points/times noted above.
Saturday. 8 th July	B	Acharn Circular High level footpath overlooking Loch Tay. Part of old drove road system featuring stone circles, waterfall, hermit's cave and ancient tumuli. Total distance 10 miles with total ascent 450m (2,600 ft), duration 5 hours. Although nearly all on path contouring the hillside (heath) the stream valley is forested. Leader Ronnie Swanson OS Landranger map 51. Meeting at Kenmore, Loch Tay Grid reference: 773 455
Saturday 15 th July	C	Runrig, Sheilings, some water and a Battle A ramble back in time from present day naval dockyard Garelochside to find the still clear traces of how life was lived when Craigendoran was still the otter's rock (Creag an Dobhrain) and Faslane the meadows where drovers gathered their cattle for the ferry (Fas-leathain) Distance 6 km (3 ¹ / ₄ miles) with negligible ascent. Over good road plus 1 km approx muddy path and moorland grass. Leader: Donald Bruce Duration 3 — 4 hours (lots of blethering) If it's a pleasant day bring a piece for a picnic. If wet we can scamper round in 3 hours. Souvenir written description available on the day. OS Landranger Map 56. Starting point junction of Yankee Road and Glen Fruin road off A814 at 1400 hrs. Grid ref 262 899.
Sunday 23rd July	C	Aberfoyle / Kinlochard Forest Walk Walk through delightful forest track. 6.5 miles with negligible ascent. Duration 3.5 Hours Leader Doreen Kirk OS Landranger Map 57. Gather at Aberfoyle main car park near information centre. Grid reference 522 009
Saturday 29 th July	C	Brig o'Turk Circular A gentle walk from Brig o'Turk over forest tracks and paths to viewpoint at top of Duke's Pass. Return via paths which could be boggy! Distance 6 Miles with negligible ascent. Leader. Don Craig OS Landranger Map 57. Gather at Brig o'Turk tea rooms; grid reference 536 066.
Saturday 5th August	C+	Comrie Circular Footpaths/roads up to drove road overlooking beautiful Earn valley. Mixture of hillside, forest, glens with streams running down, for little effort. Total distance 7 miles and duration 3.5 hrs; total ascent 250 m (800 ft) Leader: Ronnie Swanson OS Landranger map 51. Starting point Comrie, Perthshire Grid reference 772 221

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Saturday 12th August	C	Duncryne An easy road and path with slight ascent up this extinct volcano rising to 470 feet with one of the best views in the area over the Highland Boundary Fault and into the high hills beyond. Distance 6 / 7 miles. Duration 4 / 5 hours Leader Don Craig OS Landranger map 56. Meeting point in Gartoharn village where there is limited parking opp. "The Hungry Monk", grid reference: 428 862.
Saturday 19th August	C+	Loch Humphrey and Fynloch Hill A gradual but long consistent ascent to around a 1000 ft over water board metalled road through Kilpatrick Braes. Route around Loch Humphrey is on sheep trods and rough pasture land and the approach to Fynloch Hill is over rough grazing and much wetter ground. The view over Loch Lomond is spectacular on a clear day. Total distance around 6 / 7 miles with duration 4 / 5 hours. Leader: Geof Flann OS Landranger map 63. Starting at Old Kilpatrick station (limited parking!) grid reference 465 731.
Sunday 27th August	C+	Conic Hill Part of the West Highland Way and lying on the Highland Boundary Fault. Track at times steep and rough climbing to 1150 ft where there are views over Loch Lomond and the islands. Total distance 6 miles. Duration 4 hours. Leader: Doreen Kirk Gather and leave cars at Balmaha Car Park taking a bus back to Drymen to commence the walk (bus fare required). OS Landranger Maps 56/57 Grid reference-. 421 909
Saturday 9 th Sept	B	Larig Eilde and Larig Gartain Lowland circular walk around Buchaille Etive Beag over rough path and trackless portions through grasslands with fine views of mountains of Glencoe. Distance 12 miles over undulating ground, max. height around 400 m. Duration 5 - 6 hours. Leader: Penny Elles OS Outdoor Leisure Map 38. Starting point meeting of three waters at car park off A82 Grid reference: 185 563.
Sunday 17th Sept	C	The Greenock Cut A relaxing level walk on well-defined paths high above the Firth of Clyde. Distance 7 miles duration 3.5 hours. Leader: Geof Flann OS Landranger map 63. Starting point Cornalees Bridge Centre (close to Loch Thom) grid reference 248 722
Saturday 23rd Sep	A	Ben Donich Track through forest initially then up through trees and onto mountain side. Distance 6/7 miles with total ascent approx.1900 ft. Terrain: plantation at start thereafter mountain side. Leader: Ann Strachan OS Landranger Map 56. Starting point Rest and be Thankful car Park, grid reference 231 073.

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Sunday 1st October	B+	Meall Dhamh - Crianlarich Hill/mountain walk leading to grass ^y ridge via NW shoulder of the Greyheight (685 m) 1310 feet providing classic views over corrie etc. Distance 6 miles ascending to 814 m (1600 ft). Leader: Alan Anderson Starting point: Inverardran (800 m east of Crianlarich. OS Maps 50/51 Grid reference: 392 249
Saturday 14th October	B	Touch Hills Another walk by a guest leader whose walks have proved popular and interesting. This is a mixed woodland and hill top walk to the west of Stirling with the terrain being partly pathway, through woodland and stretches of moorland. Total distance 8 miles approx. rising to max, height of 380 m approx. Duration 4 hours. Leader: Ronnie Swanson Starting point: 100 m up minor road to Cambusbarron just off (and south of) A811. OS Map 57 Grid ref: 744 937
Sunday 22 nd October	C+	Kirkton Glen A forest walk and through glen to "Loch of the Irishman". Distance 7 miles ascending to 440 m. Duration 4 hours. Forest path then grass path to Loch. Leader: Doreen Kirk Starting point: Balquidder Church (by Rob Roy's grave) OS Map: 51 Grid reference: 536 200
Saturday 28th October	C	"We'll Tak the High Road" A gentle autumn afternoon walk for the thoughtful, reflective and slow, starting and finishing at a characterful pub, giving overviews of the Falloch, the Falloch Canal, and from a safe distance the caravan site at Ardlui, as well as splendid views of Loch Lomond before the onslaught of National Park Status. Distance 6 miles approx. with negligible ascent. Leader: Donald Bruce Starting point: Inverarnan Inn car park – 2.7 km north of Ardlui on A82 at 11 am . Landranger map 56 GR 318 185. Meet H'burg Swimming Pool 10 a.m. not usual 9.30
Saturday 4th November	C	Glen Kinglas and North West Hills Good track via forest and a gradual ascent to final hillside climb above moors. A linear walk with final ascent on grass whilst the rest of the route is laid track. Total distance 8 miles total ascent 150 m, max. height of 500 m. Duration 4.5/5 hrs. Leader: Allan Anderson Starting point: Butterbridge CP (2km N. Rest and be Thankful) OS Map 56 Grid Reference 230 095
Sunday 12th November	A	Ptarmigan (but NOT Ben Lomond) Ptarmigan onto Cruinn and Bheinn down to Cailness, then back along the West Highland Way. On track and then trackless mountain terrain with good path back. Bring a torch. Total distance 6.5 miles to max. height 800 m. Duration 6 hrs. Leader: Alan Dow Starting point: Rowardennan Car Park at 9 am. OS Map 56 Grid reference 361 985. Meet at Helensburgh Swimming Pool 8.15 am.

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Saturday 18th November	C+	Menteith Hills to Loch Venacher Rough forestry track soon giving way to a rough path which undulates through woods and across moorland. It can be wet in places. On a clear day there are lovely views across Loch Venacher to surrounding hills. Total distance 12 miles ascending to 400 m with duration of 5.5hrs. Leaders: Kathleen Siddle/Ralph Ward Starting point Braeval car park on A821 E. of Rob Roy Road junction. OS Map 57 Grid ref: 543 006
Sunday 26th November	B	Beinn Dubh and the horseshoe Steady, but not difficult, climb followed by top level walk with excellent views. Terrain: mostly firm flat ground with lots of small paths. Total distance 9.3 miles, max. height 692 m. Duration 4.5 hrs. Leader: John Holt Starting point: Luss car park OS map 56 Grid ref: 359 931
Saturday 2nd December	C	St. Andrew's Party and Walk - The Highlandman's Way / Rhu Circular The route is along a mixture of pavements, rough paths and tracks which wends its way through Helensburgh Upper, then Highlandman's Wood and along forestry track to Rhu. On a clear day there are views down the Clyde estuary to Arran. Distance approx. 6 miles, max height 200 m with duration 2.5 hrs. SEE ENCLOSED SEPARATE INFORMATION SHEET REGARDING THIS EVENT. Leaders: Kathleen Siddle / Ralph Ward Starting (and finishing) point: 12 Duchess Park, Helensburgh commencing at 1.30 p.m. sharp. OS Map 56 GR 288 834.
Sunday 10th December	C	Blanefield Circular A lowland path from Blanefield to near Dumgoyne Distillery (not visiting!), returning by a disused railway line, part of which is now on the West Highland Way. Distance: 8 miles approx., duration 4.5hrs approx. Leader: Doreen Kirk Starting point: Kirkhouse Inn, Strathblane OS Map 64 Grid ref: 562 794
Sunday 17th December	B	The Cobbler in Winter An easy introduction to this popular destination. Precise route variable and subject to weather conditions. Route partly tracked to base of Ben Ime. Terrain mountain and grassland with total distance 5 – 6 miles, duration 6 hrs. Height: between 450 – 700 m. Leader Allan Anderson Starting point: Cobbler Car Park OS Map Grid ref: 294 050