

## Cramond Walkers : January to June 2018

Interested in any of these walks? Then contact Fiona Black on 339 6644  
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**Tues, 23 Jan**      **Kelpies Revisited**      (5.5 km/3½ miles)      **Easy**

Another visit to the Kelpies near Grangemouth. From Falkirk Stadium we walk through Helix Park, which includes a lagoon, great lawn and wetland, then beside the canal to the Kelpies Visitor Centre. We cross the end of the canal to walk through Langlees Community Woodland and then beside the canal again to return to Helix Park.

**Meet: Barnton Ave West at 9.30 am  
or Falkirk Stadium at 10 am**



**Thurs, 8 Feb**      **Moncrieffe Hill**      (8 km/5 miles)      **Easy**



We start with refreshments at the Brig Farm Shop café just north of Bridge of Earn. We then drive a short distance to approach Moncrieffe Hill from the south, walking through woodland to the summit and back. We will visit the site of two Iron Age forts and there should be splendid views north over Perth and south towards Glenfarg.

**Meet: Barnton Ave West at 9.30 am or Brig Farm Shop at 10.10 am**

**Sat, 17 Feb**      **Fife Coastal Path Ravenscraig to Buckhaven** (9 km/6½ miles)      **Moderately Easy**

This is one of the best sections of the Fife Coastal Path, being repeated by popular demand as many missed the walk in May 2017. We start at Ravenscraig Park in Kirkcaldy, visit Ravenscraig Castle (free), go through Dysart harbour, past Frances colliery site, through the villages of West Wemyss and East Wemyss, visit the Wemyss caves and finish at Buckhaven, where we get a bus back to the start.

**Meet: Barnton Ave West at 9 am or Kirkcaldy Ravenscraig Park car park at 9.45 am**



**Thurs, 8 March**      **Pressmennan and Traprain** (4.5 km/3 miles & 2 km/1½ miles)      **Both Easy**



Two short walks in East Lothian. We start by visiting Pressmennan Wood for a walk along the south side of the lake and back through the woodland. We then travel a short distance to climb Traprain Law, site of an iron age fort.

**Meet: Barnton Ave West at 9 am**

**Sat, 17 March**      **Eskbank Station to Penicuik**      (13 km/8 miles)      **Moderately Easy**

**Note: Travel will be by PUBLIC TRANSPORT as this is a linear walk.**

We start from Eskbank station and walk along a former railway line to Penicuik. Recommended travel to the start is on the Waverley Line train (departs Waverley 10.56, arrives Eskbank 11.15, £4.70 single, less with railcard, connecting tickets available), but it is also possible to get to Eskbank station by bus (eg Lothian 29 or 49). After a while the former railway line emerges into pleasant countryside and we plan to stop at the picnic tables of the old Roslin Castle station for our packed lunches. Warning – no toilet facilities along the route. At the end, walkers can enjoy a soup and coffee in Penicuik before returning to Edinburgh by bus (eg Lothian 15 or 37).

**Meet : Eskbank station at 11.15 am**



**Tues, 20 March**      **Covenanter's Grave from Dunsyre**      (15 km /10 miles)      **Moderately Hard**



From Dunsyre we go north-east on the first section of the Pentland Way. We then turn west along Dry Burn, past Medwinhead and into the rugged western Pentlands to visit the covenanter's grave, high enough to see Cairn Table in his native Ayrshire. A more direct route beside West Water takes us back to Dunsyre.

**Meet: Barnton Ave West at 9 am**

**Tues, 27 March**      **Berwick-upon-Tweed to Coldingham**      (24 km/15½ miles)      **Hard**

The Berwickshire coast is an area of great natural beauty with fantastic birdlife. Geologically it is a superb area where scientists such as James Hutton discovered the origin and stratification of rocks. Leaving the cars at Coldingham, we catch a bus to Berwick-upon-Tweed. Our walking route starts from Berwick-upon-Tweed to go through Burnmouth, Eyemouth and lastly Coldingham. Refreshments somewhere on the drive back to Edinburgh.

**Meet: Barnton Ave West at 9 am**



**Thurs, 5 April**      **Seamab and Commonedge Hills**      (6 km/4 miles)      **Moderate**



We park in Pool of Muckhart and start with refreshments at Mona's of Muckhart. The walk goes through new woodland then climbs steeply to Seamab Hill (439m). From there it is an undulating walk to Commonedge Hill (468m) and back.

**Meet: Barnton Ave West at 9 am or Pool of Muckhart at 9.40 am**

Sat, 14 April

**Drumlanrig and River Nith** (18 km/11 miles)

Moderate



We park at Drumlanrig Castle, north of Thornhill, and start with refreshments at the café. Our walk heads north beside the beautiful River Nith then joins a minor road at Burnmouth Bridge and after a few kilometres we can return to the riverside.

**Meet: Barnton Ave West at 9 am**

Thurs, 19 April

**Cairn Table in Ayrshire** (9 km/5½ miles)

Moderate



Cairn Table (593m) is a solitary hill near Muirkirk in East Ayrshire. We start from the Kames car park, already at a height of 240m, and walk through an area of industrial heritage. Then it is a steady climb to the huge summit cairn built in 1920, potentially offering great views over South-West Scotland and beyond.

**Meet: Barnton Ave West at 9 am**

Tues, 15 May

**Fife Coastal Path : Kingsbarns to St Andrews** (13.5 km/8½ miles) Moderate

We have selected a day with low tide in the afternoon to allow full enjoyment of the beach. Recommended parking is in a 60-space free car park near the Old Course Hotel, north of the A91 Petheram Bridge roundabout (a larger free car park is south of the roundabout, by the university buildings). After a short walk past the famous Road Hole and 18<sup>th</sup>, we catch the Stagecoach 95 bus at 10.50 for a 20 minute ride to Kingsbarns. From there we walk back along the Fife Coastal Path, reaching St Andrews mid-afternoon.



**Meet: Barnton Ave West at 9 am or Petheram Bridge car park, St Andrews at 10.15 am**

Tues, 22 May

**Loch Katrine – Primrose Hill** (11 km/7 miles)

Moderate



We park at Loch Katrine pier car park and walk beside the loch for 4 km, climb to a higher path and loop back. Those who want to extend the outing can take a 1-hour scenic trip on the SS Sir Walter Scott departing 14.30 (2017 price £12 for concessions).

**Meet: Barnton Ave West at 8.30 am**

Sat, 26 May

**Lamington - Deil's Barn Door**

(19 km/12 miles)

**Hard**

We park near the church in Lamington, 7 miles south-west of Biggar on the A702, and our walk heads south-east into the Coulter Hills. We start by walking past Cowgill Loch, then down a reservoir access road to reach a track heading up Cowgill Rig. We drop down to the southern end of the Upper Reservoir then climb steeply beside Duncan Gill to a 577m trig point. We join a windfarm access road to go through the Deil's Barn Door to Hardrig Head, then descend by Easkgill Rig to join a minor road back to Lamington.

**Meet: Barnton Ave West at 9 am or Lamington at 10 am**



Tues, 5 June

**Forth Road Bridge and North Queensferry**

(7 km/4½ miles)

**Easy**



We start by taking the 43 bus to Queensferry to walk across the Forth Road Bridge. We then wander through North Queensferry and go round Carlingnose point on the Fife Coastal Path, eventually reaching Ferrytoll P&R to catch a Stagecoach bus back to Barnton.

**Meet: Barnton bus stop on Queensferry Road at 9.20 am for 9.28 bus**