

Cramond Walkers – January to June 2025

For the first half of 2025, Cramond Walkers again have a varied programme on a mix of days. This time we have about a third each on Fridays and Saturdays, with the other third spread over Tuesday to Thursday. The majority of walks are by car share from Barnton Avenue West (BAW), where we have put back the usual meeting time by half an hour to 10 am. This time we have more walks with travel by bus, and some where train is an option, and for all walks there is the option to meet at the start. Most walks are around 8 to 12 km (5 to 8 miles), but we have some shorter walks in the first two months. We recommend carrying a drink and packed lunch. Reports with photos are on Cramond Walkers Facebook page. Organisers are Fiona Black and Simon Gillam. For more details and any updates email cramond.walkers@yahoo.co.uk.

1. Friday, 10 January - Kirkcaldy Galleries, Beveridge Park and woodlands : 6 km



We start with a visit to Kirkcaldy Galleries (KY1 1YG, no dogs) which include an art gallery, museum and cafe. We then walk to Beveridge Park where we follow the red route (4.5 km) in the park, then on woodland paths above a river and part way round Raith Lake, then back through another strip of woodland with an option of returning to the Galleries for anyone who wants to see more.
<https://fifewalking.com/find-a-walk/central-fife-walks/kirkcaldy-woodlands/>

Meet at the Galleries at 10.40 am - X60 bus : 9.47 at Barnton arrives Kirkcaldy at 10.30. Or to omit the Galleries, meet at the northern entrance to Beveridge Park at 11.45. For return to Edinburgh there are 3 buses an hour.

2. Saturday, 18 January - Gartmorn Dam Country Park near Alloa : 5.5 km

We start with refreshments at the on-site cafe. Our route includes woods at north-west in addition to a circuit of the 170 acre reservoir shown by Walk Highlands



(<http://www.walkhighlands.co.uk/fife-stirling/gartmorn-dam.shtml>)

Meet BAW at 10 am or Gartmorn Dam Country Park (off A908 Alloa to Tillicoultry) at 10.50.

3. Tuesday, 28 January - Dalkeith Country Park : 6 km

A circuit of Dalkeith Country Park - we start by walking beside the South Esk, possibly visiting the Restoration Yard (cafe etc) and passing a ruined conservatory. We then return beside the North Esk and cross Montagu Bridge for a loop on the far side of the river, with good views of Dalkeith House. We cross back over the bridge and pass Dalkeith House on the way to the start.

Bus to Dalkeith (eg Lothian 3), meet main entrance to Park at 11 am



<http://www.walkhighlands.co.uk/lothian/dalkeith-park.shtml>

4. Thursday, 6 February - Water of Leith, Dean Village to Leith : 5.5 km



We can start with refreshments, then walk along the last section of the Water of Leith starting with Dean Village to Stockbridge, then on to Leith.

Meet church cafe at West End of Princes Street at 10.30

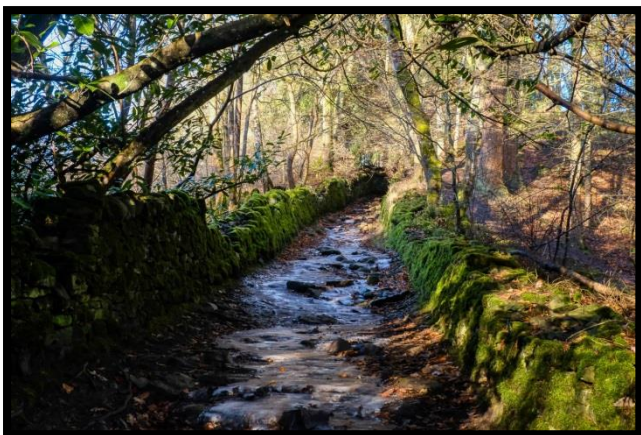
5. Saturday, 22 February - Stockbridge and Botanics from city centre : 5 km

From Princes Street, route via Royal Circus to Stockbridge, Rocheid Path then into Botanics by East Gate, wander around Botanics, exit by West Gate and Inverleith Park.

Meet 10.30 near Scott Monument



6. Friday, 28 February - Dunblane : 9 km



A scenic loop south from Dunblane to Bridge of Allan, going out on an easterly higher-level track, then returning on the popular Darn Walk beside the Allan Water. We can then do a short northward loop in Dunblane, including Riverside Park and the Cathedral. Darn Walk:
www.walkhighlands.co.uk/fife-stirling/darn-walk.shtml

Meet BAW at 10 am or Dunblane station at 10.50 or travel by train from Waverley at 9.35 (Edinburgh Park at 9.44) arriving 10.37

7. Saturday, 8 March - Cademuir Hill Forts from Peebles : 12.5 km

Starting out of Peebles on the John Buchan Way, the route heads south across open countryside to Cademuir Hill Forts, then turns north to reach the Tweed and follow the river back to Peebles.

Meet BAW at 10 am or Kingsmeadow Car Park Peebles at 10.40

<http://www.walkhighlands.co.uk/borders/cademuir-forts.shtml>



8. Friday, 14 March - Muiravonside from Linlithgow : 10 km



From Linlithgow Station follow the Union Canal to the aqueduct, descend to Muiravonside Park (cafe). Then follow the River Avon towards Linlithgow Bridge and back into Linlithgow.

Meet Linlithgow Station at 11 am (train from Waverley at 10.37 (Edinburgh Park at 10.46) arrives 11.00, or X38 bus from Maybury at 10.15 arrives 10.54)

9. Saturday, 22 March - Caldercruix to Armadale : 11 km

A section of the Bathgate to Airdrie Cycle Path, most of which runs near the railway line re-opened in 2010, with numerous sculptures. A blog about it can be found at <http://www.cyclingscot.co.uk/blog/bathgate-to-airdrie-cycle-path>. For those who travelled by car to Caldercruix, return by train (2 trains/hour, £4.80 single). We are doing it in this direction as wind is usually from the west.

Meet BAW at 10 am or Caldercruix station at 10.50



10. Tuesday, 1 April - Dirleton, Yellowcraigs and North Berwick : 8 km



Walk from Dirleton to the coast at Yellowcraigs beach then along the coast to North Berwick.

Bus X5 from Waterloo Place at 10.24 arrives Dirleton at 11.20. From North Berwick, bus (X5 or 124) or train back to Edinburgh.

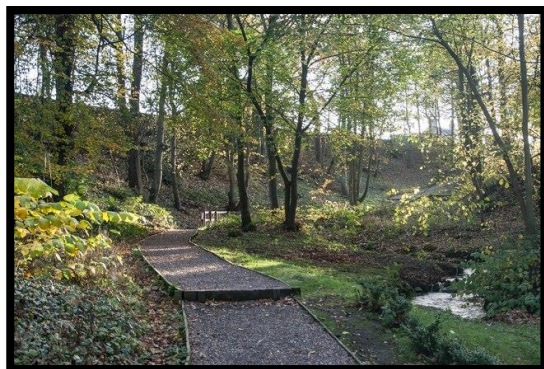
<http://www.walkhighlands.co.uk/lothian/dirleton-fidra.shtml>

11. Friday, 25 April - Wemyss Circular : 12 km

We walk from East Wemyss via Wemyss Caves, Wemyss Den, Coaltown of Wemyss and West Wemyss. Red route from this, but starting from East Wemyss (not West Wemyss).

<https://fifewalking.com/find-a-walk/central-fife-walks/wemyss-circular/>

Bus X60 at 9.47 from Barnton, arrives East Wemyss at 10.51, or meet East Wemyss at 11 am



12. Wednesday, 30 April - Scone circular and Quarrymill Woodland Park : 11 km



The circular walk east of Scone (9 km, 250m ascent) includes two hilltop monuments and a descent across a golf course, followed by a short walk to the west through Quarrymill Woodland Park (2 km), where there is an excellent cafe.

Meet BAW at 10 am or the car park near Scone Old Parish Church at 10.50

<http://www.walkhighlands.co.uk/perthshire/scone.shtml>

13. Saturday, 10 May - Leven and Lundin Links Circuit : 10.5 km

From Leven promenade, we walk east along the beach or Fife Coastal Path to Lundin Links, then inland by Lundin Woods and Blacketyside to Letham Glen, where we can hope to see bluebells, then past the golf course back to the promenade.

<https://fifewalking.com/find-a-walk/east-fife/leven-lundin-links/>



Meet BAW at 10 am or Leven promenade car park at 11.10. Options of bus from Barnton X60 at 9.47 arriving 11.03 or train from Waverley at 10.03 (Edinburgh Gateway at 10.15) arrives new Leven station at 11.08.

14. Friday, 16 May - Auchterarder and Cloan Glen : 9.5 km



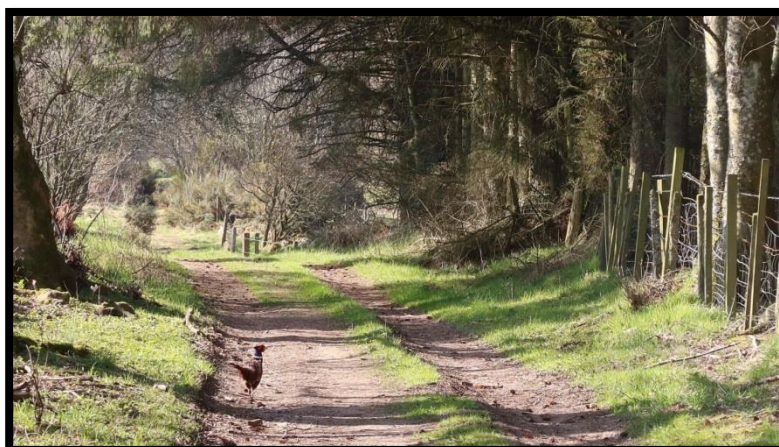
We head south from Auchterarder following the Cloan Burn, through Cloan Den, an old drove road, then return on paths and country roads further west.

Meet BAW at 10 am or Auchterarder at 11 am (Crown Wynd car park or on-street parking)

15. Thursday, 22 May - Den of Alyth and Tullyfergus : 10.5 km

From Alyth (east of Blairgowrie), we head west through Den of Alyth, then on tracks to a lochan at Drimmie Woods, then take a more southerly route back to Alyth.

Meet BAW at 10 am or Alyth Market Square at 11.25



16. Friday, 6 June - Galashiels to Tweedbank : 11 km



A linear walk, combined with train. For those travelling by car, drive to Tweedbank, train to Galashiels (£2.60 single). Option to visit Great Tapestry of Scotland (£10.50 or £25 annual ticket) and those who don't want to visit can wait in cafe. Walk to Tweedbank, beside Gala Water then both sides of the Tweed passing Abbotsford.

Meet BAW at 10 am, Tweedbank station at 11.10 or Galashiels station at 11.30

17. Wednesday, 18 June - Strathclyde Park and Chatelherault : 12 km

From Strathclyde Park the route crosses the Clyde and follows the River Avon to Chatelherault, returning by a similar route.

Meet BAW at 10 am or car park at the loch in Strathclyde Park at 10.50



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