



Moray Ramblers

Walking Programme: January to July 2018

Date	Walk	Description	OS Map and Grid Ref.	Distance	Leader and Contact Details	Bus Leaves Elgin	Route Via
Sunday 7 January '18	Cragganmore to Aberlour	A straightforward walk on a section of the Speyside Way mostly following the bed of the old railway line. Moderate	OS 28 (NJ 167 366-264 426)	11 miles	Ann Hewawitharana (Tel. 01340 821242)	9.00am	Roths
Saturday 27 January	Caledonian Canal	Along the Canal from Dochgarroch Lock to Inverness Harbour and back along opposite side of canal to Floral Hall. Moderate . Short walk option finishes at Floral Hall (7 miles).	OS 26 (NH 618 404 - 660 472)	10 miles	Stacey Clark (Tel: 01542 649093)	8.00am	Forres
Sunday 18 February	Newmill to Buckie	Part of the fish wives trail, starting in Newmill following a way marked route on roads, forest tracks and paths. Excellent views all the way from the top of the hill down to Inchgower Distillery. Moderate	OS 28 (NJ 435 524 - 426 639)	11 miles	Diane Simpson (Tel. 01542 832049)	8.00am	Fochabers
Saturday 10 March	Rothiemurchus to Loch Morlich	Bonny walk on forest trails, possibly via Loch an Eilean. Moderate . Short walk available in the area.	OS 36 (NH 915 107 - 974 098)	10 miles	Fiona McDonald (Tel: 01309 672748)	8.00am	Forres
Sunday 1 April	Port Elphinstone to Kemney	Visiting old Aberdeenshire canal then along the River Don through woodland tracks to Fetternear Ho and Bishops Palace(ruin) Moderate - Short walks around Fetternear Estate	OS 38 (NJ 777 205 - 728 161)	9 miles	Paul Greenhouse (Tel: 01309 675877)	8.00am	Keith
Saturday 21 April	Gannoch & Tampie	Circular walk with a steady ascent of The Gannoch and Tampie, starting from the Forest of Birse and return via The Firmouth Road. Strenuous	OS 44 (NO 532 906)	11 miles	Dave Clark (Tel: 01542 649093)	7.00am	Keith
Sunday 13 May	Carn an Fhreachadain (Corbett)	Circular walk starting from Kingussie, on stony track across grouse moor with quite a steep climb up and down. Moderate / Strenuous Short walk will be available	OS 35 (NH 755 007)	11 miles	Donnie McDonald (Tel: 01309 672748)	8.00am	Forres
Fri 18 - Sun 20 May	Weekend Away Montrose	Staying at The Park Hotel, Montrose. There will be a selection of low and high level scenic walks in and around the Angus Glens.			Ruth Gerrie / Evie Mclvor (Tel: 01343 820545 / 01343 820844)		
Saturday 2 June	Cairn Daimh Circuit	Starting at Altnaglander, walk part of the Blairfindy Moorland Circuit to join Carn Daimh Circuit then rejoin Speyside Way to finish at Glenlivet Distillery. Can be boggy in places. Moderate Choice of short walks will be available.	OS 36 (NJ 170 286 - 195 291)	11 miles	Ruth Gerrie (Tel. 01343 820545)	8.00am	Roths
Sunday 24 June	Drynachan Lodge to Tomatin	Route follows a beautiful stretch of the River Findhorn. Good tracks with one pathless climb (half mile) through birch woods. River bank walk on some parts. Moderate	OS 27 & 35 (NH 864 405 - 803 288)	12 miles	Christine Copsey (Tel: 07932 819557)	8.00am	Forres
Saturday 14 July	Glas Maol - Creag Leacach	This varied walk offers an ascent of two Munros. Glas Maol offers fine views of Glen Shee The ridge to Creag Leacach is rocky and narrower than the broad ridges typical of the Grampians Stunning views on a fine day. Strenuous Short walks around Braemar	OS 43 (NO 139 757)	7 miles	Alan Campbell (Tel: 01542 832218)	7.00am	Keith
Sunday 5 August	Ben Wyvis (Munro) (Summer Walk)	A straightforward ascent on paths through forest initially, followed by much steeper ground ascending An Cabar. Extensive views from the summit on a good day. Strenuous Short Walk starting and finishing at Inchbae Lodge. Evening meal after the walk will be advised.	OS 20 (NH 410 671)	8 miles	Evie Mclvor (Tel. 01343 820844)	8.00am	Forres

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NOTES:

Bus Bookings	Telephone Evie Mclvor (01343 820844) between 6.00pm and 8.00pm on the Wednesday prior to the walk , or email anytime at bookings@morayramblers.org.uk . A decision will be made on the Wednesday before the walk on what size of bus is required, so please book early for the walk. The bus will leave Elgin (Community Centre) by one of the following routes, unless otherwise stated: Forres - Keith - Rothes
Bus Fares	The bus fare will normally be £11 per adult and £5 per child. Please note however that a reservation (unless cancelled) will be regarded as a commitment to pay the fare whether or not you turn up.
Dogs	We regret that dogs are not allowed on Ramblers outings.
Clothing	Be prepared for rapid changes in the weather regardless of the time of year. Stout boots, wind and waterproof clothing are essential for all walks. In particular, it should be noted that denim jeans are actively discouraged as they can become sodden, heavy and very cold in wet weather. We also recommend that you take a change of clothing and footwear, which if you prefer, can be left on the bus whilst you are walking.
The Leader	The names and telephone numbers of the walk leaders appear against each date on the programme. More detailed walk information can be obtained from the individual leaders. The safety of the party is dependent upon compliance with the leader's instructions and all ramblers must try to remain in a coherent group, unless he/she has explicitly agreed otherwise. The average speed of the walk is that of the slowest member of the group. There will be regular halts for refreshment and regrouping. Leader's responsibilities include: a) Appointing a 'back marker' to look after the rear of the group b) Making periodic 'head counts' to ensure the party remains intact. c) Ensure that the damage to the countryside is minimal and that all gates are left as they are found.
Weather Conditions	In the event of severe weather conditions, please check with the walk leader or the Chairperson to ascertain whether any changes have been made to the programme.
The Ramblers Association	There are no membership fees for the Moray Ramblers and new walkers are most welcome. However, after two outings new walkers are expected to join the Ramblers Association, a national body dedicated to the care, responsible use of and ready access to the countryside. Details of membership can be obtained from the Secretary. The current annual individual membership is £35 or £46.50 for joint/family membership, reduced rates are also available.
Grades of Walks	Each walk listed in the programme includes an approximate distance and a measure of difficulty. Easy , Moderate and Strenuous are used to describe the effort required. If you have any doubts about your ability to manage a particular walk, please contact the walk leader in advance. Easy: gentle countryside rambles over low level moorland, hill tracks and forestry or estate roads. Moderate: moderate terrain, rough mountain walking with some ascents. Boots are essential and a reasonable degree of fitness. Strenuous: usually high mountain country possibly involving steep ascents and descents. Boots, efficient wind/waterproof clothing and an average standard of fitness are essential.
Children	Children are welcome on all walks, but must be accompanied by an adult who should be responsible for them at all times.
Safety	Safety of the group is a prime consideration, however neither the Moray Ramblers nor any of its members or agents, accept responsibility for any loss or injury occasioned during their activities. It is advisable for members to take out their own Personal Accident Insurance.
Maps	The maps and grid references mentioned in the programme are the Ordnance Survey 1:50000 series.
General	All walks will finish with a 'pub stop' of approximately 30 minutes for refreshments. If you wish to receive future programmes by email, contact the Secretary at secretary@morayramblers.org.uk . Further information and any changes to the programme can be found on our website at www.morayramblers.org.uk
Future Walks	Suggestions are always appreciated for walks to be included in future programmes. If you have any suggestions, please contact a member of the Committee.