



Moray Ramblers

Walking Programme: July to December 2018

Date	Walk	Description	OS Map and Grid Ref.	Distance	Leader and Contact Details	Bus Leaves Elgin	Route Via
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 will be at the Bay Highland Hotel, Strathpeffer.	OS 20 (NH 410 671)	8 miles	Evie McIvor (Tel. 01343 820844)	8.00am	Forres
Saturday 25 August	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 16 September	Tom Cork Circular	A fine walk, through forest and on open moorland. The route heads towards Johnstrie and Loch Dallas returning via Berryburn.	OS 27 (NJ 039 468)	9 miles	Christine Copsey (Tel: 07932 819557)	8.00am	Forres
Saturday 6 October	Boat of Garten to Grantown on Spey	Following the Speyside Way from Boat of Garten to Grantown. Short road section and a crossing of the A95, otherwise a pleasant walk through the countryside, mainly level ground following the track of an old railway. Easy / Moderate Short walk option would start in Nethy Bridge - about 6 miles.	OS 36 (NH 945 195) to (NJ 032 276)	11 miles	Donnie McDonald (Tel: 07809 480768)	8.00am	Forres
Sunday 28 October	Troup Head	The track goes past the old St John's Church then down to the beach and past the harbour and on to Crovie. Then up a not too steep hill to Troup head, returning via the RSPB car park to Northfield and Proston. Return via Crovie and finish at the pub in Gardenstown. Moderate	OS 29 (788 635) to (800 647)	8 miles	Ann Hewawitharana (Tel. 01340 821242)	8.00am	Fochabers
Saturday 17 November	Ben Aigen	Circular walk starting at Ben Aigen car park on the A95 Mulben Crossroads. Walking on forestry paths to climb Ben Aigen and then down again. Moderate Short walk will be available	OS 28 (NJ 333 490)	8 miles	Ruth Gerrie (Tel. 01343 820545)	8.00am	Elgin
Sunday 9 December	Rafford to Burgie (Christmas walk)	Walk from Rafford to Burgie followed by a short AGM meeting and then a Christmas meal at the Mosset Tavern in Forres. Please book in advance to ensure a place. Easy / Moderate	OS 27 (060 564) to (088 605)	6 miles	Christine Copsey (Tel: 07932 819557)	9.00am	Forres
Wednesday 26 December	Winding Walks Fochabers (Boxing Day walk)	Walk up through Winding Walks to Duchess of Richmond Viewpoint and back via Gordon Castle. Meet at Fochabers Institute car park at 10:00		5/6 miles	Dave and Margaret Spalding (Tel: 01309 671724)	N/A	N/A
Saturday 29 December	Tyrebagger and Elrick Hill via Brimmond	A forest walk at first up to observation tower on Tyrebagger Hill, then back across the A96 past the golf course and up to Brimmond Hill, on to Elrick Hill then out via woods. All on good tracks and paths. Moderate	OS 38 (NJ 855 115) to (850 110)	8 miles	Diane Simpson (Tel. 01542 832049)	8.00am	Keith
Sunday 20 January '19	Garve to Strathpeffer	The route is through pine forest and alongside Loch Garve. Mostly level land on good paths. There is a short detour to the Rogie falls. Easy. A short 5 miles walk along Knockfarrell Ridge leading to the site of a hill fort from Iron Age times and offers a fantastic birds eye view of the area. (led by Delphine).	OS 20 (395 613) to OS 26 (479 573)	8 miles	Shirley Lamb (Tel: 01343 870663) Delphine Leadbeater (07799 186975)	8.00am	Forres

**** PLEASE NOTE ****

**Walks must be booked by the Wednesday prior to the walk.
Any cancellations after the Wednesday will be charged at the full price.**

Office Bearers

Ruth Gerrie	Chairperson	Tel: 01343 820545
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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.