

The Ramblers - St Andrews & N.E. Fife Group

Last Saturday St Andrews and NE Fife Ramblers enjoyed a splendid 8-mile walk at Dunkeld in the bright autumn sunshine. We set out from the Hermitage car park for Ossian's Hall and the thunderous Black Linn Falls. Our next port of call was the initially somewhat elusive Ossian's Cave which was also duly admired. Proceeding uphill we soon discarded our jackets as we moved from the cool dappled shade of the forest into warm sunshine, arriving at Pine Cone Point and its spectacular views over the River Tay. After a short coffee break we headed back down the hill, then walked (thankfully only briefly)



beside the thundering traffic on the A9 before turning down towards the river and lunch at a tranquil spot on the riverbank. On our return towards Dunkeld we had planned to stop at a favourite café for refreshments but, rather than compete with the many visitors to the village who apparently had similar plans, we opted instead to continue our walk back to the car park. Some of us (not least your correspondent) felt that last mile seemed a long one, but in the end we were more than happy with our alternative plan to stop on the way home at a regular haunt at Bankfoot. There,

once everyone had managed to establish whether or not they had been asked for their order, we enjoyed excellent tea, coffee and scones, accompanied by the usual banter around the table, before making our way back to Fife.



View from Pine Cone Point



Lunch by the Tay

Our next walk is on Sunday 13th October at Scone, Grade B, 8 miles. This circular woodland walk takes us through Quarrymill to Scone, ascending to MacDuff's Folly and Lynedoch Obelisk. This short, steepish climb is rewarded with great views. All of our walks are open to guests who would like to try out The Ramblers, and full details can be found on our website www.standrewsneferamblers.com