

Spring/Summer Outings Programme 2015

Saturday 29th August

Proposed outing to Lochranza, Arran

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Meet at Ardrossan Ferry terminal at 9.15am (ferry departs at 9.45). We should be able to see breeding Black Guillemots at the harbour. The sailing takes about 50 minutes, so we could do some sea-watching, looking out for Manx Shearwater, Gannets, Fulmar, Kittiwake, Sandwich Terns, Guillemots, Razorbills or maybe a Puffin. There is a slight chance of encountering something rarer like a Great or Arctic Skua or even Storm Petrel! On arriving at Brodick we will take the bus to Lochranza and then walk to the distillery, looking out for Red Deer & Red Squirrel. The main objective is the iconic Golden Eagle and the picnic tables at the distillery visitor centre are the best place to view the nearby mountain ridgeline. On the lower hill slopes we could look for Scotch Argus and any interesting plants species. The ferry leaves Brodick at 16.40 or 18.00 depending on how the day goes.