

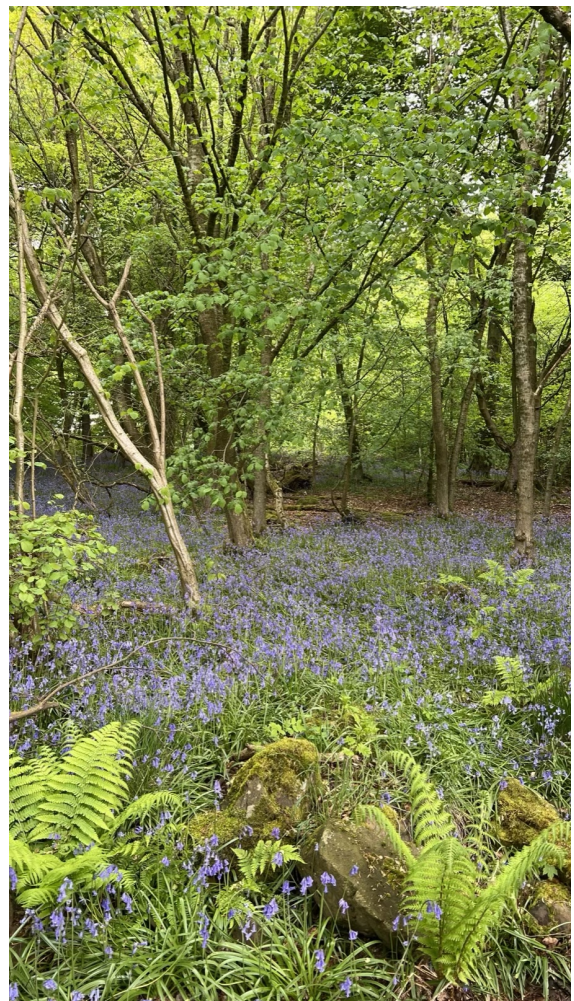
Benarty Hill Circular 18th May 2026

7 members set off from Lochore Meadows Carpark just beyond the Lochore Castle, which once sat on a mound at the east end of Loch Ore before it was drained at the end of the 18th century, and is probably one of the earliest in the country.

The route initially followed the shoreline of Loch Ore before climbing through the beautiful Scottish Bluebell covered Harran Hill Wood. We then started to climb more steeply through Benarty Wood and via a rough path to the trigpoint on the summit of Benarty Hill. Views of Loch Leven and the Lomond Hills to the north and the Firth of Forth to the south were enjoyed. After a break for coffee we continued along the ridge to explore the site of a fort situated on a rocky knoll which runs west from Benarty Hill towards Castle Craig. We then retraced our footsteps over Benarty Hill and followed the edge of the ridge before descending through woodland above Ballingry, along the Ladath Stripe and across farmland to reach a path towards the Lochore Miners Monument. A winding tower and wheel of the Mary Pit which operated from 1904 to 1966 has been preserved as a lasting tribute to miners who worked here and to those that lost their lives.

Refreshments were taken at the Lochend Farm Shop.

7.5Miles, 1310ft ascent



Steep section up through Harran Hill Wood among the Scottish Bluebells



Trig point of Benarty Hill



Heading towards location of Fort



Wide open views along the top of the ridge before descending towards Ballingry

