

Kirkton of Glenisla 29th June 2026

10 members started the day's walk from Kirkton of Glenisla Community Centre Carpark. Our first destination was the site of an ancient holy well, Lady Well, this took some time to find due to the tall surrounding vegetation. We carried on to Brackny Bridge, a wrought-iron suspension bridge over the river Isla, which was built in 1824. The bridge is the oldest of its type in Scotland. We headed uphill on the Cateran Trail and diverted off the path towards an unnamed lochan to explore the site of burial cairns. The lochan provided an ideal site to spot Curlews, Oystercatchers and Peewits. Then, we walked to Whitehill Wood and cut downhill to examine the Patrick Small Monument, an obelisk erected by his friends in 1872. We continued West next to the river to recross the footbridge back to the Community Centre where we stopped for coffee at the park benches.

Our route headed North on the Cateran Trail past Loch Shandra and then cut up towards the ruined farmsteads of Craignity and Craighead. With fine views of Loch Shandra and the surrounding hills we had a break for lunch. Refreshed, we carried on to the site of a hut circle and soon re-joined the Cateran trail for a short distance before leaving the trail to ascend Lindalla. Finally, it was downhill back to Kirkton of Glenisla village and the cars. For refreshments we stopped off at the Peel Farm Coffee Shop.

9.5miles, 1,582ft ascent

Lady Well



Crossing Brackney Bridge



Walking through Whitehall Wood and up to Patrick Small Monument





View of Mount Blair from lunch stop at the ruins of Creaghead



Back on the Cateran trail before ascent of Lindella