

APRIL 10TH ELIE CHAIN WALK AND KILCONQUHAR LOCH

As a deviation from the usual hill walk, Easter Monday provided the excuse to try a very different walk, but one that had been on our list for some years – the Elie Chain Walk. Nine members met at Earlsferry (Elie) on a fine sunny morning. After walking along West Beach six of us tackled the Elie Chain Walk while the other three climbed up to follow the Fife Coastal Path along the top of the cliffs. We met for coffee at the west end of the chain walk. We carried on westwards following the Fife Coastal Path towards Lower Largo. Turned eastwards onto the old railway line through a new golf course. Lunch was enjoyed alongside a lochan with various birds on and above the water. The circular walk continued on the old railway, through woodland, past Kilconquhar loch and Elie House into Elie village. Refreshments were enjoyed at Earlsferry Golf Course Clubhouse. All in all a very satisfying day in dry sunny conditions - a nice change from our usual hill walking.



The route followed is designated by the black line. The chain walk and the approach along the beach are not indicated. Total walk length including the chain walk is about 9 miles.



After walking along the Earlsferry beach we approach the area close to the start of the chain walk located below the cliffs behind.



We climb up from the beach to commence the chain walk



Moving off to the next section – there are 8 chain sections in all.



Getting the balance right before starting off.



Easy does it!



One way of passing the morning.



A middle section along the beach before discovering more chains



What's on that paper? It looks like a flyer – it's from the local undertaker!



Jeez – Am I expected to go down there?



Hanging on for grim life



Other members of the group sensibly on the top path



Some interesting caves towards the end of the chain walk.



The "Chain Gang" emerge in time for the coffee break, all in one piece.