

## Collessie-Lindores Circuit 5/6/23

Ten members left Broxden Park and Ride and drove to Collessie Village Hall.

Collessie Den was followed to Braeside, before dropping to and crossing over the railway bridge and continuing along the road to Woodmill. Here a track led up onto Cowden Hill (204m) with views overlooking the Lomonds. We continued to Woodmill Hill where a coffee stop overlooking Lindores Loch was made. The route descended from here over rough ground and under a fence to reach the railway line beside Lindores Loch before following a Scotways path through woods and round the edge of a field to the ruins of St Magridin's (Abdie) Church, originally built in the 13thC and restored in 1856. A small mort-house in the boundary wall contains carved Pictish Stones. After exploring the ruins we followed the road to Lindores before taking a woodland path above the loch and stopping for lunch at the site of an ancient motte. After lunch we climbed Cairnie Hill (228m) to the remains of a tumulus before navigating a rough descent over Baw Hill, through woodland and round a deer fence back to meet the outward Collessie Den Path to the starting point.

A short detour was made to The Pillars of Hercules for coffee/tea and cake.

8.5miles, 1483ft ascent/decent.



Ascending Cowden Hill



Top of Cowden Hill



Exploring Abdie Church



Ascent of Cairnie Hill

