

## Circuit from Comrie 18<sup>th</sup> September 2023

With the forecast for heavy rain in the morning but with an improving outlook for the afternoon it was decided to risk a walk relatively close to Perth and to commence at a later time than usual. Ten members, including 2 new members, therefore met at Broxden at 10am and travelled to Comrie.

We climbed uphill through Laggan wood to join a path leading to Balmuick House before following a series of tracks and grassy trails across moorland with good views of the Melville Monument and the craggy ridge above Glen Lednock. With the sun beginning to come out we stopped for coffee before continuing on a bracken lined path to a track passing under the remains of Balmuick stone circle. A short climb up onto the summit of a small hill led to the circle and was rewarded with beautiful views of the hills and a small lochan below.

Balmuick Stone Circle is a group of 6 stones comprising the remains of a Neolithic or Bronze Age date ritual site. Only one stone of 1.5m remains upright while the rest have fallen – 4 close to their original site, with the 5<sup>th</sup> lying off to the east.

Continuing on the track we passed several man-made lochans and followed Balmenoch Burn stopping for lunch before descending through mixed woodland to a waterfall and back along the side of the golf course in Laggan Wood. A brief detour due to fallen trees led us back to the walk start.

Refreshments were taken in the very comfortable library of Comrie Hotel. A nice ending to what turned out to be a relatively dry day and confirmed going out was the right decision.

8.5miles, 1643ft ascent



Above Laggan Wood



Balmuick Stone Circle



View from Balmuick Stone Circle



Waterfall near Comrie Croft



Descending through wood past Spanish Chestnut Trees

