

Glenduckie Hill and Normans Law 29th January 2024

Twelve members met at Broxden and drove to a small roadside parking area near Glenduckie Village.

We followed the road passing the quarry before climbing up through the wood and detouring onto the top of Glenduckie Hill, the site of an Iron Age fort and later homestead. After exploring the remains and enjoying the view we retraced our steps back to the path and negotiated our way through fallen trees and around the hill to join the Fife Coastal Path. An old stone, complete with the chain for a cup, on the edge of Melgers Wood, indicated the location of an old well.

The coastal path was followed via Glascairn and Ayton Hill before taking a short detour to visit the site of a forestry encampment. Areas of the woods near Lindamus Hill are undergoing forestry management and sculpture activity, including a bear, can be seen. The tree stumps provided the perfect coffee stop looking towards the Hopetoun Monument.

Retracing our steps we continued round Lindamus Hill and followed the path across moorland to ascend to the summit of Norman's Law and the site of an extensive fort. The fort had been sizeable with strong walled defences of 10 to 16ft thick, following the natural contour of a steep and rocky escarpment and adapted to the broken and rugged character of the hillside. The outline of two further defensive enclosure walls are also visible. An excavation in May 2022 uncovered various layers of charcoal, animal bone and pottery but also a spectacular iron spearhead.

Despite a degree of haziness the extensive views over the River Tay and Fife were enjoyed before dropping below the summit for a lunch stop. Our route continued across rough ground ending in a challenging fence climb before rejoining the Fife Coastal Path back to Glenduckie and passing by the Mill Pond to the carpark.

Coffee and cake at the Earn Coffee Shop rounded off an enjoyable dry day out.



Track leading to Glenduckie Hill



Summit of Glenduckie Hill



Norman's Law ahead



Summit of Norman's Law



Descending to meet return route