

1 – 3 October 2010

Walk no. 7 Moffat – Blaebeck – Mossgrain Burn – Roundstonefoot

(11 kms/7 miles) Moderate 4 hours Height 580 m
This walk leaves Moffat to climb gradually to Moffat Well on quiet country road then passing Blaebeck House on a rough farm/forestry road before crossing Mossgrain Burn and climbing up to the highest point near Birnock Cloves before descending to Roundstonefoot. Coach back to Moffat.

Walk no. 8 Lockerbie Circular Walk, using part of the Annandale Way (NEW)

(16 km/10 miles) Moderate 5 – 5½ hours Very little ascent
This walk is partly on the new Annandale Way, starting in Lockerbie and using farm roads, forest roads and rough grazing land. The final part of the walk goes through Eskrigg Nature Reserve.

SUNDAY 3rd OCTOBER

Sunday Walk Schedule

(Please register for your walk at 9.00 a.m. at the Town Hall)

Walk no. 9 Tibbie Shiels – Crossleuch using Southern Upland Way to Earls Hill - Penniestone Knowe – Mid Hill – Herman Land – Birkhill

(13 km/8 miles) Strenuous (4½ - 5 hours)
A hill walk over rough hill ground from Tibbie Shiels (old pub) along Southern Upland Way with fine views of St. Mary's Loch and Moffat Water (glaciated valley) finishing at the county boundary at Birkhill (collect by coach).

Walk no. 10 Etrick Kirk and Loch o'the Lowes

(10 km/10½ miles) Strenuous (5½ hours) Height 480 m
Enjoy this walk following a section of the Southern Upland Way and old rights of way that lead from the Yarrow Valley to the Etrick Valley and back.

Walk no. 11 Castle O'er Forest – Castle O'er Fort – Castle Hill (NEW)

(10 km/6 miles)- Moderate 4 hours Height 320 m
This is an interesting walk in the Eskdalemuir area on forest roads and taking in a visit to the site of Castle O'er Fort (or Overbie), believed to have been a Roman station.

Walk no. 12 Annan Water Hall – Hartfell Spa returning via Newton Caves

(10 km/6 miles) Moderate 3 – 4 hours Height 400 m Walk starts at 230 m
An easy walk part way up Hartfell to site of old Well House, returning via Newton Caves and Old Edinburgh Road to Moffat.

Walk no. 13 Frenchlands – Craigieburn Wood – Hunterheck Hill – Craigbeck – Dumcrieff Bridge – Moffat

(11 km/7 miles) Moderate (3½ hours)
A walk through the charming Craigieburn and Hunterheck Forests with excellent views of the east of Moffat. Return via part of the Southern Upland Way.

Walk no. 14 Moffat – Gallow Hill – Hind Hill – Greygill Head – Moffat Well – Tank Wood

(12 kms/7½ miles) Moderate (4 hours)
An introduction to the Moffat hills. A walk through local woods, rough hill ground and a steep climb to Greygill Head (474 m.). Great views of Moffat.

Walk no. 15 Black Esk Reservoir Circular Walk from near Sandyford

(11 km/7 miles) Moderate 3½ - 4 hours Very little ascent
This is a walk with great views of the Black Esk Reservoir, starting from just north of Sandyford on the B723 Eskdalemuir road. The route uses forest roads around the reservoir to finish at Sandyford

Walk no. 16 Golf Course – Auchencastle – Beattock – Southern Upland Way – Dumcrieff Bridge – Moffat

(11 km/7 miles) Easy 3½ hours Very little ascent
This is a casual circular walk using country roads, paths and part of the Southern Upland Way with a short climb over Oakrigg Hill to Dumcrieff Bridge and the pleasant country road back to Moffat.

Photo courtesy of Stephen Fisher

Tea in the Town Hall – Saturday and Sunday, We are introducing teas and light refreshment (plus our special Anniversary Cake) on Sunday as well as Saturday this year, available from 2.00 p.m. until 5 p.m. Saturday's teas will be in aid of a local cancer charity and on Sunday will be in aid of the Moffat Town Hall Redevelopment Trust charity. Enjoy!

Fees for Walks

The basic cost of walks is £5, but an additional charge of £2 per journey is made where transport is required due to increasing transportation costs. This will mean fees of £5, £7 or £9 depending on the walk chosen.

Walkers are Welcome Town

Moffat became the first Walkers are Welcome Town in Scotland in 2008, confirming our status as a centre for walking in Southern Scotland. Find out more at www.walkersarewelcome.org.uk

Friendly Accommodation

There are a great variety of places to stay, from homely B&B's to luxurious country hotels. Many places are walker friendly with drying facilities, as well as providing other useful facilities.

A list of accommodation providers is enclosed for your information.

Please note that further walk information is available from **www.visitmoffat.co.uk**



MOFFAT Walking Festival

10th Anniversary

Friday 1 - Sunday 3 October 2010

Leaflet Sponsored by



Moffat Walking Festival

BOOKING FORM

Walk	Cost of Walk £	No. of Walkers	Total Cost
Introductory Walk – Friday	£3		
1 Mitchelstacks	£9		
2 Wamphray Glen - Moffat	£9		
3 Mystery Hill Walk	£9		
4 Wamphray Glen Circular	£9		
5 Birnock Water Circuit	£5		
6 Source of River Tweed to Moffat	£7		
7 Moffat to Roundstonefoot and return	£7		
8 Lockerbie Circular Walk	£9		
9 Tibbie Shiels to Birkhill	£9		
10 Ettrick Kirk and Lock o' the Lowes	£9		
11 Castle O'er Forest	£9		
12 Hartfell Spa and Newton Caves	£7		
13 Craigieburn/Hunterbeck	£5		
14 Gallow Hill/Hind Hill	£5		
15 Black Esk Reservoir Circular	£9		
16 Auchencastle/Dumcrieff	£5		
Friday Social and Quiz	£7.50		
Ceilidh/Sounds Scottish Entertainment	£7.50		
Total Amount Enclosed		£	

Name.....

Address.....

Postcode Tel.....

Email

Please make cheques payable to:- **Moffat and District Community Initiative** and send with form to
1 Ladyknowe, Moffat, DG10 9DY Tel: 01683 220227
Email: WalkingFestival@visitmoffat.co.uk

Moffat Walking Festival

Our 10th Anniversary Celebration Moffat Walking Festival provides a number of new walks which we hope our regular visitors will enjoy. We again offer a range of walks to meet all needs, moderate and strenuous hill walks on Saturday and with one easy walk on Sunday, as well as moderate and strenuous walks.

Experienced Walk Leaders will provide local knowledge along each route to enhance your walk experience.

This year, we are introducing a Friday social evening for walkers to get together, enjoy a glass of wine and a few nibbles and then take part in a quiz that will be partly walking related. As we know you all arrive at different times, you may join in at any time from 7.30 p.m. The Quiz will start at 9.00 p.m.

Our ever-popular Saturday Ceilidh this year with William Williamson will include additional entertainment based on a "summer season" William has previously compered at the theatre, called "Sounds Scottish".

FRIDAY 1st OCTOBER

Walk – An introductory Walk around Moffat commencing at 2 p.m. from the Moffat Initiative office at 1 Ladyknowe near Moffat Woollen Mill (Fee £3).

Social evening at the Buccleuch Arms Hotel – from 7.30 p.m. – Come and enjoy a social evening with drinks, nibbles and a Quiz and get to know your fellow walkers. Tickets £7.50 per person.

Or

Moffat Music Society presents a concert – 7.30 p.m. with "The Whistlebinkies" with their inimitable blend of traditional, folk, and new Scottish music at the Old Well Theatre, Tickets £9 in advance, £10 at the door.

To book, contact Alan Lovell at alanindex@tiscali.co.uk.

SATURDAY 2nd OCTOBER

Enjoy our Ceilidh of traditional Scottish music and additional "Sounds Scottish" entertainment with William Williamson and friends. Much fun to be had at this annual event held at 8.00 p.m. in the Town Hall. Tickets £7.50 per person.

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Saturday Walk Schedule

(Please register for your walk at 9.00 a.m. at the Town Hall)

Walk no. 1 Mitchelstacks – Wee Queensberry – Queensberry- Lochan Head – Kinnel Head

(12 kms/8 miles) Strenuous (5 hours) Climbs to 697 m This walk is in wild and desolate surroundings bordering on the great Forest of Ae and goes over High Church and Wee Queensberry. The route is on rough farm roads and grazing land. Great views from the top. Descent via the Pot of Ae and Lochan Cottage.

Walk no. 2 Wamphray Glen – Laverhay- Braefield – Garrogill – Southern Upland Way – Moffat (NEW)

(18 km/10 miles) 5½ hours Strenuous Height 400 m. This is a very interesting, scenic walk up Wamphray Glen, passing near Laverhay Farm on quiet country roads, forest roads and paths passing Garrogill and joining the Southern Upland Way below the shoulder of Bink Hill. The route then passes Craigbeck Hope and above Cornal Burn to cross Moffat Water and join a coach back to Moffat.

Walk no. 3 Mystery Hill Walk (last held in 2006)

(14.5 kms/9 miles) Moderate/part strenuous (5 – 5½ hours) Height 539m

An exciting mystery hill walk to 539 m. 3 miles from Moffat in an undisturbed area, using forest roads, rough hill ground and forest roads. Good views across Annan and Moffat Dales.

Walk no. 4 Wamphray Glen – Wamphray Church – Milne Height – Laverhay Height - return via Wamphray Glen (NEW)

(12.5 kms/8 miles) Moderate/Strenuous in parts (5 hours) Climbs to 484 m

An interesting walk up Wamphray Glen and over rough grazing land (few tracks) with a gradual ascent to Milne Height (422m) and Laverhay Height (484m). Good views of Annandale from tops. Steep descent to Laverhay Farm and quiet country road back to Wamphray Glen.

Walk no. 5 Birnock Water Circuit

(13 kms/8 miles) Moderate (4-5 hours) Very little ascent

Walk to the former Moffat Well, then in a lovely valley (not often seen) to the source of Birnock Water. Return by forest and rough hill ground.

Walk no. 6 Walk from near the source of the River Tweed, along forest tracks to Black Fell – Archie's Hill - Blacklaw Hill – Craiks Craigs – Chapel Farm – Moffat (NEW)

(18 km/9 miles) Moderate 5 hours Very little ascent

A coach will take walkers to the highest point of the walk. This interesting walk starts on a forest road (near the source of the Tweed) before joining the route of a Roman Road then follows forest roads and quiet country roads passing Black Fell and Craiks Craigs. Good views down the Annan Valley and Moffat Town.