



Scottish Pilgrim Routes Forum

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SCOTTISH PILGRIMAGE GATHERING 2017

15th September 2017 - Markinch, Fife KY7 6DT

Reviving Scotland's 'Pilgrim Kingdom'

This year's Pilgrimage Gathering will follow the same format as in recent years, focusing on the Fife Pilgrim Way long distance walking and cycling route. The current delivery phase of this major Heritage Lottery Fund backed project started in June is now in progress, physically creating a new 70 mile route across central Fife with starting points at Culross and North Queensferry converging on Dunfermline and on to St Andrews. Led by Fife Coast & Countryside Trust with other Steering Group partners including Fife Council and SPRF, the Pilgrim Way is a 5 year priority project under the National Walking & Cycling Network action plan endorsed by the Scottish Government. The full route should be walkable by next summer, with a formal launch to be held in spring 2019.

The morning session of the Gathering will be a walk along an attractive and interesting section of the Pilgrim Way starting in Riverside Park, Glenrothes and returning to Markinch Parish Church where lunch and the afternoon presentations will take place.

The walk is slightly over 3½ miles covering largely level ground through parkland and countryside paths. Good walking shoes or boots are advised, with suitable walking clothes and waterproof jacket. A walking stick / pole may be useful. We will be accompanied by Bruce Manson, author of a new book 'MacDuff's Kirk?' on the history of Markinch Parish Church.

The Church is located in the centre of Markinch - see <http://www.markinchchurch.org.uk/> - and is a prominent landmark in the town.



The rail station is a short walk to the south via the High Street, with regular ScotRail services from Edinburgh to Dundee and Perth (hourly to each) and some services to Inverness and Aberdeen. See <https://www.thetrainline.com/stations/markinch> If coming by car, there is off-street parking in Glass Street near the Church and elsewhere nearby. See <https://carparkmaps.co.uk/carparks/Markinch>