The "Wizard Laird of Skene" Walk

Sunday 20th March 2022

Start Time: 10:00 am at Lyne of Skene Village Hall. For those meeting at Westhill we will depart there at 0930 am

Easy / Moderate 8.7 miles / 14 km Total ascent on route: 673 feet (205 metres)

Walk starts at Lyne of Skene Village Hall – OS Landranger 38, NJ 764105

Parking: Parking is in the grounds of Lyne of Skene Village Hall and overflow parking on Letter Road next to the Hall.

Due to covid track and trace, please contact Graham Denyer (grahamdenyer52@gmail.com) to book your place on the walk. Please contact the walk leader (Elaine Mason 07776 092926) if you have any questions concerning the walk.

Description

A Moderate 8.7 mile circular walk. Starting from Lyne of Skene Village Hall (AB32 7PF) at 10:00 am.

We'll walk through the grounds of Skene House. Stopping to view the historical home of Alexander the Laird of Skene in the 16th century. Also known locally as the "Wizard Laird of Skene".

Crossing the A944 to do a loop of Dunecht Estate, enjoying views of the Loch and the surrounding countryside. The walk takes in a lot more of the Estate than we saw on our first walk of the year back in January.

Walking mostly on quiet estate roads with sections on farm road and forest path.

A recce this week, by Elaine, found trees down in the wood near the A944, but they are passable.

Additional details

Wizard laird's dance with the devil | The Scotsman

The Wizard of Loch Skene - LOCAL LEGENDS: FOLKLORE, culture & YOU (weebly.com)

The Wizard Laird O Skene (A Ballad) - The Wizard Laird O Skene (A Ballad) Poem by Sheena Blackhall (poemhunter.com)

Good walking boots and waterproofs essential. Bring food and drink. Walking poles if required. Mask and hand gel.

Toilets – There are no toilets on the walk.

Please follow the Covid rules/guidance applicable at the time of the walk. To help keep everyone safe it might be advisable to do a Lateral Flow Test within the 24 hours before the walk, if you are able. For the purposes of Track and Trace a contact number will be required for all attendees.

Pace: Pace of the Slowest Walker





