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The Clyde Walkway

Glasgow
City Centre
to
Cambuslang
Bridge

the city sights from the riverbank

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Glasgow to Cambuslang Bridge

In short...

The first 10.5 miles of the route runs from the west end of Glasgow where the Clyde and Kelvin rivers meet to Cambuslang in the east by way of Glasgow Green and the city centre. Whilst passing through both urban and industrial areas there are numerous spectacular historic and modern buildings to see and an abundance of wildlife along the river.

Route description and features of interest

From **Partick Railway Station** ① head out onto Merkland Street, turn right and through the underpass to join the Clyde Walkway next to the busy Clydeside Expressway (A814). The Walkway follows the Glasgow to Inverness National Cycle Route (NCR) No7 into the city centre.

The **Kelvin Cycleway** ② *can be reached by following the signs for Kelvingrove. This in turn links to the Forth and Clyde Canal at the Kelvin Aqueduct and Maryhill Locks and on to the West Highland Way at Milngavie.* The Clyde Walkway crosses the Expressway via the pedestrian bridge at the Glasgow Harbour development and continues to follow NCR No7, passing the entrance for the Tall Ship **S.S. Glenlee** ③ and **Glasgow Heliport** ④ before reaching the River Clyde.

Continue along the cycleway past the **Scottish Exhibition and Conference Centre (SECC)** and **Clyde Auditorium** (Armado Concert Hall) 5. At this point the Glasgow to Inverness National Cycle Route (NCR No7) meets the Glasgow to Edinburgh National Cycle Route (NCR No. 75). *Look out for the distinctive Sustrans way-markers along the cycleways indicating destination and distance.* The spectacular titanium clad complex of buildings on the opposite bank is one of Glasgow's newest visitor attractions and includes the **Glasgow Science Centre**, **IMAX Cinema** and **Glasgow Tower** 6, the latter being Glasgow's tallest building. There are several bridges across the Clyde at this point including the Bells Bridge, built for the 1988 Glasgow Garden Festival and the more recent Millennium and Clyde Arc Bridges which give access to the science centre complex and other visitor attractions on the opposite bank including the **P.S. Waverley** 8 and **Sea Plane** 7.

The Waverley is the last sea going paddle steamer in the world and was built in 1947. In 1974 the ship was decommissioned and under threat of being scrapped. However following acquisition by the Paddle Steamer Preservation Society for £1 and a successful £4,000,000 fund-raising campaign and rebuilding programme it was brought back into operation in 2000. The Waverley is currently in use so is only docked here when not at sea.

Pedestrians and cyclists can reach the exhibition and conference centre railway station via the SECC car park and covered overpass across the A814 Clydeside Expressway.


Just past the SECC is the 175-ton giant cantilever **Finnieston Crane** 9. Commissioned in 1926 and completed in 1931 for the Clyde Navigation Trust, it is one of Glasgow's largest landmarks and was used to load steam locomotives onto cargo ships for export around the world.



Finnieston Crane

Immediately after the crane is a circular glass domed brick building, it is one of two rotundas marking the ends of the **Glasgow Harbour Tunnel** 10.

Built between 1890 and 1896, the buildings originally housed hydraulic lifts and stairs allowing pedestrians and horse-drawn vehicles to gain access to the three 5 metre diameter tunnels under the Clyde. The development never became a financially viable operation and although the pedestrian route remained open until 1980, the tunnels and shafts have now been sealed.

Continue along the quayside Walkway , following the pavement in places, pass underneath the **Kingston Bridge** 11, one of Europe's busiest sections of motorway, before entering the section of riverside known as the **Broomielaw** 12. From as early as 1325 this was the noisy and grimy heart for Glasgow's river borne trade.

Much of the city's wealth was created here by ships and river boats carrying cargoes of tobacco, cotton and other goods from America to the warehouses in the city. From the early 1900's it was also the departure point for pleasure trips "doon the watter". The Broomielaw finally closed to commercial activity in 1947 and the area is now being redeveloped for offices and residential accommodation as can be seen by the large, modern, and prestigious buildings rising high along the riverfront. The Walkway continues along the banks of the Clyde passing under King George V Bridge, the railway bridge and Glasgow Bridge and crossing the ends of the Victoria and Albert Bridges before reaching Glasgow Green.

Glasgow Central, Queen Street and Argyle Street railway stations can be reached from any point along Clyde Street.

Glasgow Green dates back to medieval times and although walks and shrubberies were laid out in 1756, it was primarily used for grazing livestock as well as bleaching, dyeing and washing clothes. In 1857 the Green became a public park for the people of the East End. Beside the river are a number of boathouses reflecting the recreational use made of the river.

Situated in Glasgow Green is the **People's Palace** ¹³. Opened in 1893 "for the recreation and improvement" of the inhabitants of Glasgow's East End, the building originally housed reading and recreation rooms, a museum and picture galleries. It is now a museum devoted to Glasgow's social history from medieval times to the present day.

Behind the People's Palace is **Templeton's Business Centre** ¹⁴. Its façade is one of the most extravagant polychromatic brick buildings in Britain.

Built in early 1889 by the architect William Leiper, the façade was modelled on the 'Doge's Palace' in Venice and was built to conceal a carpet-manufacturing mill. Unfortunately during a gale on 1st November 1889 the façade collapsed due to being insufficiently tied into the mill brickwork. It took until 1892 to be rebuilt. By the early 1980's the factory had ceased production and the building now operates as a business centre.

London Road (A749) lies immediately behind the business centre, giving access back into the centre of Glasgow.

From Glasgow Green, the Walkway continues along the northern bank of the Clyde past Polmadie Footbridge which gives access to Richmond Park on the opposite bank. Beyond the footbridge, on the northern bank, a towering wall conceals behind Dalmarnock water treatment works.



The Tall Ship SS Glenlee



Clyde Walkway near Albert Bridge



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Clyde Auditorium

At **Dalmarnock Bridge** 15 *Dalmarnock Railway Station is a short walk north along A749 Dalmarnock Road. For Rutherglen Railway Station go south along the A749 and right at Farmecross onto Farmloan Road.*

Continue along the river following its meandering course around the Cuningar Loop (meaning rabbit warren). The name dating back to medieval times when the area was used for breeding rabbits. The section of path between Dalmarnock and Cambuslang Bridges was formerly important for heavy industry as illustrated by the large blue building on the opposite bank, the Phoenix Tube Works, which in 1944 fabricated the pipework used in the PLUTO (Pipe Line Under The Ocean) project for supplying fuel to the invading allied army in Normandy. *There are several points along here where paths link to London Road (A74) with buses back in to the city.*

The most attractive is via St Peter's Cemetery which has a number of interesting monuments.

The Clyde Walkway crosses the river at **Cambuslang Bridge** 16, the disused vehicular bridge known locally as 'Orion' bridge, and continues along the south bank.

It is possible, to continue along the north bank of the river to Clydeford Road (A763) and Carmyle from where there are train or bus services to Glasgow. Alternatively cross the river at Clydeford Bridge to rejoin the Walkway.


For more information or if you want this information in a different format or language, please phone 01698 543421 or email simon.pilpel@southlanarkshire.gov.uk



People's Palace, Winter Gardens and
Templeton Business Centre

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 Some sections of the Clyde Walkway pass close to or through areas of natural hazard such as cliffs, deep and fast flowing water, steeply sloping and uneven ground. Please keep to the path and ensure that children and dogs are kept under close control. **Stay safe and enjoy your visit.**



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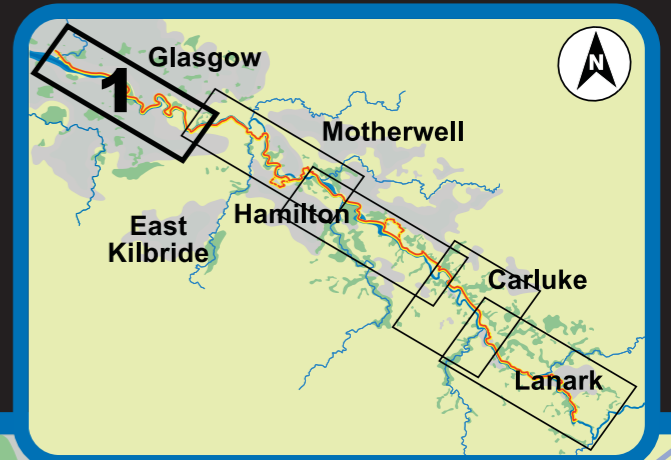
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The Clyde Walkway

Glasgow to Cambuslang Bridge



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Key to symbols

Clyde Walkway	Alternative Route for Clyde Walkway	Cycleable Sections of Route	Motorway	Areas to be alert	Rowing Access
Link Route	Non-vehicular Link Route	Bridleways	A Road	Features of Interest	Pontoons
Cycleways	Access for All	Health Walk Schemes	B Road	Country/District Parks and Nature Reserves	Railway Stations
			C Road/Minor Road	Car Park	

the basics



Maps:

Ordnance Survey Explorer Series No342: Glasgow.
Ordnance Survey Landranger Series No64: Glasgow, Motherwell and Airdrie.



Length:

17 km / 10.5 miles

Start:

Partick Railway Station

Finish:

Cambuslang Bridge,
Cambuslang

Where to get on:

Railway Stations:

(including underground),
Partick, Exhibition Centre, Glasgow Central, Glasgow Queen Street, Argyle Street, St Enoch Underground, Bridgeton, Dalmarnock, Rutherglen, Cambuslang and Carmyle

Car:

SECC (charges apply)
Glasgow city centre car parks (charges apply)



Foot:

Kelvin Cycleway, SECC, Glasgow Science Centre, Glasgow city centre, Glasgow Green, People's Palace and St. Peter's Cemetery

Users:

The following user information is indicative of the facilities available either on or close to the route of the Clyde Walkway. Please phone the relevant Access Officer for more detailed local information



Foot:

Partick Station -
Cambuslang Bridge



Bicycle:

Partick Station -
Cambuslang Bridge



Wheelchair:

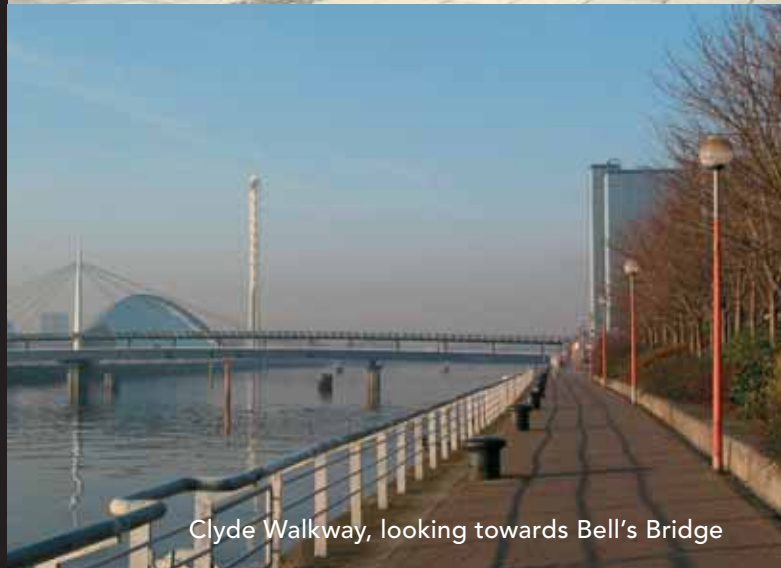
SECC to
Cambuslang Bridge.
Some sections are on pavement adjacent to Clyde Street



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Glasgow Science Centre and Millenium Tower



Clyde Walkway, looking towards Bell's Bridge



useful contacts

Buchanan Bus Station
Phone: 0141 333 3708

First Glasgow Travel
www.firstgroup.com
Phone: 0141 423 6600

Glasgow and the Clyde Valley Green Network
www.gcvgreennetwork.gov.uk
Phone: 0141 229 7746

Glasgow City Council Access Officer
www.glasgow.gov.uk
Phone: 0141 287 8585

Glasgow City Council Cycling Helpline
Phone: 0141 287 9171

Glasgow City Council Pontoon Hire
Phone: 0141 287 9225 (day)
Phone: 0141 276 1585 (eve)

Glasgow Science Centre
www.gsc.org.uk
Phone: 0141 420 5000

Peoples Palace
Phone: 0141 554 0223

P.S. Waverley
www.waverleyexcursions.co.uk
Phone: 0845 130 4647

SECC
www.secc.co.uk

Scotrail
www.scotrail.co.uk
Phone: 08457 48 49 50

South Lanarkshire Council Access Officer
www.southlanarkshire.gov.uk
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South Lanarkshire Countryside Ranger Service (Chatelherault Country Park)
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Travel Line Scotland
www.travelinescotland.com
Phone: 0871 200 22 33

United Clyde Angling Association
Phone: 01698 382479

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'Slipstream'

by Joseph Ingleby, next to Dalmarnock Bridge



Clyde Walkway (Behind St.Peter's Cemetery)



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