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Strathclyde
Country Park
to
Cardies
Bridge

the lochside and the riverbank

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In short...

From Strathclyde Country Park in the north, along the banks of the River Clyde to Cambusnethan Woodlands in the south.

This 7.5 mile section passes through mature woodland and farmland with a variety of interesting features to see and sites to visit along the way.

Route description and features of interest

From the northern end of **Strathclyde Country Park**  the tarmac route can be picked up along the western banks of Strathclyde Loch. The loch was formed in the late 1970's, flooding the site of Bothwellhaugh village. At the same time the course of the River Clyde was straightened to run along the western edge of the loch. The only remaining section of the Clyde's original course flows behind the island in the loch. The loch is the focal point for water based activities including sailing, rowing and canoeing. The park covers 1100 acres and includes mature woodland, rough wetland and grassland. Strathclyde Loch is an ideal wildlife refuge and boasts 20 miles of paths, a fifth of which are wheelchair accessible, including the route around the loch. There are also facilities for cyclists and horse riders.

The Walkway follows the strip of land between the River Clyde and Strathclyde Loch down to the **Watersports Centre** 26. By following the route around the eastern side of the loch you will reach the “Roman Bridge” crossing the South Calder Water and the sites of the Roman Fort and Bath House. The Fort consisting of clay ramparts and ditches occupied a very strong defensive position. The area is now overgrown but the grassy ramparts can still be seen standing up to 1.2 metres high and 15 metres wide. The Bath House made up of a cold room, two warm rooms, a hot room and a semi-circular plunge bath was excavated in 1975 from an area now within Strathclyde Loch and relocated to its present site.

From the watersports centre you can reach the centre of Hamilton by crossing the footbridge over the Clyde and continuing through the M74 pedestrian underpass towards the Mausoleum.

The **Mausoleum** 27 was built for the 10th Duke of Hamilton in 1858 as a family chapel and tomb. It has a dome standing 36 metres high and has been described as “an extraordinary work of architectural sculpture rather than a building”. It is reputed to have the longest echo in Europe at 15 seconds due to its very poor acoustics. Because of mining subsidence the mausoleum and surrounding ground have sunk some five metres. *To continue towards the town centre head past the sports facilities and retail park onto the Town Square. Continue along Castle Street, Quarry Street and Brandon Street bringing you to the railway and bus interchange at Hamilton Central.* From the watersports centre there are also links to **Chatelherault Country Park** 28 via the footbridge crossing the Clyde. To reach Chatelherault join the **Avon Walkway Cycle Path** 29 just before the M74 underpass, continue through the North Haugh and along the banks of the River Avon to Chatelherault.



Mausoleum, Hamilton

This also forms part of the proposed NCR No. 74 linking Glasgow with Carlisle. Follow the western bank of the River Avon around the South Haugh to old Avon Bridge. Cross the bridge and pick up the path for Chatelherault. At Chatelherault, the old hunting lodge of the Dukes of Hamilton has been painstakingly restored to its former glory after falling into almost complete dereliction. The lodge is now the centrepiece of the Country Park housing a visitor and exhibition centre, which provides information on the cultural and natural heritage of the area.

The Walkway leaves the southern end of Strathclyde Country Park and continues upstream along the north bank passing under the **Clyde Bridge** 30 (Hamilton Road A723). *From this point both Hamilton and Motherwell town centres can be reached by using the pavements and cycleways running alongside the A723 (crossing the M74).*

Continue upstream up onto Prentice Road and past the private house picking up the route on the right about 50 metres along this road. Continue along the banks of the Clyde under the massive stone piers of the Motherwell/Hamilton railway viaduct and onto the **Royal Society for the Protection of Birds Baron's Haugh Nature Reserve** 31.

The nature reserve which is a haven for a stunning array of birds, mammals and butterflies is made up of a mix of meadow, marshland, scrub, woodland and wetland habitats. There are several bird hides around the Haugh where you can view and enjoy the great selection of wildlife on show. Alternatively, you can follow the northern edge of the Baron's Haugh along the blue waymarked route to the main entrance and car park for Haugh and Dalzell Estate. Here you will find more information about the history and wildlife you will discover on the Estate and Reserve.

Dalzell Estate was the hunting ground of the Dalzell family until 1647 when it was sold to the Hamiltons who developed the house and the grounds creating the basis of what you can see today. There are number of waymarked routes through the Estate which will take you past features such as the Japanese Garden, the Arboretum and the Covenanters Oak - the oldest living thing in Lanarkshire and then back down to the Clydewalk onto the Limewalk and then on to the **Adders Gill** 32.

Alternatively, follow the northern edge of Baron's Haugh along one of the two waymarked nature trails. This leads to the access point and car park on Manse Road. From here there is a shorter route suitable for wheelchairs and pushchairs. Access to bus and rail services to Hamilton, Motherwell, Lanark and Wishaw are about 15 minutes walk from Manse Road car park on Airbles Road (B754) via North Lodge Avenue and Leven Street.

Alternative route


Another route, away from the river can be followed through Carbars Woodland and onto Highmainshead Wood, collectively known as Cambusnethan Woodlands. The woods contain a mixture of plantation forestry and semi-natural woodland with both native and exotic species. In the past the site was actively managed for its timber, evidence of which is still visible in the small areas of former coppice woodland. **Cambusnethan Priory** 33 can be seen overlooking the Clyde between the two woodlands. Major-General Sir Graeme and, Lady Emily Lockhart built this beautiful old mansion and surrounding grounds in the 1800's. The house was inhabited until the 1970's, when it was unfortunately destroyed by fire.


The route then briefly rejoins the River Clyde at the end of Highmainshead Wood, before heading down to the A71.



Chatelherault, Hamilton

Joining of routes

Follow the track that joins Lower and Upper Carbarns' Farms southwards for about 200 metres and then leave the track to follow the route along the riverbank again. Continue along the riverbank to Highmainshead Wood. Follow the path through the woodland and along the edge of the burn. Just after crossing the burn the route joins onto a track which, after heading right, emerges onto the busy **A71**  at Garrion.

 Take care when crossing the A71 onto the B7011 (Law Road) and following the grass verge downhill to Cardies Bridge over the Garrion Burn. Alternatively, the pavement along the side of the A71 can be followed down to Garrion Bridge and then southwards towards Dalsarf and Rosebank.

The area around Adders' Gill forms part of the natural flood plain to the River Clyde and consequently can be under water at certain times of the year. Because of this two seasonal routes are described below.

Summer route

From the end of Lime Walk the route continues through the gate into an area formerly occupied by the Adders' Gill pumping station where water was drawn from the Clyde for use at the Ravenscraig Steelworks. Continue upstream along the river bank through the fields, crossing the gate onto the track joining Lower Carbarns Farm with Upper Carbarns Farm.

Winter route


Before crossing the gate into the Adders' Gill pumping station area, follow the path uphill through the woodland onto Shields Drive. Cross through to Muirhouse Road and onto Barons Road. Turn right onto Muirhouse Drive and left onto Merryton Road. Cross through to Kirkhill Place and right onto Kirkhill Road. Take the route through Kirknethan Woodlands and right, onto Carbarns Road. Continue downhill along Carbarns Road passing the water treatment works and entrance to Lower Carbarns Farm. Pick up the Walkway heading upstream towards Upper Carbarns Farm.

For links back to bus and rail services, follow either Shields Drive or Kirkhill Road onto Shields Road (B754), then left onto Windmill Street (A721) and left again onto Airbles Road.

Responsibility

Follow the Scottish Outdoor Access Code by acting in a courteous and responsible manner and avoid damaging or disturbing the natural heritage of the area.

Please respect the fact that much of the land through which the Clyde Walkway passes is privately owned and is a working landscape.

 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.

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



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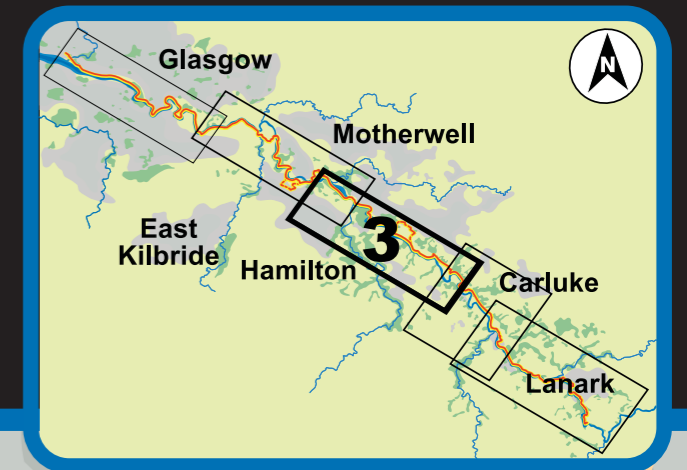
Cambusnethan Priory



Lime Walk

The Clyde Walkway

Strathclyde Country Park to Cardies 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	Bridleways	Access for All	A Road	Features of Interest	Pontoons
Non-vehicular Link Route	Health Walk Schemes	Cycleways	B Road	Country/District Parks and Nature Reserves	Clyde Valley Woodland National Nature Reserve
			C Road/Minor Road	Car Park	Railway Stations

the basics



Maps:

Ordnance Survey
Explorer Series No343:
Motherwell and Coatbridge
Ordnance Survey
Landranger Series No64:
Glasgow, Motherwell
and Airdrie



Length:

Summer route:
12 km / 7.5 miles
Winter route:
14 km / 8.75 miles

Start:

Strathclyde Country Park,
Motherwell

Finish:

Cardies Bridge, Garrion
Burn by the A71

Where to get on:

Car:

Strathclyde Country Park,
Baron's Haugh Nature
Reserve, Dalzell Estate,
Cardies Bridge



Foot:

Avon Walkway

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:

Strathclyde Country Park -
Cardies Bridge



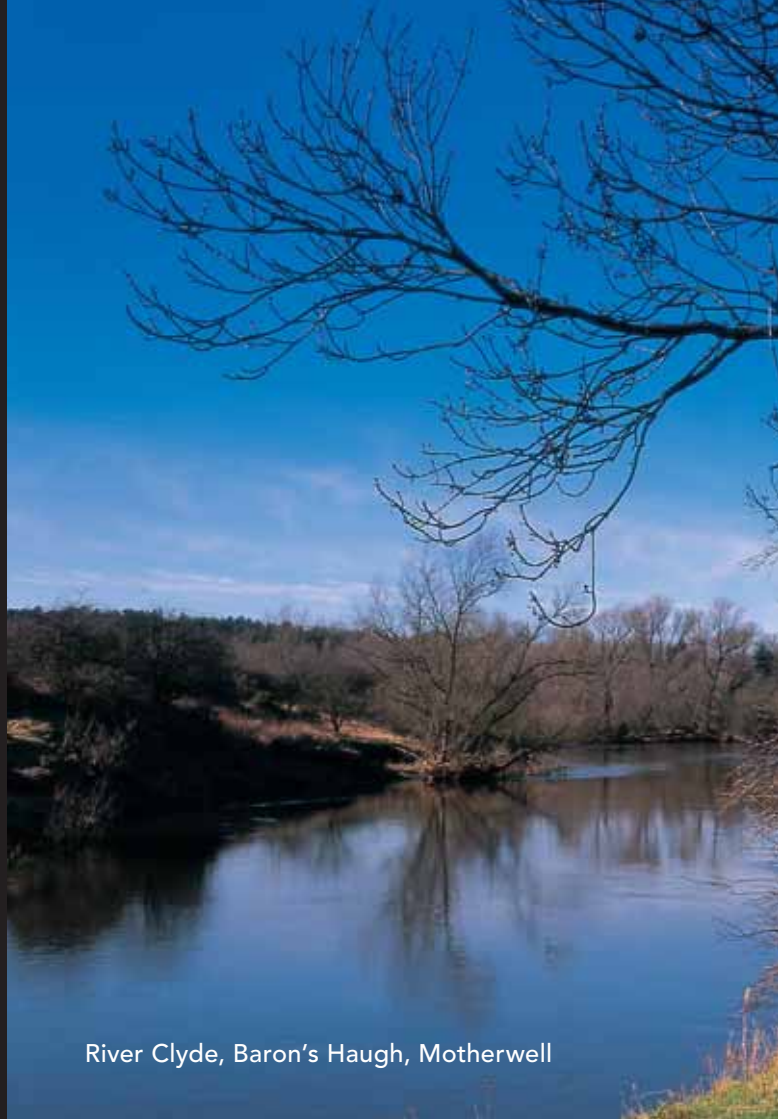
Bicycle:

Strathclyde Country Park
circular route and onto
Baron's Haugh



Wheelchair:

Strathclyde Country Park
circular route
Baron's Haugh
circular route



River Clyde, Baron's Haugh, Motherwell

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