

A great Clyde Sea Lochs Trail day out!

The Clyde SeaLochs Trail leads you on a fascinating 65 mile journey of discovery around the northern shores of the Firth of Clyde and its beautiful sea lochs.

Castles, gardens, history, wildlife, seashore and woodland walks, coastal and mountain scenery, a Geocache trail, must see buildings and great places to eat – the Clyde Sea Lochs Trail has it all!

Use the map to see all the route possibilities and information panel locations, most of which have nearby carparks and offer picnic spots with views. There is also a geocache trail directly linked to the route as an added attraction. Journeys to specific parts of the route can also be made by public transport. The trail is well signposted – just look out for the Clyde Sea Lochs Trail logo!



The Top Ten on the Clyde SeaLochs Trail

- Climb historic Dumbarton Castle Rock
- Walk among the bluebells at Geilston Garden (early May)
- Birdwatch and walk at Ardmore Point
- Admire 'The Hill House' in Helensburgh
- Be inspired and nostalgic at Helensburgh Heroes Inspirational Centre and 1950's Hucksters Café
- Explore Glenarn's world class Rhododendron Gardens
- View Britain's Largest Naval Base from the A817 'Haul Road'
- Time travel aboard PS *Waverley*, the world's last sea going paddle steamer (Spring – Summer only)
- Discover Loch Long's Viking heritage (Cove and Arrochar)
- Climb 'The Cobbler' in the Arrochar Alps

The Hill House



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Front: Loch Long and the 'Cobbler' by Neil Wells



Clyde Sea Lochs Trail



Clyde Sea Lochs Trail map showing location of information panels



MAP KEY

Clyde Sea Lochs Trail and Information Panels

Three Lochs Way

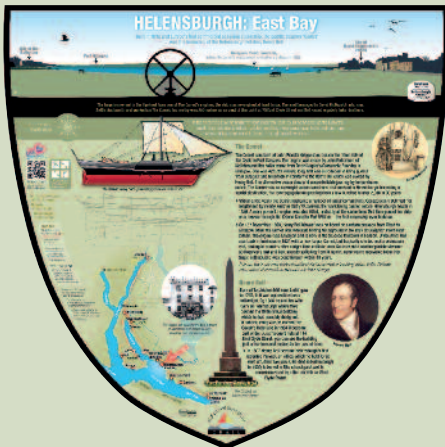
John Muir Way

The Cowal Way

- Dumbarton Castle**
In shoreside park by the river Clyde. Ancient fortification in a spectacular location. River views, birdwatching.
- Dumbarton – Denny Tank**
At entrance to the Scottish Maritime Museum. The famous tea clipper *Cutty Sark* was built in this historic town.
- Cardross**
Village centre car park. Geilston Garden, St. Mahew's Chapel, walking trails to Loch Lomond and Helensburgh.
- Ardmore Point**
Car park. Birdwatching, coastal walk with stunning views over Firth of Clyde, beachcombing.
- Helensburgh – East Bay**
Opposite petrol station. Flywheel of Henry Bell's *Comet*, the first commercial steamship in Europe.
- Helensburgh – West Bay**
Esplanade, opposite John Street. Restaurants, Hermitage Park, Tower Digital Arts Cinema, Colquhoun Square Outdoor Museum, street tree and architectural trails, walks network including Three Lochs Way and John Muir Way, Scottish Submarine Centre, Helensburgh Heroes and Visitor Information Centre, The Hill House and The Mackintosh Club – both designed by Charles Rennie Mackintosh, cruise on PS *Waverley* the world's last seagoing paddle steamer.



- Rhu**
Seafront. Glenarn Gardens, Henry Bell's grave and stunning spring crocus display in Rhu Church yard.
- Near Garelochhead**
A817 'Haul Road' Layby. Views over Gareloch and Clyde Naval Base. Tragic story of the submarine K13. Walking trails nearby.
- Whistlefield**
Car park off B833 above Garelochhead. Quiet picnic spot, with view towards the Gareloch.
- Clynder**
By bus stop opposite village shop. Sailing yachts, naval history, birdwatching, shingle beaches.
- Kilcreggan**
In pier car park. Walks network, rocky shores and open sea views, quiet cycling roads. Ferry to Gourock from historic pier.
- Cove**
Car park opposite Linn Gardens. Gardens, rocky shores and open sea views, Victorian coastal architecture and quiet cycling roads.
- Arrochar**
At Three Villages Hall. Mountain and loch scenery, hillwalking, mountain biking, Three Lochs Way and Cowal Way long distance paths, local path network including Hidden Heritage walking trail.



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