Welcome to the Glasgow Cycle Map

This map is designed as a handy reference to current cycle ways in Glasgow and surrounding areas.

It provides some recommended routes that should encourage you to cycle a bit further and discover the countryside that surrounds the city of Glasgow.

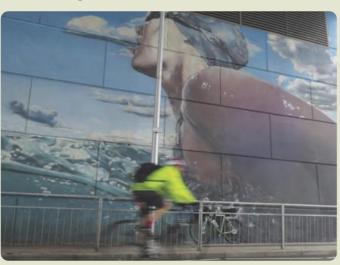
These routes have been developed by renowned cycle touring guru Markus Stitz. He is never far from a bike or a cycling adventure and was the first person to cycle around the world on a single-speed bike in 2016.

The eight recommended routes on this map explore the countryside around Glasgow. Whether you are a resident of Glasgow, using it for a base for tourism, or just visiting for a couple of days, the routes will give you a taste of the geography of Scotland's largest city and some of its rich culture too.

These and more recommended routes, along with downloads of navigation files, are available online on the smartertravelGLA website.

Some of the city routes are suitable for riding on the popular Nextbike cycle hire scheme, whilst some are more suited to a tourer or road bike with slightly wider tyres.

Check the websites for details: www.nextbike.co.uk www.smartertravelGLA.co.uk



The map attempts to convey a lot of information whilst trying to remain legible. For convenience and clarity, cycle routes have been grouped into:

Category I Routes – Traffic free and suitable for less experienced cyclists.

Category 2 Routes – Users of these cycle ways should be comfortable on roads, as they may encounter or share routes with traffic.

City Ways - These routes are designed for all levels of experience and are largely segregated from traffic. Each has its own colour identifiable from the key.

Recreational Cycle Facilities - Mountain Bike, BMX and cycle tracks. Shown as blue on the map as per the symbol on the key. Please note, colour used is not an indicator of difficulty levels.

Bus Corridor - Designated bus corridors. Refer to road signage for operational details. Cycling Prohibited – Roads on which cycling is prohibited

e.g. Motorways - pink

Recommended Routes – Routes of various lengths and difficulty. Descriptions are included on this side of the map. Each has its own colour/number identifiable from the key.

Further information on cycling, cycle security and cycling organisations can be found on the Glasgow City Council cycling website: www.glasgow.gov.uk/cycling

I. The Murals Trail

Summary:

Recently, Glasgow has commissioned large scale pieces of art to adorn some of the city's buildings. The Murals Trail takes you on a ride though Glasgow to discover these bold expressions of our heritage, environment and sometimes our humour. The loop passes great places to eat and drink and by combining it with a visit to one of Glasgow's many attractions, it is a great day out on two wheels. This is a city route and some sections are on road. It starts and finishes at Broomielaw Pontoon, which also has a Nextbike hire station making the route perfect for tourist and resident alike.

Route Description:

Starting at Broomielaw Pontoon, head east to the railway bridge over the Clyde and you'll pass the Five Faces first. From here it's just a short ride to Glasgow's Tiger, painted on a big wall on the banks of the River Clyde alongside the cycleway. Up the ramp and cycling towards Dixon Street Dr. Connolly I presume? can be spotted on the wall of Hootenannys. Then head up to Argyle Street and shortly after the Radisson Blu Hotel The Gallery can be spotted on the south side of the street. Heading up West Campbell Street and briefly joining the West City Way, a short ride will take you to Mitchell Street which hosts three murals. Wind Power and The World's Most Economical Taxi can be spotted, and turning back Honey I Shrunk the Kids is easily visible. The Panda is just a short detour off Buchanan Street at the Lighthouse.

From here, head across Queen Street and down Miller Street. When crossing Argyle Street, the Argyle Street Café is on the right and a short ride the **Big Birds** cover much of the front of Ropework Lane. The route heads to Clyde Street and on the corner are the magnificent portraits at The Clutha Bar. When cycling up Bridgegate, Billy Connolly becomes clearly visible across the car park, while the Study of a Woman in Black can be spotted to the left at the end of the street. Cycling westbound on Trongate Spaceman occupies much of the New Wynd to the left. On the building at the corner of Wilson and Brunswick Streets



Badminton towers high above the street. After a short ride Fellow Glasgow Residents occupies the north wall of Glasgow Fruitmarket, clearly visible from Ingram Street. Head up Albion Street and right onto George Street, the Strathclyde University Wonderwall mural is visible. Continue to High Street, remember to look back, turning left to head up the hill. **St Mungo** is painted on the tenement wall on the left shortly after the shops. Follow the road up and onto Cathedral Street heading west.

Next up are the Hip Hop Marionettes visible from the corner of John Street/George Street. Another on-road section through the city centre, The Musician can be seen on Sauchiehall Lane, just off Hope Street. For a rest, there are plenty of places to eat on Sauchiehall Street. While cycling through the underpass at Cowcaddens Station Hand Shadow Puppets are lining the walls. Moving onward, we ride into Glasgow's West End for Crocodile Glesga and Charing Cross Birds are nearby. After crossing the A8I4 at Anderston station The Swimmer becomes visible underneath the motorway at Anderston Quay. From here it's just a short ride back along the Clyde to Broomielaw, where the trail ends.

Alternatives:

There are plenty of opportunities to connect with other cycling routes - by joining Kelvingrove Park and using the Kelvin Way you can see further graffiti close to Hillhead Subway Station.

2. Museums, Parks and Mackintosh Explorer South

Start and finish: Length: Ascent:	Broomielaw Pontoon 26.5km 221m	Train Stations:	Glasgow Central, Crossmyloof, Langside, Pollokshaws East.	Route Difficulty:	
Height difference			Pollokshaws West		

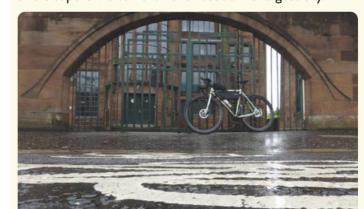
Summary: The Museums, Parks and

Mackintosh Explorer South combines museums and attractions along the Clyde with parks and attractions in the south of the city.

Highlights of the route include Glasgow Green, the views across the city from Queen's Park, the worldfamous Burrell Collection in Pollok Park, Mackintosh's House for an Art Lover in Bellahouston Park, and the stunning Riverside Museum near the end of the ride. The route starts and finishes at Broomielaw Pontoon.

Route Description: The route follows the Clyde

eastbound on the north bank to Glasgow Green. Here it crosses the river and travels on the southern side heading west to join the South West Cycle Way (SWCW). This passes the Mackintosh designed Scotland Street School Museum along the way. At the end of the SWCW the route joins the road to travel to Queen's Park which offers superb views north over Scotland's largest city.



4. City Park and Glasgow 2018 Explorer

Following the cycle way on minor roads the route joins the White Cart Water Cycle Way to Pollok Park. The park hosts the world famous Burrell Collection and is a great stop for refreshments. From here the route travels to Bellahouston Park, best known for the House for an Art Lover, designed by Charles Rennie Mackintosh, which presents a pleasant café stop.

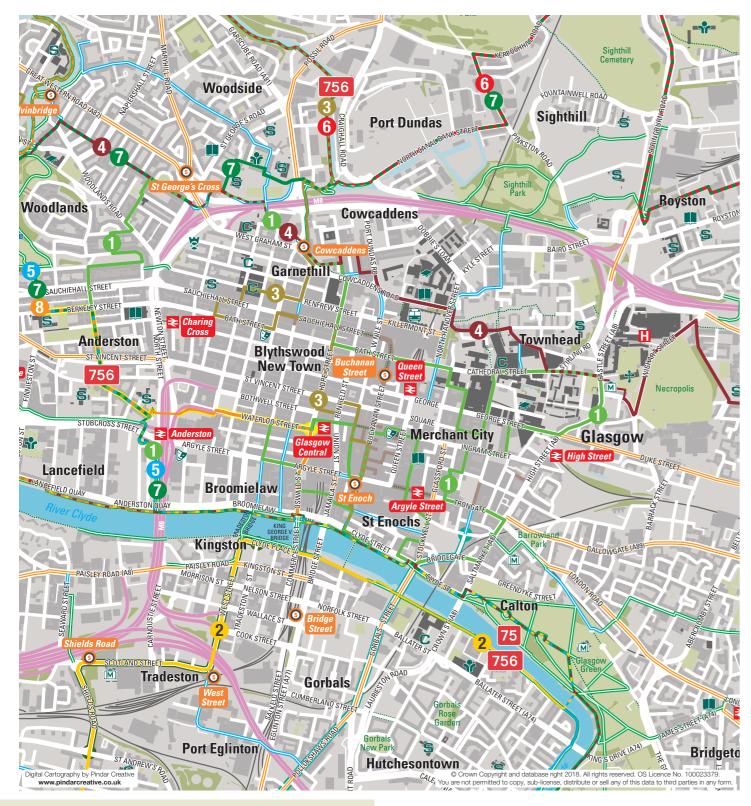
Progressing, the route travels past Elder Park and through the Clyde Tunnel (opened in 1963) and onward to the Riverside Museum and Glasgow Science Centre. From here, it is only a short sprint back to the start at Broomielaw.

Further information on Mackintosh is available from: https://www.glasgowmackintosh.com

Alternatives:

At Bellahouston Park the route can be extended by following Route 5 to Paisley and back to Glasgow.

Trains stations Pollokshaws East and West on both sides of Pollok Park are a good end point to shorten the loop.

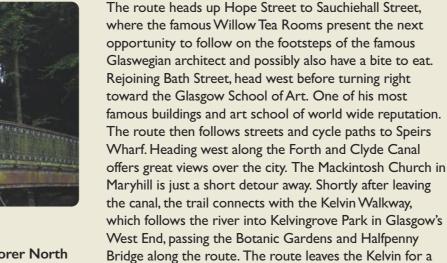


Museums, Parks and Mackintosh Explorer North

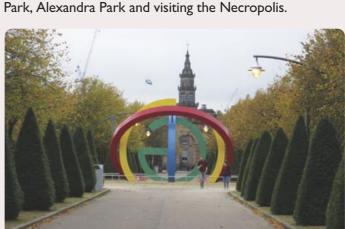


Summary:

The Museums, Parks and Mackintosh Explorer North explores the buildings of Charles Rennie Mackintosh, as well as museums and parks in the North of the city.



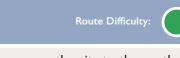
\bigcirc Route Difficulty Summary: The City Parks and Glasgow 2018 Explorer travels through Glasgow's parks north of the Clyde, two of which offer stunning views across the city. The route connects three of the main venues for the 2018 European Championships for cycling, swimming and gymnastics. Highlights include exploring Glasgow Green, the Clyde Walkway, The



Sir Chris Hoy Velodrome at the Emirates Arena, Tollcross

offers not only great views across the city to the south, but also features an urban mountain bike track.

The route carries on via quiet roads to the Glasgow Necropolis. The Victorian cemetery was opened in 1833 and is constructed on the hill to the east of Glasgow Cathedral. Through city centre streets and cycle paths the route heads to Glasgow's West End, where Kelvingrove Park offers the chance to rest and enjoy the views of the University of Glasgow. Kelvingrove Art Gallery and Museum, situated close to the route in the park, is free and one of Scotland's most popular attractions. It features 22 themed, state-of-the-art galleries displaying over 8,000 objects. From here, the route heads south to the SSE Hydro, the venue for gymnastics at the 2018 European Championships, before heading east, returning to the Broomielaw Pontoon.



Highlights include The Lighthouse, The Willow Tea Rooms, Hunterian Art Gallery and the Riverside Museum, as well as the impressive views across the city from the Forth and Clyde Canal at Speirs Wharf and the Kelvingrove Park.

Route Description:

From the start point at Broomielaw Nextbike Hire Station, the route heads along the Clyde on the cycle path. This crosses the road at the George the Fifth Bridge and continues along the river, turning off the path just after you go under the suspension bridge.

The route takes you past St Enoch Subway, across Argyle Street and up Buchanan Street, just less than 200 metres, to Mitchell Lane on the left, where you will find The Lighthouse. This is the first of Mackintosh sites along this route and the first public commission completed by Charles Rennie Mackintosh.

The route circles round to Renfield Street to pass through Renfield Lane to find one of Glasgow's hidden gems, the original Daily Record building. Completed in 1904 this was the base of the Daily Record Newspaper until the 1930s.

joining the cycle route along the river to meet the Clyde at the Riverside Museum. From here it is an easy cycle back into Glasgow along the cycle path to Broomielaw.

short tour of Hillhead to the Hunterian Art Gallery before

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Alternatives:

Well-served by train stations, the route sticks to the city centre area. Speirs Wharf and Kelvingrove Park offer opportunities to extend the loop with other cycling routes.



Route Description:

Starting at Broomielaw Pontoon, the route heads east following the Clyde to Glasgow Green. Here it passes the 2014 Commonwealth Games structure, the Nelson Monument, built in 1806, and the People's Palace and Winter Gardens before venturing further along the quiet cycle route to the Sir Chris Hoy Velodrome at the Emirates Arena. This is a great opportunity to discover the track cycling venue for the 2018 European Championships, before heading to Tollcross Park. Internationally famous for its unique Rose Garden, the park offers plenty of opportunities to explore and also to discover the swimming venue for Glasgow 2018 European Championships, the Tollcross International Swimming Centre.

The route is on road from here to Alexandra Park, which

Alternatives: There are plenty of train stations along the route to shorten it. At the Sir Chris Hoy Velodrome there's the opportunity to follow the cycle route along the Clyde to Drumpellier Country Park and back via the Seven Lochs Trail, and connect back to the route from Hogganfield Park. Several cycle routes pass through Kelvingrove Park.

Part of the route follows the Murals Trail, which features



Cycling Signs

	pedestrians together	
	Cycle route for use by cyclists and pedestrians on separate sides of path	
6780	Cycle route for use by cyclists only	
đ	Route reserved for use by cyclists only (road marking)	
	Cycle route ahead	
	Cyclists should walk at this point	
<u>4</u>	Recommended route for cyclists to use (usual on road with no provisions for cyclists)	
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570. 	Cycle lane on the road ahead	
	Shared cycle and bus lane on road ahead	
<u></u>	Cycle lane on the road for use by cyclists in the same direction as the other traffic	
14	Cycle lane on the road for use by cyclists in the opposite direction to other traffic (usually on one-way roads)	
↑ 🖧	Advisory contraflow sign	
CYCLE LANE	Warning sign for pedestrians that there is a cycle lane ahead or that there is a cycleway crossing the road ahead	
650	No cycling	
	No motor vehicles	

5. City Parks Explorer South Ο W

Summary: The City Parks Explorer South is the perfect opportunity to visit Glasgow's wonderful parks by bike. Highlights include the world-famous Commonwealth Games structure, designed and built by artist Jason Paterson, the tranquil paths in the woodlands of Linn Park, a glimpse at the Highland cattle at Pollok Park and Kelvingrove Park with its impressive gallery. The route starts and finishes at Broomielaw Pontoon.

Route Description:

From Broomielaw Pontoon the route follows the cycle path along the Clyde eastbound to Glasgow Green.

Here it passes the Commonwealth Games sculpture and the Nelson Monument, before crossing the river at the newly replaced Polmadie Bridge to continue on its southern banks into Richmond Park. From here the route follows the Cathkin cycle route into King's Park, and then heads into Linn Park, offering superb riding on woodland





paths before continuing along the White Cart Water into Pollok Park, passing Albert Park and Greenhouse Park along the way. Pollok Park provides opportunities to rest and relax with many opportunities to extend the route by exploring the park. Heading onward on cycle paths and quiet roads, Bellahouston Park provides further opportunities to explore. The route then heads north past Festival Park to meet the Clyde at Pacific Quay. Crossing to the north bank of the River Clyde, the route heads westbound, following the cycle route to Kelvingrove Park.

The final part of the route uses the West City Way segregated route to take you back to the River Clyde before turning east and finishing at Broomielaw Pontoon.

Alternatives:

The route is well served with train stations that provide alternative start and end points. The loop can be extended towards the west with the Paisley Flyer, and with various routes that pass Broomielaw Pontoon and Kelvingrove Park.

The route can be extended near Blairhill station, where

Blairhill is well connected with trains and provides the

along the route to shorten it if necessary. The final on-

road section can be avoided by using the Kelvin Way to

join to the Canal where you would turn right and head

east on the canal path to Speirs Wharf.

Routes 2 and 6 offer an alternative route back to Glasgow.

opportunity to split the journey into two separate ones by

using the train. There are a good number of train stations

6. The Seven Lochs & Canal Loop

Summary:

The Seven Lochs & Canal Loop offers an extremely leisurely afternoon or day to discover Glasgow's eastern fringes and the Seven Lochs Wetland Park. Destined to become Scotland's largest urban nature park, a highlight of this route is the Seven Lochs Way, a new 8km-long route linking Drumpellier Country Park in the east to Hogganfield Park at the west of the wetlands. The path itself offers great off-road cycling and many places to stop and enjoy the scenery. The route starts and finishes at Speirs Wharf.

Route Description:

Starting from Speirs Wharf the route heads north-west following the canal before turning east onto the Forth and Clyde Canal out of the city to Kirkintilloch, passing Cadder and the Stables Bar along the way which is a good first stop for a rest and refreshments. From Kirkintilloch it travels south on the Strathkelvin Railway Path through the





Bothlin Burn. From Glenboig Park the route follows minor roads to Blairhill station and heads into Drumpellier Country Park shortly afterwards. The park has activities for the whole family, refreshment options and toilets.

This also marks the start of the Seven Lochs Way, linking Drumpellier Country Park to Hogganfield Park. From Hogganfield the route follows the on-road Glasgow to

> Cumbernauld cycle route toward the city as far as Sighthill.

The route then passes Pinkston Watersports Centre to finish at Speirs Wharf.

Alternatives:

Lenzie station, very close to Kirkintilloch and with frequent connections to Glasgow, offers the opportunity to shorten the route. Blairhill station is another good

opportunity to shorten the journey by using trains. At Blairhill the route can also be

Route Difficulty

extended with using Route 3 to continue south and then back along the Clyde to Glasgow.



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Glasgow City Chambers was designed by Paisley born \bigwedge architect William Young and completed in 1888. Tours of this stunning building are available on weekdays.

> The statue of the 1st Duke of Wellington, Arthur Wellesley, is situated in front of the Gallery of Modern Art, Royal Exchange Square. It was sculpted by Carlo Marochetti and erected in 1844.

The University of Glasgow was founded in 1451 and moved to its current location in 1870. The main building of the Gilmorehill Campus, designed by Sir George Gilbert Scott, had the spire added in 1887.

> The Glasgow Tower is part of the Glasgow Science Centre. It was designed by Richard Horden and built in 2008. The tower is designed to rotate to face the wind.

The Finnieston Crane, located adjacent to the Scottish Event Campus, is symbolic of Glasgow's industrial past. Completed in 1932, the crane was commissioned by the Clyde Navigation Trust. 🖾

The Clyde Auditorium, built in 2000, has become known as 'The Armadillo'. It forms part of the SEC complex which also includes The SSE Hydro. The venue was designed by architects Foster and Partners.

The Riverside Museum was purpose designed and built to house the collection of the former Transport Museum. Opened in 2011, it was designed by award winning architect Zaha Hadid.

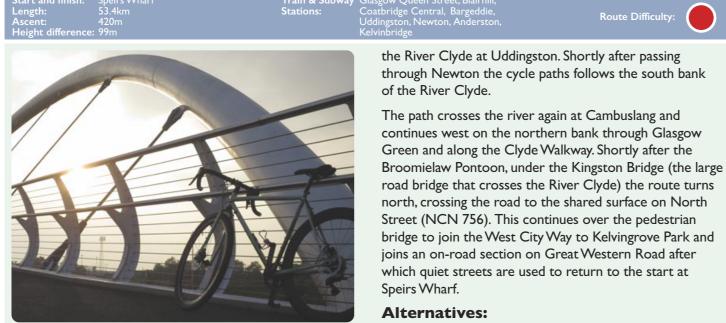




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7. The Seven Lochs & Clyde Loop

Summary:

The Seven Lochs & Clyde Loop links the newly-created Seven Lochs Path with a great journey along the River Clyde back to the city. Highlights include the Seven Lochs Wetland Park, the scenic and traffic-free journey along the Monkland Canal and Kelvingrove Park, which is close to Glasgow's great restaurants in the West End offering plenty of opportunities to end the day in style. The route starts and finishes at Speirs Wharf.

Route Description:

From Speirs Wharf the route passes Pinkston Watersports Centre and then continues along the Glasgow to Cumbernauld cycling route to Hogganfield Park on the eastern fringes of the city centre. Following the recently completed 8km-long route linking Hogganfield Park with Drumpellier Country Park, the route explores the Seven Lochs Wetland Park on quiet cycle paths, mostly with a gravel surface. After a short loop in Drumpellier Country Park the route leaves the park in the east to join the cycle route along the Monkland Canal heading westbound towards the city. Continuing westward, the route crosses

8. The Paisley Flyer

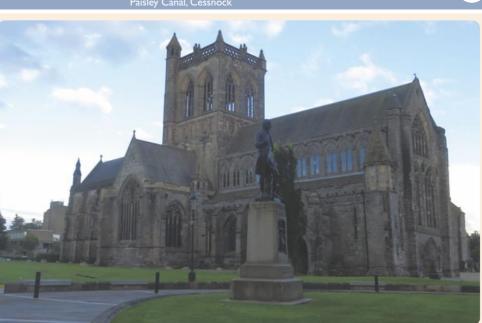
Summary: The Paisley Flyer connects Glasgow with Paisley. It explores Glasgow's western fringes and their rich heritage. Highlights include the cycle along the Forth and Clyde Canal, crossing the Clyde by a centuries old ferry route and Paisley's magnificent Abbey. The route starts and finishes at Broomielaw Pontoon. **Route Description:**

Starting at Broomielaw Pontoon the route heads north to join the West City Way to Kelvingrove Park. The route links to the Kelvin Walkway and subsequently, the Forth and Clyde Canal at Maryhill

Locks. From here travel westbound toward Clydebank where the route joins National Cycle Network (NCN) Route 7 to travel a short distance eastbound towards the Renfrew Ferry, a pedestrian- and cyclist-only connection across the River Clyde. On the south bank, follow a short section through Meadowside Industrial Estate onto a traffic-free path along the White Cart Water. The route offers great views towards the Clyde and the Campsie Fells



Notes This area is for you to make your own notes.



to the north. Crossing the river to join the cycle route shortly after, you pass Glasgow Airport and head into Paisley Town Centre and to the Abbey. This site has been active since the 7th Century with the Abbey being established in 1163. There are many cafés and bars for lunch or refreshments, before rejoining the cycle route at Paisley Canal rail station to head back to Glasgow along the White Cart Water via Bellahouston Park which offers another opportunity for a stop before the route crosses the Clyde at Pacific Quay to finish at Broomielaw Pontoon.

Alternatives:

There are plenty of train stations on the route to shorten the route or start at alternative points. Kelvingrove Park offers good opportunities to connect with the other routes. For a shorter loop you can travel to Clydebank and back by continuing on the cycle route at Yoker. Near Paisley, the historic village of Elderslie, the birthplace of William Wallace, is worth a detour on quiet cycle paths.

