



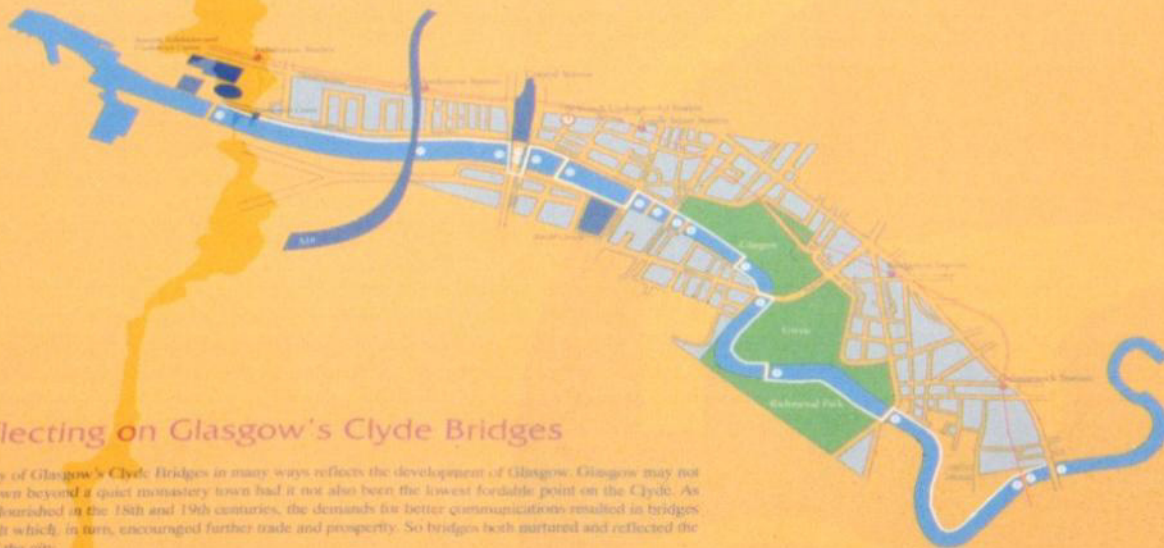








Glasgow's Clyde Bridges




Reflecting on Glasgow's Clyde Bridges

The story of Glasgow's Clyde Bridges in many ways reflects the development of Glasgow. Glasgow may not have grown beyond a quiet monastery town had it not also been the lowest fordable point on the Clyde. As the city flourished in the 18th and 19th centuries, the demands for better communications resulted in bridges being built which, in turn, encouraged further trade and prosperity. So bridges both nurtured and reflected the growth of the city.


The story of Glasgow's bridges also reflects the story of transportation, from the pedestrian and horse traffic of the middle ages, through railway mania in the 19th century to the 20th century age of the motor car. It also reflects the story of civil engineering. Developments in engineering materials and knowledge can be traced in the techniques used to construct the Clyde bridges. Timber and stone, cast iron, wrought iron and steel, reinforced and pre-stressed concrete, were all used in Glasgow's Clyde bridges. Virtually all bridge types are represented on the Clyde, the beam, beam and slab (with solid girders, lattice girders or box girders), the arch, the suspension bridge and the cable stayed bridge. A walk from Dalmarnock Bridge to Bell's Bridge will take you past exhibits of 150 years of bridge engineering history.

About the Heritage Trail

- Approximately 2 1/2 hours should be allowed for the walk from Dalmarnock Bridge to Bell's Bridge
- Trains run frequently between Exhibition Station and Dalmarnock Station
- The trail is waymarked by the  symbol

- 1 Dalmarnock Bridge
- 2 2nd Dalmarnock Railway Bridge
- 3 Piers of the 1st Dalmarnock Railway Bridge
- 4 Rutherglen Bridge
- 5 Polmadie Bridge
- 6 Kings Bridge
- 7 St Andrew's Suspension Bridge
- 8 Pipe Bridge and Weir
- 9 Albert Bridge
- 10 City Union Railway Bridge
- 11 Victoria Bridge
- 12 South Portland Street Suspension Bridge
- 13 Glasgow Bridge
- 14 1st Caledonian Railway Bridge
- 15 2nd Caledonian Railway Bridge
- 16 George the Fifth Bridge
- 17 Kingston Bridge
- 18 Bell's Bridge



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