

Clyde Walkway Community Links: Law to Mauldslie Bridge, Mauldslie Estate



Law to Mauldslie Estate Digital Trail

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| Difficulty (out of 3) | 2 |
| Distance | 4.1km / 2.5 miles |
| Terrain | The route is a combination of pavement in Law village, rough farm tracks and woodland dirt paths. Muddy when wet. This route has a number of kissing gates and is steep in points. |

Overview including alternative start / end points

This linear walk starts in the old mining village of Law, passes through Clyde Valley farmland and down into Mauldslie Woods, which forms part of the Clyde Valley National Nature Reserve. Hunt for clues of the old designed landscape surrounding the old Mauldslie House as you snake through the woodland including decorative bridges over burns. The walk can be done as a linear walk and doubling back on yourself, or you can extend it into longer walks along the Clyde Walkway upstream and downstream. Alternatively, you can do the walk in reverse, starting at the picturesque Mauldslie Bridge, using the parking there.

Start / Park: Law Car Park, Station Road, Law, ML8 5JA. The car park is situated between Lawmuir Road and Shawfield Crescent, beside the bus stop and public toilet.

Public Transport: Bus to Law, which stops at the car park starting point on Station Road.

Stages of Walk

1. Car Park to Strathavenhouse Road (894m)

Cross the road from the car park and taking the pavements, go west along Station Road, with the wee shop on your right and take the first left down Lawhill Road. You will pass the Tom Craig Centre and Law Primary School on your left before reaching a mini-roundabout. Take the right turn before the roundabout onto Strathavenhouse Road.

2. Strathavenhouse Road to Birks Road (888m)

Continue down the fence lined road which turns into a stone path. Look out for former mine workings as the fields become raised on either side of the path. The track meets Birks Road just west of the former engine / manager's house.

3. Birks Road to Mauldslie Road (763m)

Turn left along Birks Road to reach Mauldslie Road. If you are doubling back on yourself from the end of this walk at Mauldslie Woods, keep walking along Birks Road instead of turning right back on to Strathavenhouse Road, following the road until it reaches Brownlee Road. Turn right and follow Brownlee Road back into Law. (Birks Road-Strathavenhouse Road junction to car park 1.2km)

4. Mauldslie Road to Clyde Walkway (974m)

Take care as you cross directly over Mauldslie Road onto the road directly opposite Birks Road, past the no through road sign. Turn left through the kissing gate and follow the forest track for 20 metres. Turn right through a self-closing bridlegate and into Mauldslie Woods where you will be greeted by a Mauldslie Woods Clyde Valley National Nature Reserve sign. Follow the beaten earth paths downhill through the woodland with a gill or burn on your right. Keep following the main path, walking past other paths that shoot off to the left. Approximately 320 metres along the path, it sweeps left and starts to descend more steeply down into the Clyde Valley. There is a path off to the right here – avoid this and stay on the main path. At the next junction, take a sharp left down to the River Clyde. If you continue straight on the main path, you can continue your journey into Brownlee Woods.

5. Clyde Walkway to Mauldslie Bridge (626m)

At the Clyde Walkway turn left, heading upstream along the Clyde Walkway, over a footbridge at Ram's Gill opposite the bend in the river. Stay on the path running parallel to the River Clyde on your right, to Mauldslie Bridge. End your walk by taking in the views from Mauldslie Bridge. From here, you can turn back and follow the same path to Law, with the option of taking a slightly different route between Birks Road and Law, as explained in point 3. Alternatively, you can keep following the Clyde Walkway south, upstream towards Crossford. You can also turn back on yourself and follow the Clyde Walkway west, towards Motherwell via Baron's Haugh RSPB reserve.

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