

GREENOCK TOWN TRAIL

A WALKING TRAIL THROUGH TIMES, PEOPLE AND PLACES



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INTRODUCTION

Welcome to our Greenock Town Trail.

This special free Greenock Town Trail booklet gives you lots of additional information about each of the plaques you will find as part of doing the Trail.

The information within this booklet has been put together by a host of people to bring you interesting facts and figures about Greenock, its people, its trade and its past. We are especially grateful to the Inverclyde Tourist Group for their help and input.

You will find all the information in this booklet and much more at our Discover Inverclyde website www.discoverinverclyde.com and we would encourage you to visit there often and also our Facebook page.

We hope you will enjoy following this Greenock Town Trail with all it will uncover for you.

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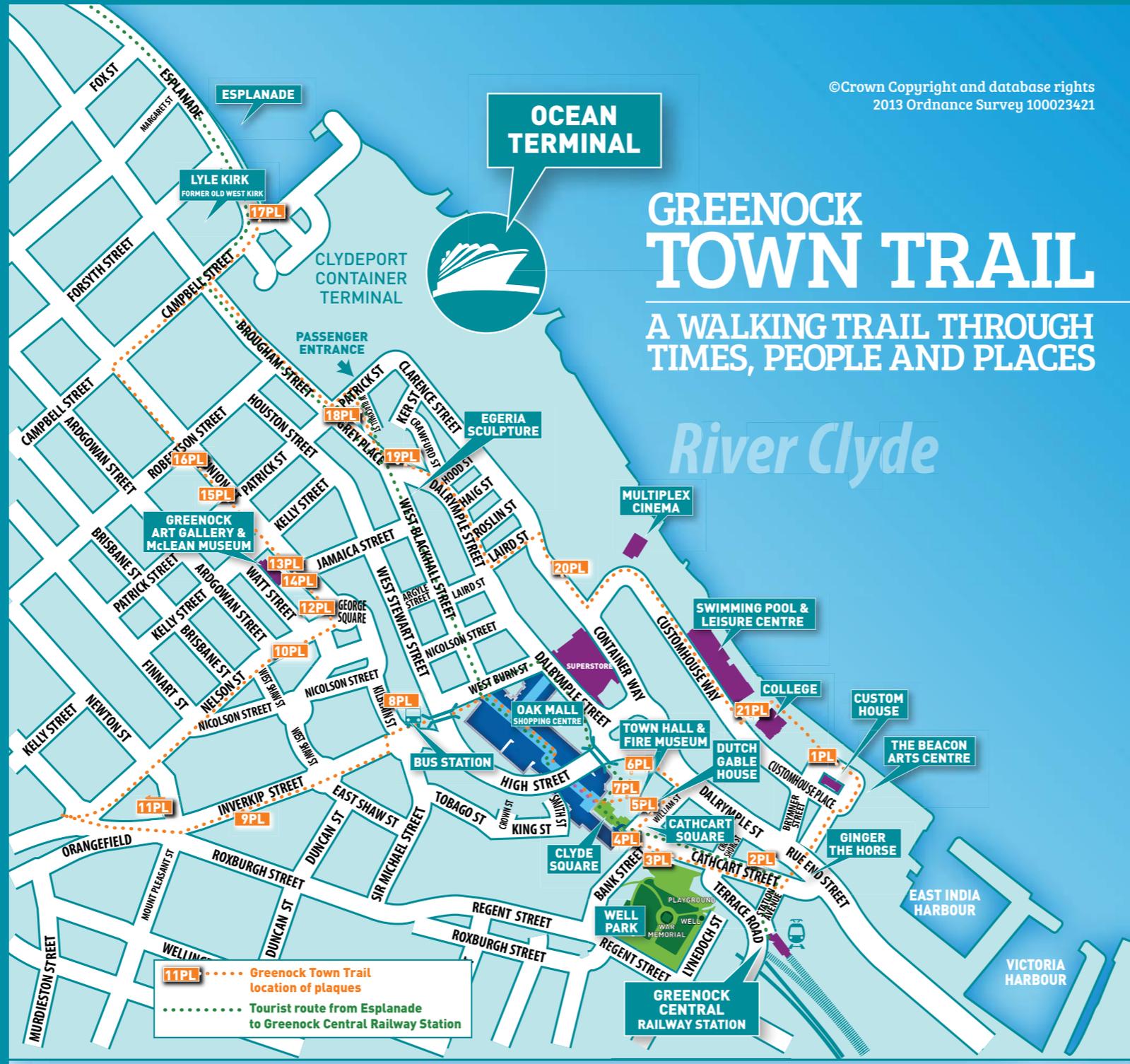
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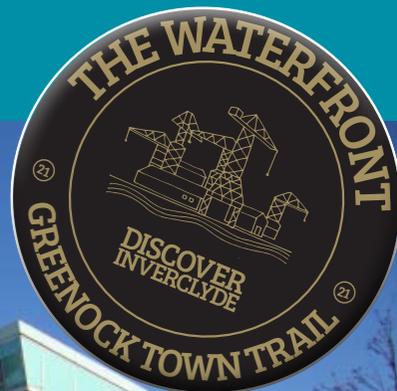


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All of the land here has been reclaimed from the river Clyde to allow the building of the quays and shipyards which at the beginning of the 20th century extended for 5 miles. These included:

The West Harbour – begun in 1707 and completed in 1710 at a cost of £5,555.

The Graving dock was completed in 1786 and cost about £4,000.

The East India Harbour – the foundation stone was laid in 1805 and the dock completed in 1809 at a cost, exclusive of the ground costs, of £43,836.

The Victoria Harbour – begun in 1846 and completed in 1850 at a cost of over £120,000.

The Albert Harbour – the foundation stone was laid in 1862 and the dock opened in 1867 at a cost of £250,000.

Princes Pier – begun in 1862 and completed in 1870 at a cost of about £100,000. It was extended in 1921 at a cost of £14,000.

The Garvel Graving Dock – the foundation stone was laid in 1871 and the dock completed in 1874 at a cost of £89,000.

The West Quay was completed in 1880 at a cost of £10,821.

The Custom House Quay, formerly the Steamboat Quay, was completed in 1885 at a cost of £40,774.

The James Watt Dock and Great Harbour – begun in 1878 and completed in 1886 at a cost, including the price of the land, of £850,000.

The land now houses a sports centre and college.

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