

## Walks in the vicinity of Clyde Village

### Clyde Lookout 1

Grade : Moderate Distance : 1.7km



The climb starts in Holloway St near the Miners' Monument. Go up the path, turn left and enter the climb to the lookout.



Once you've admired the view return to Clyde via the one way road just above the lookout.



### Muttontown Loop

Grade : Easy Distance : 2.8 km

This walk does not have the visual splendour of some of the others but it is a rather pleasant country stroll. Start at the hospital at the end of Sunderland St and go along Muttontown Road until you reach the main road. Return via the main road back to the hospital.



### Overlook the dam

Grade : Easy Distance : 1.66 km

Starting at the end of Sunderland St, follow the road up towards the dam until the turn into the lookout area. Contact Energy have an excellent information kiosk there to tell you more.



### Clutha Riverside

Grade : Moderate Distance : 3.6 km

Start in the Miners Lane car park. Climb the ancient pathway up to the town, turn right and go to Sunderland Street, walking all the way along past the golf course.

At the far end of the golf course turn right and go down towards the river, passing the dog walking area on your left. Follow the path to the top of the riverbank. Continue down the path to the right. This is the difficult part of the walk. The track down is rather narrow and steep. Once you reach the bottom you will be rewarded with beautiful views all the way along the track back to the start.



### The Millenium Track

Grade : Easy Distance : 3.6 or 5.7 km

Go over the Clyde Bridge and turn sharp right, passing back under the bridge to the start of the walk.

Follow the track along the riverside for 0.5 km then turn up the narrow track to the right. This eventually turns in to a fully-fledged but unused, sealed road which dates back to the time of the building of the dam.



Follow along the road until you see the hospital across the river. Shortly thereafter, just around a bend, you'll come to a track leading back down to the left.



Take this track proceed back to the Millenium Track. It's a little steep for the first 20m but then gets easier. Then make your way back to the car park. This section of the track used to be the site of a conveyor belt which took gravel from the dam to a processing area nearer Alexandra.

For the longer version of this walk, instead of going down, continue on the road until you see a strange metal object down to the left. This is an old drill bit from the dredging days. (Circled below) ... and then follow the track back to the car park.



### Follow the Railway

Grade : Easy Distance : 4.4 km

This walk follows the path of the old railway which used to go through Clyde.

Start at the Rail Trail go under the Daphne Hull Underpass, stopping to admire the amazing murals painted by Bruce Potter.

Wend your way to the start of the Central Walkway and follow it to the railway station, recently restored.

Continue and cross to Holloway St at the end of which is the Miner's Monument. From there, go back down Sunderland St on your way back to the rail head.



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\* Promenades, perambulations and perigrinations of a pedestrian nature



Take time out on foot to enjoy the lovely environment of Clyde, Central Otago, New Zealand



# CLYDE RAMBLES\*

**When walking around Clyde :**

You can, of course start your walk anywhere along the way.

Easy : no strenuous uphill or downhill.

Moderate : May have a steep pinch or two.

Hard : quite a bit of uphill work.

If you have occasion to be passing through private property, please respect this.

Remember when passing through a gate to leave it as you found it. If it was shut then shut it after you. If it was open then leave it open.

Clyde is very dog friendly but we work hard to keep it that way. Don't let your dog scare other animals (e.g. sheep, hens etc). And PLEASE remove any dog messages of the solid variety.

Of course these are not the only walks around Clyde. There are many others, including the official 'Walk Around Clyde', following the brochure produced by Promote Dunstan.

Scan the QR Code below to access high-res maps of the walks. You can also check them out via Google Earth.

## Venturing further afield

### Above the Pines

Grade : Moderate Distance : 4 km  
Start at the monument and climb to the Clyde Lookout. Then cross the main highway (carefully) and follow the road up until you come to a dirt road off to the right. Follow this until you come to the track which leads along behind the pine trees. Go past the end of the pines and follow the track.



You will come to the point where you can clamber down the hillside and walk across the flat to the road. You could, if you so wished, make your way back to the start via the Central Walkway.



### Clyde Lookout 2

Grade : Hard Distance : 2.7km

Cross the Clyde Bridge and, after 1 km, turn right to The Lookout. Park at the bottom of the hill. Follow the road up



and take the track to the right which goes down to the lookout.

To return, follow one of the downhill tracks from the lookout back to the car park.



### Lines in the Sky

Grade : Hard Distance : 8.7 km

This is the toughest of the walks. Start at The Lookout car park and follow the road upwards for 3.2 km. At the top of the hill go down to the power pylon and "Lines in the Sky".



Continue on the road until you come to a gate across the road.



Go through the gate and turn left and head out across country along the top.



Eventually you'll come to a track. Follow this to the left and, at 6.5 km, it will bring you out onto another road. Follow this road back down to the car park.

### Lake Dunstan

Grade : Easy Distance : ??

The Lake Dunstan Trail begins under the Clyde Bridge but, as a walk, you might prefer to start at the rowing club.

Cromwell is about 40 km away so you probably won't want to go that far. Return back the way that you have come.



### Orchard Garden

Grade : Easy Distance : 2.9/3.3 km



Start at the corner of Young Lane and the rail trail. Follow the trail, crossing the Muttonville Viaduct, and you will eventually see a lovely avenue of trees leading off to the left. This takes you through The Orchard Garden. Turn left into Dunstan Road and reach

Springvale Road. Turn left again and you will cross the Waikerikeri Valley stream then come to Young Lane on the left via which you return to your car.

If the Orchard Garden path is closed then continue along the rail trail until you come to an alley on your left, which takes you to Dunstan Rd.



### The Airport View

Grade : Moderate Distance : 2.5 km

Climb through the fence by the gate and turn right. Follow the track and cross the race to the side of the pond. Follow along and veer right away from the pond. Take the right hand track around the hills. up and down, and eventually come to the lovely view towards Clyde. On the way back take the easier trail and, when you come to the pond, turn right and walk to the seat. Then retrace your steps back to the gate.



### Kelliher Lane Loop

Grade : Easy Distance : 2.8 km

This is a lovely rural walk through farmland. After you have passed "The Ark" you will reach the main road. Follow this through rabbit country until you come to the turn which takes you back to the start.



### Behind the Cemetery

Grade : Moderate Distance 2.4 km

Start at the corner of Springvale Rd and walk up outside the fence. At the top you will need to climb through the fence and then scramble up to the old water race. This is now the end of the race which begins at the Falls Dam near St Bathans. For a start the track along the race is rough but it soon becomes a lovely grassy path.



Follow it along behind the cemetery opening and shutting gates as necessary. You will then come to a drive which takes you back down to Springvale Road. Then follow the wide grassy verge back to the start, calling in to have a look around the cemetery as you pass.



### The Young Lane Loop

Grade : Easy Distance : 3.5 km

Start at the end of Young Lane and walk to the other end. Turn left into Springvale Rd and keep going, passing the Clyde Cemetery on your right, until you arrive at the Central Otago Rail Trail headquarters. Enter the grounds and follow the rail trail back to your car.



### Lake Trail Start

Grade : Easy Distance : 1.5km

Start under the Clyde Bridge and follow the Lake Dunstan Trail. It leads up onto the road which you follow back to the start. Short and Sweet.



### Millenium Track to Alexandra

Grade : Easy Distance : 11.5 km +  
This is a long walk taking over two hours. You will need to arrange transport back. There is currently no convenient public transport between Clyde and Alexandra.

It starts at the parking place under the Clyde Bridge. Many cyclists and runners also use this track which was opened to celebrate the millenium.



It meanders through willows and passes the dredge tailings along the way.



There are excellent kilometre posts along the 11.5 km journey. Near the end there are 32 small bridges. At the end of the trip watch for a cricket match.



### Rail Trail to Alexandra

Grade : Easy Distance : 8.8 km

Start at the Central Otago Rail Trail headquarters and follow the trail all the way to Alexandra, crossing the Muttonville viaduct along the way. Turn right when you come to Manuherikia Road at the far end. Then proceed in to town to visit one of the cafes near Centennial Park.



### Thyme Fields

Grade : Easy Distance : 2.6 km

This is a pleasant country stroll along a quiet country road made glorious in Autumn by the grapes as their leaves turn golden. Skylarks abound, along with hawks, plovers and blackbirds. Your return is back the way you have come.

