

# 6 The Shore and Castlehill

5 miles / 1½ - 2 hours

**A**

Start from the car park at Levensgrove Park, on Woodyard Road, south of Bridge Street at the west end of Dumbarton Bridge.

**B**

The River Leven is one of the fastest-flowing rivers in Scotland. Reliable water power was a prime reason for the location of textile industries in the Vale of Leven, further upstream from Dumbarton.

**C**

The River Clyde has extensive mudflats at low tide. These form an important habitat for a wide range of wading birds, particularly during the winter months.

**D**

Levensgrove Park was gifted to the people of Dumbarton by William Denny, the shipbuilders, whose extensive yard sat on the opposite shore of the River Leven behind Dumbarton Rock.

In the park are formal gardens, an arboretum and the ruins of the Old Parish Church.

