

Falls of Clyde



Where is this?

New Lanark World Heritage Site and SWT Reserve is 1.5 miles/2.5 km from Lanark and is around an hour's drive from Glasgow (25 miles/40 kms). Postcode is ML11 9BY.

What will you see there?

Around 15,000 years ago melting of ice released vast volumes of meltwater into rivers. These rivers carved new channels into the bedrock and deposited large amounts of sand and gravel. During the most recent ice age the original channel of the River Clyde south of Lanark was filled with glacial deposits which resulted in the formation of a large lake upstream which dammed the original river channel. When this burst it cut the present channel that can be seen at New Lanark. This new course included the waterfalls of Cora Linn and Bonnington Linn. The whole gorge is cut into the Devonian sandstone formed 300-330million years ago in an arid desert environment.

When visiting New Lanark we recommend the geology exhibition 'Shaping the Landscape' in the village's School for Children.

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