

THE FORTH AND CLYDE CANAL



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The opening of the Forth and Clyde Canal in the 18th century provided a convenient route across Scotland for sea going vessels. In the early days it was used to transport a variety of cargoes. By 1830 passengers could travel on 'swift' boats.

Improvements to road and rail transport led to its closure in 1963. The revival and regeneration of the canal has come about through the hard work and dedication of volunteers and investment from a number of agencies. The work continues with long term plans for further revitalisation.