

Balclutha



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BALCLUTHA BRIDGE

Opened in 1935, the Balclutha Traffic Bridge spans the Clutha River, connecting the north and south parts of Balclutha on State Highway 1.

Built as a reinforced concrete bowstring bridge, it measures 244 metres in length and 11.8 metres in width. The bridge's construction involved over 4,000 cubic metres of concrete and 528 tonnes of steel, showcasing impressive engineering for its time. The site has seen multiple bridge iterations, with earlier wooden bridges destroyed by floods, most notably the great flood of 1878. Today's bridge stands as a symbol of resilience and community spirit, celebrated in local history.

CLUTHA RIVER

The Clutha River, also known as the Molyneux or Mata-au (its Māori name), flows from Lake Wanaka to the Pacific Ocean, splitting into two branches—the Koau and Matau – near Balclutha. It is New Zealand's second-longest river, known for its high flow rate, discharging an average of 550 cubic meters per second. Named after the Clyde River in Scotland, the Clutha has a rich history in transport and local industry, with river steamers navigating its waters in the 19th century. The river has experienced significant historical floods, including one in 1878 that created the present branches.


























BLAIR ATHOL WALKWAY

The Blair Athol Walkway, located in the centre of Balclutha, is a relaxing 1.5-hour return nature walk along the banks of the majestic Clutha Mata-Au River.

Stroll along the river bank or cycle the trail and enjoy views over rural farmland. Or soak up the dazzling array of beauty in the rhododendron dell, at the end of spring. Access the trail from either Naish Park off Charlotte Street (which features two children's playgrounds, a bird aviary, bike park, and dog park) or from Hospital Road.

Legend for Balclutha Town Map

-  isite Information Centre
-  Toilets
-  Fuel
-  EV Charging Station
-  Dump Station
-  ATM
-  Supermarket
-  Laundromat
-  Pharmacy
-  Hospital
-  Postal Facility
-  Police Station
-  South Otago Museum
-  Blair Athol Walkway
-  Golf Course
-  Cooee Bike Park
-  Cross Recreation Centre
-  Dog Park
-  Picnic Area
-  Playground
-  Swimming Pool
-  Southern Scenic Route
-  State Highway

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