



THE RIVER CLYDE PAGEANT 2022

Solstice Walk 2022 Access Guide

This guide can be used to help anyone access and understand the Solstice Walk and the events included.

If you need more information, or have any questions, or accessibility needs you'd like us to know about, please contact:

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If you need help during the walk, please see one of our ushers, who will be wearing safety vests. They will be identified along with our Tech Team at the outset of the walk.

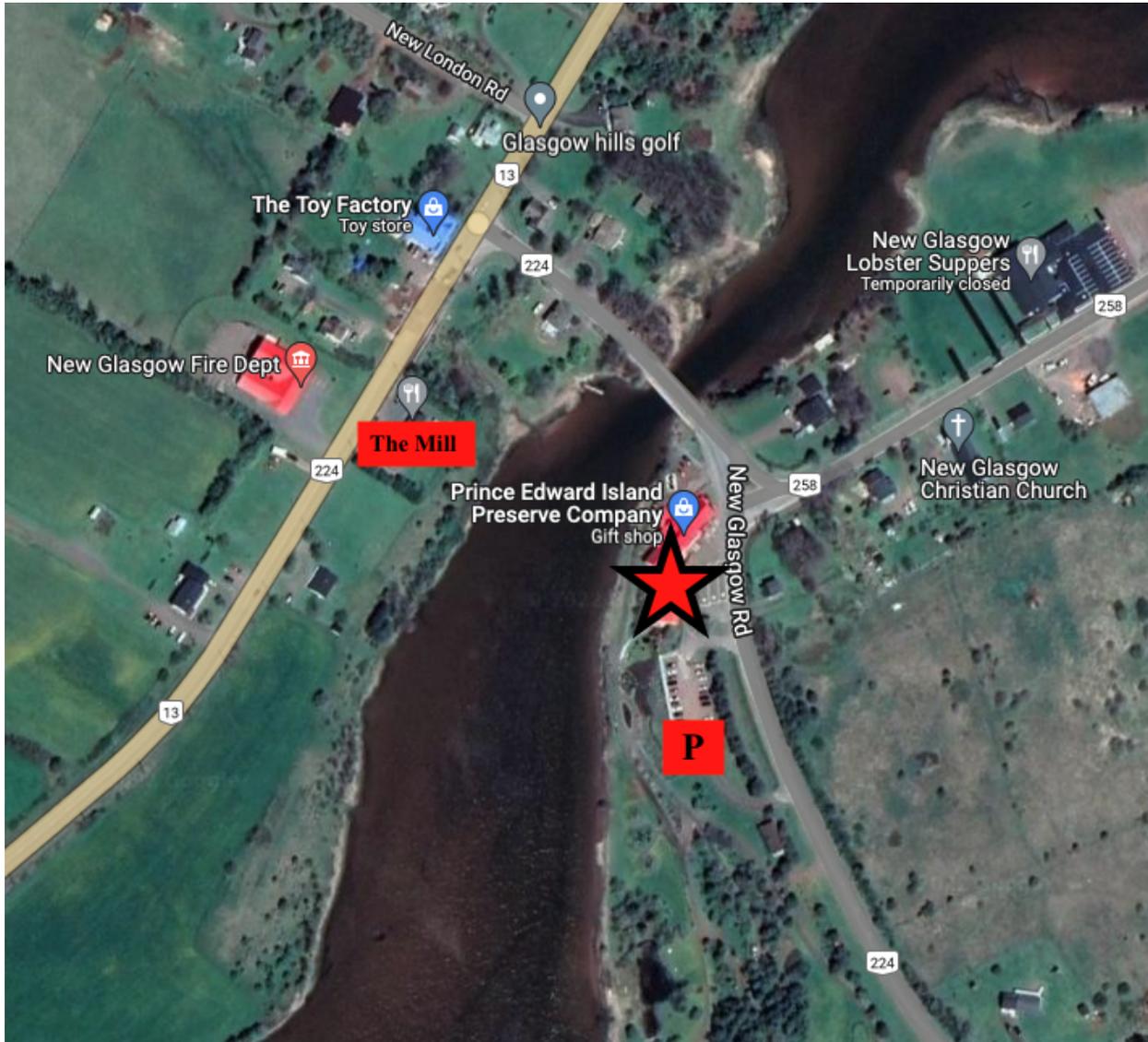
If you need help during the performances at The Mill, please see someone working behind any of the event tables. If you would like to speak directly to Monica, that person will contact her!

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How to Get Here

The River Clyde Solstice Walk will be held at The Gardens of Hope, PEI Preserve Company entrance, 2841 New Glasgow Road, New Glasgow, PEI.



This photo shows a map with the location of the event marked by a red star. The main Parking area is indicated by a red square with the letter P.

The walk will follow a short loop through the Gardens of Hope and then travel to The Mill restaurant for refreshments and performances.

Parking

Parking for the walk is located in the PEI Preserve Company parking lot. If this lot is full, parking attendants will direct you to nearby secondary parking.

Secondary parking lots are nearby at the New Glasgow Lobster Suppers, the New Glasgow Christian Church, and the lots directly across the street from each of those locations.



This photo shows a map with the locations of secondary parking areas marked by red stars.

Please allow 5 min to walk from secondary parking areas to the gathering point at the Preserve Company for the start of the walk.

There is no cost for parking. For anyone who wishes to have a ride back to the parking areas at the end of the Solstice Walk, there will be a shuttle bus at The Mill, where the Walk finishes, traveling back to the main parking area at The Preserve Company every 15 minutes starting at 7:00pm.

Parking for Indoor Viewers Only

Parking for those who are attending the indoor viewing experience at The Mill (rather than the outdoor procession) is located directly across from The Mill at the New Glasgow Fire Department. Please park where indicated so we do not block access for the fire trucks.

A limited number of accessible parking spots are available in The Mill parking lot and must be booked in advance - please email Monica at riverclydeaccess@gmail.com to book an accessible parking spot.

About the Event

The River Clyde Solstice Walk celebrates the promise of light on the darkest day of the year. On Wednesday, December 21st, meet us at the PEI Preserve Company with a lantern, candle or a light. Walk with us on a short loop through the Gardens of Hope, across the New Glasgow Bridge, and ending up at The Mill in New Glasgow for music, snacks and bonfires.

This year we are featuring Community Projects by: Rhea Szarics, Jena White, Kelly Caseley, Becca Griffin and Andrew MacInnis, Leah Ellis, Evan Furness, Lokki Ma, and Somnia Lucent. These projects will include some stationary installations with illumination, sound art installations, large-scale lanterns and puppets, costumed characters, and music and storytelling performances.

The finale at the Mill will feature fire dancing performances from Reequal Smith, Devon Ross and Josie Baker, and musical performances by Solstice Brass Quartet and the Solstice Choir. During the walk, you will see large illuminated fish lanterns created by North Barn Theatre traveling among the lanterns created by participants.

The Winter Solstice reminds us of the cycles of renewal and the potential for change as we emerge from the darkness. In the midst of an ongoing pandemic and the climate crisis, The Solstice Walk shines a light on our

capacity for transformation through attention to and presence with our community and the natural world.

If you prefer not to join the walk, you can watch the procession while seated inside The Mill restaurant beginning at 6pm. We'll have warm drinks and snacks along with a musical experience featuring Devon Ross on violin. For those watching from indoors, we'll also be offering a Solstice activity of writing good wishes for the season ahead inside fabric bundles, which can then be offered to a bonfire or taken home.

This is a free, unticketed event, but [pre-registration is required](#). The event is suitable for all ages.

About the Locations

The Gardens of Hope is a garden growing in support of those needing respite and hope. It is open to the public. There is a wide variety of wild and cultivated plants and trees on site. More information can be found here:

<https://preservecompany.com/blogs/gardens-of-hope>

The Mill in New Glasgow is a restaurant, community hub and take-out marché that celebrates local food as a connector of people to place, history, family and civic life. Chef Emily Wells and her team are known for serving high quality comfort food prepared with locally-sourced ingredients and international flair. The Mill in New Glasgow started life as the New Glasgow Hall, built around 1896. In the 1960s, the Hall was converted into a grist mill by the Dingwell family, and sold to Roland Larkin in the mid-1970s. In 1997 it was converted by Roland's son and daughter-in-law, Harvey and Rosemary, into the Olde Glasgow Mill Restaurant. Emily Wells purchased the restaurant from the Larkins in 2015 and renamed it The Mill in New Glasgow. More information can be found here:

<https://themillinnewglasgow.com/>

Bathrooms

Before/During the Walk

There are gendered, accessible bathrooms available at the PEI Preserve Company. Please note this space is open to the public and has strong scents.



This photo shows the entrance to the PEI Preserve Company.

After the Walk

There are gendered, accessible bathrooms available at The Mill restaurant.



This photo shows the entrance to the bathrooms at The Mill.

Accessibility Notes

The Solstice Walk event will be held outdoors in the Gardens of Hope and in the front yard of The Mill restaurant. The terrain includes uneven gravel areas, sloping gravel areas, and some uneven, sloping paved areas.

The Walk crosses the New Glasgow bridge, and attendants will be present to stop road traffic during this point.

Following the Walk, refreshments will be provided outdoors at The Mill. There will be open bonfires and music at this location. The Mill can be accessed via a ramp. There is a small step between the main entrance and the bathrooms.

With the exception of service animals, no pets are allowed on site.

The event is not scent-free.

Transportation

We will be providing round-trip transportation from Charlottetown to New Glasgow for those who require it. Seating is limited, pre-registration is required. There is no cost for this service. Signup for transportation [here](#).

First Aid

Production team members will be identified at the beginning of the walk and will be carrying first aid kits. If you require access to a first aid kit at The Mill, please ask anyone working behind one of our event tables and they will assist you.

Performance Areas and Seating

Following the Walk, some performances will be held outdoors at The Mill. These include live music and fire-dancing.

A limited number of wooden chairs will be available for seating. Attendees are also welcome to bring their own chairs or blankets.

Types of Terrain

The terrain for the Solstice Walk includes:

- grassy areas with uneven ground
- gravel areas with uneven ground
- sloping gravel areas
- paved areas with uneven ground
- sloping paved areas

Sensory Notes

The Solstice Walk features large, illuminated lanterns, and both acoustic and amplified music and singing.

If you have more questions about where and when these elements take place, please reach out to our Accessibility Coordinator at riverclydeaccess@gmail.com .

The event takes place outdoors and there will be a variety of nature sounds and potential changes in the weather.

Traffic noise can also be heard from multiple directions while visiting the performance sites. The full audience size is approximately 300 people.

We recommend wearing clothing appropriate for evening outdoor weather in December. Bring anything you need to feel comfortable outdoors in Winter weather!

People & What to Expect

The audience is approximately 300 people in total. Audience members include people of all ages. There is lots of space if you need personal space or distance from the crowd.

COVID Protocols

In PEI there is not a current mask mandate as of December 9, 2022 when we published this guide. If you are more comfortable wearing a mask, we invite you to do so! Please check current provincial mandates and recommendations for up-to-date information before attending the show.

If you are feeling unwell, have symptoms of Covid-19, or test positive for Covid-19, please do not attend the event.

What to Bring

- Warm clothing suitable to Winter weather
- A lantern, candle, or flashlight to light your way on the walk
- Anything else you need to be comfortable
- Cash, debit or credit cards, if you wish to make a donation or purchase from the bar
- Ear plugs if you are sensitive to noise

Weather

The Solstice Walk will proceed rain or shine. In the event of a significant Winter storm, the event will be moved to the following day, December 22.

Food and Drink Information

Vegetarian soup will be served (gluten-free, dairy-free) as well as some other food options. There is no charge for food items but donations are accepted. Please note that items from The Mill's regular menu will not be available for purchase at this event.

Hot Chocolate and Apple Cider will be available by donation. A festive mulled wine beverage will also be available for purchase. Cash, credit and debit payment options will all be available.

If you have access needs or questions specific to the food, please let us know at riverclydeaccess@gmail.com

Common Questions

Is this a Relaxed Performance?

Unfortunately, this is not a Relaxed Performance, but the River Clyde Pageant is researching and learning how to make this possible in the future.

Is this a scent-free event?

This is not a scent-free event.

Is there a separate quiet area where folks can step away if they are overstimulated?

There is no official quiet space, but there are many areas along the walk that are quiet and removed from the path of the audience and participants in case you want to step away.

Am I required to wear a mask?

In PEI there is no mask mandate at the time of this guide being published, so you are not required to wear one. If you are more comfortable wearing a mask, we invite you to do so!

Are folks able to move around the space during the performances?

Please feel free to sit, stand, or move as needed while respecting fellow audience members and performers. Ushers will inform you of areas that should be avoided for performer and audience safety.

Will there be chairs set up for the audience?

Limited outdoor seating on wooden chairs will be available at The Mill for performances there. Seating is also available indoors at The Mill.

Are there any changes of levels in the ground at the venue?

Yes, the terrain is uneven in places.

Will there be any loud noises?

Yes, there will be some amplified singing and music in the performance.

What are the COVID Protocols for this event?

If you are feeling unwell or test positive for Covid-19, please do not attend the performance.



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