

## A decade ago, the Glasgow Murals Trail was launched to "rejuvenate the streets and revitalise buildings" in the city.

Today, there are dozens of colourful murals across the wider city that have become a big attraction for locals and tourists alike. Artists are encouraged to get involved in this Glasgow City Council initiative by applying to a city centre Mural Fund. Some have designed and painted multiple murals, including graffiti art legends Smug and Rogue-One.

While murals continue to be added to the walls of the city, there are plenty that can be visited as part of a walking or running route.

A Mural Trail of Glasgow, supported by the city council, has a suggested walk of around five miles to 24 murals. Another route on the website, Walk Highlands, outlines a 5.75-mile trail starting at Buchanan Street.

Many running groups are also creating their own routes to see the murals. Recently, I joined friends at my Glasgow Triathlon Club to run eight miles to see more than 20 murals. The route links Cowcaddens to Partick. Use the subways and the train stations to access the start and end points. Here are some of the great sites along the Glasgow Murals route.

**1 Shadow Hand Puppets Cowcaddens**  
Rogue-One, a graffiti artist from Glasgow, got together with the gallery Art Pistol to

create the mural that has revamped the underpass at Cowcaddens. It creates a striking image the length of the underpass to the subway station.

**2 Hip Hop Marionettes John Street**

This is just one of Rogue-One's many murals around the city. Taking inspiration from the cover of an album by the hip hop band the Beastie Boys, and a

**WALL ART**  
St Mungo mural

Run DMC picture, the marionettes were born.

**3 Four Seasons Ingram Street**

This huge mural created by Smug (Sam Bates) depicts all types of animals found in Glasgow's parks and green spaces. They seem to appear out of holes in the wall of the building.

**4 University of Strathclyde**

The Wonderwall murals are part of an artwork on a university building. The works celebrate the people of the University of Strathclyde and their achievements. Almost 200 metres long and incorporating three seven-storey gables, the project was completed by Art Pistol with Rogue-One and Ejek.

**5 St Enoch and Child High Street**

Australian artist Smug is behind another impressive mural, said to "complement the mature image of a modern day St Mungo". Kentigern, known as Mungo, was an apostle of the Scottish Kingdom of Strathclyde in the late Sixth Century, and the founder and patron saint of the city of Glasgow. The mural is a contemporary interpretation of the city's founding story with St Thenué/Enoch cradling her beloved St Kentigern/Mungo.

**6 St Mungo High Street**

Another mural by Smug depicts Glasgow's patron saint, St Mungo, in modern-day clothes.

**7 Wellpark Brewery Duke Street**

Smug has been at work again, this time to create a series of murals at the home of Tennent's lager. The wall showcases the brand's history, from its old school marketing through to modern-day Glaswegian banter.



**MURAL MURAL ON THE WALL**  
Clockwise from left: Study of a Woman in Black, The Big Yin, Shadow Hand Puppets, Dansken equatorial telescope (part of University of Strathclyde Wonderwall), and Saint Luke's & the Winged Ox



Have you tried?

# Hitting the walls



**FIONA RUSSELL**

Take a walk or a run around many of Glasgow's fantastic street murals

**8 St Luke's & the Winged Ox Bain St**

The Smug artwork is found on the superb gig venue, pub and restaurant.

**9 Barrowlands The Barras**

A number of murals in the area include the beautiful Barras Pirate by Rogue-One, located on Ross Street. Look out for the Teddy Tunnock, King of the Barras mural, too.

**10 Big Yin Gallowgate**

BBC Scotland commissioned three portraits to mark 75th birthday of Billy Connolly, which have been turned into murals.

**11 Billy Connolly Old Wynd**

John Byrne painted the original, turned into mural by Rogue-One and Art Pistol.

**12 Study of a woman in Black Saltmarket**

A James Klinge mural shows a portrait of an anonymous subject. A companion piece to his work in Bridgegate Path.

**13 The Gorbals Vampire St Luke's Place**

The mural remembers the mysterious case from six decades ago. It is the culmination of a project by Ella Bryson, 16, winner of a ScottishPower Foundation competition with Citizens Theatre, and Art Pistol.

**14 The Clutha Bridgegate**

Rogue-One, Art Pistol and Ejek created mural on the walls of the Clutha Vaults pub. The artworks pay homage to the history of the area and a variety of personalities who visited this iconic location. Tragically, in November 2013, 10 people died when a police helicopter crashed into the Clutha.

**15 Glasgow's Tiger River Clyde north side**

James Klinge, formerly known as Klingatron, collaborated with Art Pistol to re-imagine original tiger design that was here.

**16 Dr Connolly, I Presume Osbourne St**

By Rogue-One, one of the commemorative Billy Connolly murals. It is a reproduction of the Jack Vettriano painting.

**17 The Swimmer Broomielaw**

One of the first murals painted by Smug, this celebrates Glasgow's 2014 Commonwealth Games.

**18 The Glasgow Girls Anderston**

Painted by @inkiegraffiti as part of the #Yardworks2018 event.

See: GTC run - Glasgow mural trail, on Strava for the route and Glasgow Street Murals Run on [www.fionaoutdoors.co.uk](http://www.fionaoutdoors.co.uk)

**GEAR OF THE WEEK**  
Compressport's new Full Socks range includes three styles. Full Socks Oxygen are the lightest, most ventilated with "barefoot performance technology". Full Socks Race & Recovery offer muscle support and rapid recovery. Full Socks Detox Recovery have eucalyptus and pine tree wood pulp fibres. From £40, see [www.compressport.com](http://www.compressport.com) and online stores.

