



Derbyhaven - Port St Mary

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Start

Ronaldsway Flying Club
Grid Reference NGR SC 290683

Finish

Port St Mary Alfred Pier
Grid Reference NGR SC 211672

Distance

19.5 km / 12 miles

Terrain

Low lying coastal footpath reasonably flat all of the way with some road and track walking.

Family Friendly Section

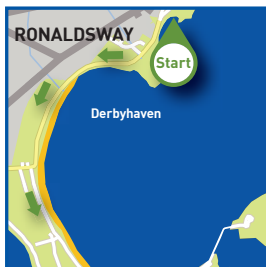
Derbyhaven and Langness, Scarlett through to Port St Mary

Highest point


20 metres / 66 feet

Public Transport links to/from Port St Mary

- Bus Services 1, 1H, 2, 2A, 11, 12 & 12A serving Douglas and Port Erin
- Isle of Man Steam Railway serving Douglas and Port Erin



On this stretch the footpath follows the sea's edge with views over rugged, rocky outcrops and wide sheltered bays. There are coastal plants, seabirds and ducks in abundance. Leaving the massive Norwegian granite blocks which protect the airport's runway extension, you head past the site of the Battle of Ronaldsway (AD 1275) and then round the shallow, sandy bay at Derbyhaven onto Langness peninsula. Make time to divert onto **St Michael's Isle / Fort Island** and see the 12th century chapel and civil war fort. There are often seals in the water here.

Returning to Langness follow the signs  to the eastern coast across the golf course and you'll see the ragged fingers of rock which wrecked so many ships along this shore. Passing the lighthouse on the southern end of Langness, make your way along the road and onto the shingle beach-side path which was an early horse racing course for the Earls of Derby. This whole area is full of history as you head to Castletown: **Hango Hill**, King William's College and then Castletown itself, the former capital of the Island with the **Nautical Museum**, the **Old House of Keys**, the **Old Grammar School** and at its heart – **Castle Rushen**. The bedrock here is limestone and as you head onto Scarlett Head there are also some volcanic stones. To your right are buildings from the WW2 radar station and then another Iron Age promontory fort at **Close ny Chollagh**.

If you have time, take the road from Poyllvaish to Chapel Hill, **Balladoole** and its Iron Age fort, Viking ship burial and Christian keeill as well as views right round the south of the Island and to Snaefell and North Barrule in the north. Back beside the sea, follow the exposed coastline around Carrick Bay to the sheltered harbour of Port St Mary.



The Raad ny Foillan in 12 stages:

- 1 Douglas - Derbyhaven
- 2 Derbyhaven - Port St Mary
- 3 Port St Mary - Port Erin
- 4 Port Erin - Niarbyl
- 5 Niarbyl - Peel
- 6 Peel - Kirk Michael
- 7 Kirk Michael - Jurby
- 8 Jurby - Point of Ayre
- 9 Point of Ayre - Ramsey
- 10 Ramsey - Maughold
- 11 Maughold - Laxey
- 12 Laxey - Douglas

