



Maughold - Laxey

Start

Maughold Church
Grid Reference NGR SC 494916

Finish

Laxey Promenade
Grid Reference NGR SC 442837

Distance

14 km / 8.5 miles

Terrain

Undulating coastal walk with some stretches inland on country roads.

Family Friendly Section

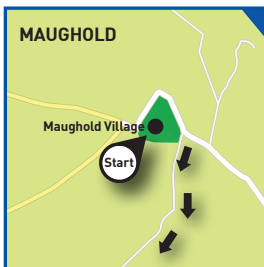
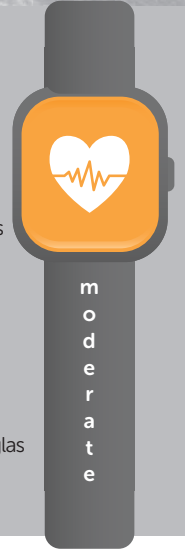
Heritage Trail in Laxey

Highest point

210 metres / 689 feet

Public Transport links to/from Laxey

- Bus Service 3, 3A to Ramsey and Douglas
- Manx Electric Railway to Ramsey and Douglas (via Dhoon and Laxey)

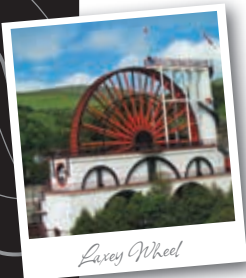


If you didn't take the opportunity to explore **Maughold Village, Church, Churchyard** and **Crosshouse** have a look before you start today. Your route then takes you on a farm track, past a lime kiln and then down to the coast near where mining for iron ore took place. Follow the path right by the coast and enjoy views back to Maughold Lighthouse.

As you make your way into Port Mooar, heavy erosion makes the path hard to find and sometimes very wet. From Port Mooar you come inland to follow country roads that rise up above Ballafayle.

Take time here to explore the **Neolithic Burial Cairn**, the **Quaker Burial Ground** and the memorial to Sir Charles Kerruish which gives stunning views back over Maughold Head and beyond to the Lake District and Cumbria. As you head downhill take in the view of North Barrule and the ridge that leads to Snaefell. Head down the Cornaa valley, passing the bellite works, to the shingle banks at Port Cornaa then follow the country road towards Dhoon Glen and if time allows explore the glen – or look for the electric trams which run on the track beside you.

Climbing up and across the railway and main road you reach the Ballaragh Road heading for Laxey. Views across Laxey Bay, and then of Snaefell, begin to appear. A steep descent leads you to Laxey harbour: a small fishing harbour from which the lead and zinc of the Great Laxey mines was shipped to South Wales for smelting. There is a heritage trail following the Laxey river which leads from the harbour up to the **Great Laxey Wheel**: the largest working waterwheel in the world.



Laxey Wheel

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

