

6. Laxey Cycle Route

Distance	6 Miles
Terrain	Mainly B roads
Major Climbs	Laxey to Ballaquine
Traffic	You will encounter some busy traffic in and around Laxey.
Facilities	There are various shops, cafes, restaurants and public toilets within the Laxey area.
Points of Interest	King Orry's Grave; Laxey Wheel & Mines Trail; Laxey Glen Gardens; Laxey Woollen Mills.



One of the shortest cycle trails and also one of great scenic beauty, but the initial climb is not for the faint-hearted! The route has several steep ascents and descents into pretty river valleys, where the road is very narrow and demanding.

Start at Laxey station and New Road (A2), taking the steep hill next to the filling station in the direction of Baldhoon. This is extremely steep to begin with before climbing more steadily. The road is narrow and cuts a tortuous path through numerous tributary valleys until it reaches the B12, where you turn left. After the dip, follow the road round to the right (signed Laxey) and down the hill towards the coast.

Half a mile after passing the church on your left, turn right at the T-junction and almost immediately, go sharp left on to the main coast road.

Pass Fairy Cottage and South Cape, forking right down Old Laxey Hill. Within half a mile, you will reach Old Laxey at the Shore Hotel, where turning right into Tent Road will show you the old harbour and Laxey promenade. You can return to the Shore Hotel along Shore Road. Cross the old bridge over Laxey River and go left up Glen Road, at first following the river. Cross the river next to Laxey Woollen Mills, proceed up Church Hill and under the railway bridge, turning sharp right to return to Laxey station.

