

3. Peel Cycle Route

Distance	10 Miles / 6 Miles
Terrain	Mainly A roads
Major Climbs	St John's to Snuff the Wind
Traffic	You will encounter busy main roads in and around Peel and St John's.
Facilities	There are various shops, cafes, restaurants and public toilets within the Peel, St John's and Glen Maye area.
Points of Interest	Peel Castle; St German's Cathedral; Leece Museum; House of Manannan; Tynwald National Park and Arboretum; Garey ny Cloie Gardens; Tynwald Hill; Tynwald Mills shopping centre; Snuff the Wind mine; Glen Maye Waterfall, glen and beach.

GREEN
EASY

BLUE
MODERATE

Peel and its surrounding area should feature in everyone's Isle of Man cycle plans. As well as giving you an introduction to this historic port and its impressive castle, this trail takes you through the picturesque villages of St John's and Glen Maye, with spectacular views on the climb up to 'Snuff the Wind' lead mine ruins.

Starting at the House of Manannan on Peel's harbourside, continue seawards along the quay and promenade until you reach the Creg Malin Hotel. Turn right up Walpole Road, right again at the top of the hill, then left shortly afterwards onto Church Street (signposted Douglas and South). At the far end of Church Street, turn left into Derby Road and follow this route out of Peel. Passing Poortown Quarry on your left, go round the double bend then shortly afterwards, turn right into a narrow lane going steeply downhill to a stone bridge over the River Neb.

A short deviation to the left immediately after the bridge takes you to Tynwald Mills shopping centre. Staying on the route, carry on along the narrow road through the trees until you reach the junction with the main Douglas to Peel Road. Here, you will see Tynwald Hill, Parliament Field and St John's Church on your left. Crossing the road, continue straight on until you come to a sharp right-hand turn. For an easier ride, go straight on along the Patrick Road from here, rejoining the route at Patrick village. Otherwise, turn left and head up the Gleneedle Road. The route continues up the hill, which is very steep in places. Ignore the next left turn and continue down over the ford and up the next steep hill through the cattle grid. On reaching the T-junction on the brow of the hill near the old mine ruins, turn right. One and a half miles later, you begin the two-mile descent into Glen Maye village: take care here as the road is narrow and winding. Emerging in Glen Maye village, a short detour down the hill will take you to Glen Maye glen, waterfall and beach (via the Waterfall Hotel car park).

Returning to the route, go along the A27 towards Peel. After a couple of miles, you will come to Patrick village. Carry on past the Raggatt glen over the River Neb and up the hill into Peel. Go straight on along Glenfaba Road and Patrick Street until you come to the left hand turn down Station Hill. This will bring you back to the House of Manannan.

