

5. Port Erin Cycle Route

Distance	14 Miles / 21 Miles
Terrain	Mainly A roads
Major Climbs	Port Erin to Cregneash, Bradda East, Sound to Cregneash
Traffic	You will encounter some busy traffic in and around the Port Erin area.
Facilities	There are various shops, cafes, restaurants and public toilets within the Port Erin, Cregneash and Sound area.
Points of Interest	Port Erin Railway Museum; Meayll Circle; Cregneash National Folk Museum; Viking ship burial ground at Balladoole; Milner's Tower (Bradda Head).



This route introduces you to the magnificent coastal scenery of the Island's South-West, culminating in The Sound, with its views over to the Calf of Man. This is also a great place for spotting seabirds and Grey Seals.

Beginning at Port Erin Steam Railway Station, turn left along Station Road towards the bay. Turn right at the corner and follow the road past the turn for Bradda Glen Café, after which it climbs to the right. After another two miles (along Bradda Road), you will reach Ballafesson. To visit Fleshwick bay, a rugged cove flanked by towering cliffs, take the left turn signposted Surby and Fleshwick.

Continuing from Ballafesson, after a further quarter of a mile, turn left onto the A7 Port Erin to Douglas Road. Continue straight on at the mini-roundabout at Ballakillowey and ride through the villages of Colby and Ballabeg. Remain on the A7 until 'A7 Douglas' is shown as a left turn. At this point, carry straight on to the A28 (Castletown). Passing close by Ballabeg railway stop, ride to the southern end of the Ballakaighen Straight. Turn right onto the A5 (a fast main road). After a quarter of a mile, turn left through stone gate pillars, where Pooill Vaish is signposted. You will pass the gate leading to Balladoole Viking burial site. When you reach the coast at a T-junction, turn right, following the rocky coastline until you rejoin the main A5 road at the bottom of Fisher's Hill.

Turn left, still following the coastline along Bay ny Carrickey. This is a busy main road with fast traffic. At the end of the promenade, follow the road bearing right and inland. After half a mile, you will reach a crossroads. If you want to visit Port St Mary village, bear left here. If not, go straight across and follow Plantation Road, climbing steeply until you come to Cregneash. To visit The Sound, follow the road South (be aware that it is a long, slow climb back up to the village). Otherwise, take the right hand turn opposite the village border, passing the Meayll Circle on your right as you head for Port Erin. A steep, winding descent brings you out onto the promenade. Turn right, then right again up the hill to rejoin Station Road. As this is a one-way street, you will have to dismount for the short walk back to the Railway Station.

