



Jurby - Point of Ayre

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Start

Sartfield Beach
Grid Reference NGR SC 352997

Finish

Point of Ayre Lighthouse
Grid Reference NGR NX 467049

Distance

13.5km/8.5 miles

Terrain

Beach walking on sand and shingle with the option to walk on heathland around the Ayres

Family Friendly Section

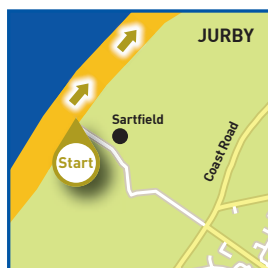
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Highest point

8 metres / 26 feet

Public Transport links to/from Bride

- No direct public transport links - closest bus stop is in nearby Bride Village.
- Infrequent bus services 17, 17K, 18, 18K & 20 from Bride to Ramsey



From Sartfield you head along the beach on sand and shingle for virtually the whole route. If that is too hard going for you, then at the Ayres it is possible to come a little inland and then follow one of the many paths which run parallel with the beach amongst the lichen heath – an unusual mix of heather and lichens. This whole area is rich in birdlife and care should be taken to avoid disturbing birds during the nesting season (especially the arctic terns!). The sands and gravels you see were deposited by retreating glaciers at the end of the last ice age and are now being eroded by the waves and then redeposited to the north and east of the Island.

Take care crossing the Lhen Trench, especially near high tide as the flow of water can be strong. The Point of Ayre lighthouse at the northernmost tip of the Isle of Man is a real landmark with the rounded ridges of shingle banks all around it.



Please check tide timetable before setting off as access is restricted at high tide

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

