

A Grand Day Out

Gradual climbs, flowing singletrack and exhilarating descents through some of the Island's oldest plantations make this route the ideal choice for the experienced mountain biker looking for a perfect day well spent.

Grading:	Difficult
Distance:	Approximately 18.5 miles
Start:	Electric tram station at the Bungalow
Estimated time	4-5 hours

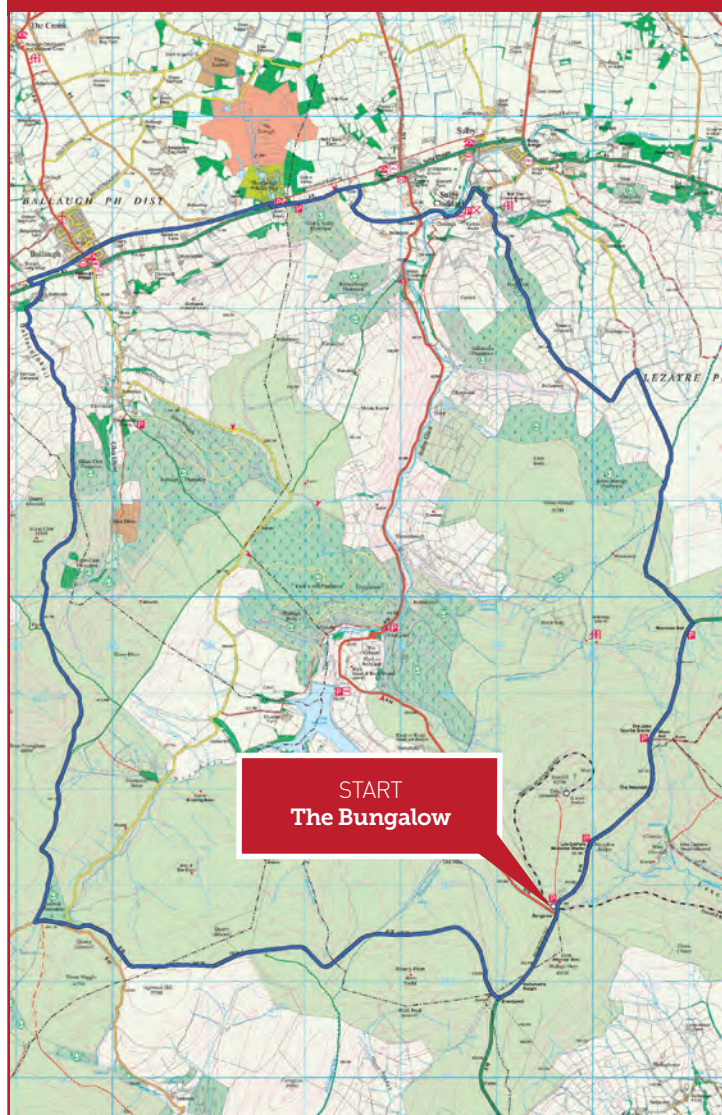
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Route

- Starting from the electric tram station at the Bungalow, at the foot of Snaefell, head North on the TT course until you reach a gate and marshals shelter on your left. Turn off the tarmac and from here you will be enjoying views over the Northern Plain.
- Head North on the old greenway losing height, across the wooden boards protecting a sensitive Narradale bog through the gate before taking the left fork in the old track and the rutted track down to a wall where you follow the track to the West, through some gates and then down towards Ohio Plantation. Take your time to look at the amount of old highways used to cross the Island many years ago.
- At Ohio plantation either follow the steep fire track down or deviate carefully on the unmarked single tracks winding your way to the bottom of the plantation while testing your downhill skills.
- At the bottom turn right eventually coming out at the Claddagh's campsite. Head through here back to the TT course where you will then head West towards the wildlife park which can provide a great rest stop before you head on your way.
- Find the old St Johns to Peel railway line just before in front of the park's gate and then follow this into Ballaugh while enjoying the flat section before the next climb.
- At Ballaugh re-join the TT course (convenience store here to restock food and water or the Raven Hotel for a more civilised stop), over the humpback bridge and approx. 200 metres along the TT course take the left by the sheltered accommodation and just keep heading up and up.
- This tarmac climb soon gives way to a track and takes you up a steep climb up the Ballacob onto open moorland singletrack with extensive views all around. At the cattle grid keep heading South up and over 2 crests on the gravel track before the descent to the tarmac of the B10. Here turn left past a remote cottage and its tarmac all the way back along a gentle traverse back to the Bungalow station where you started.

Route map



Best bits

- Testing your downhill skills through Ohio Plantation
- The old St John's to Peel railway line
- Panoramic views from the top of Ballacob