

St Lukes and Windy Corner

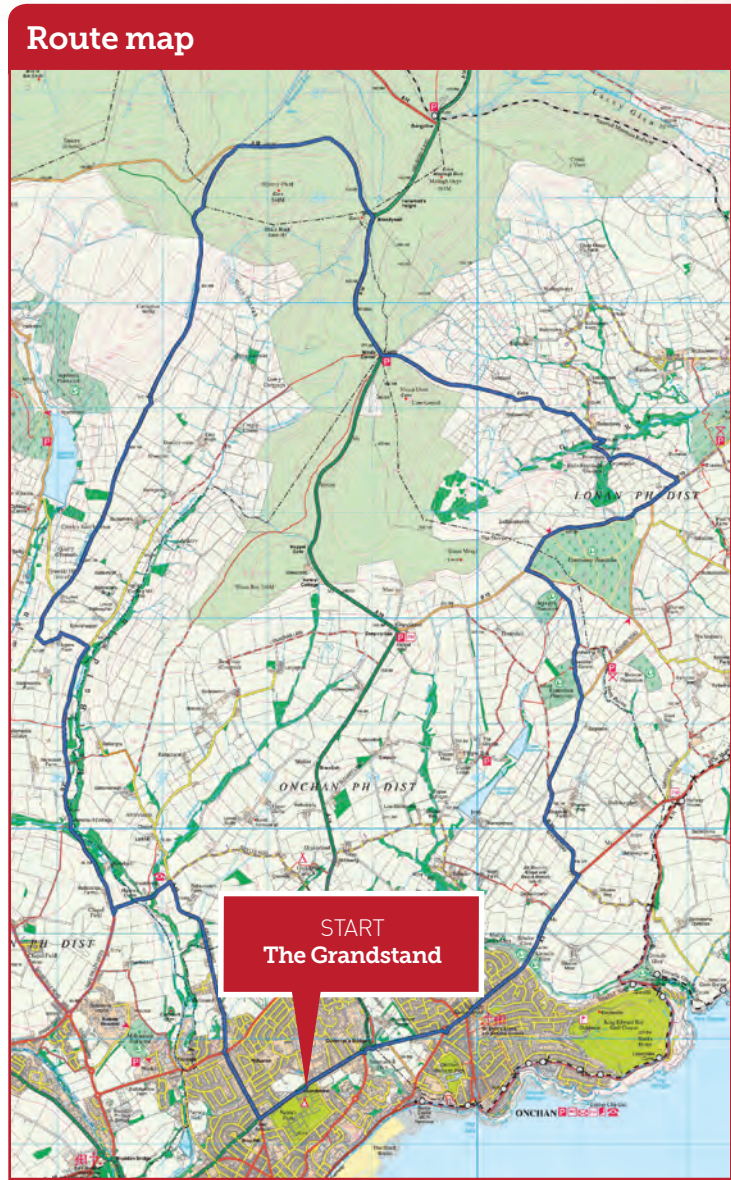
Secluded valleys, epic climbs and searing descents make this a perfect choice for the experienced rider. Round things off with a stop at the summit of the Island's only true mountain whilst marveling at the views and enjoying a well deserved snack.

Grading:	Difficult
Distance:	Approximately 17 miles
Start:	St Johns
Estimated time	4-5 hours

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Route

1. This route starts and finishes at the grandstand in the capital of Douglas and loos around the wilder places of the Isle of Man giving you a taster of middle of the Island.
2. Heading South from the Grandstand take the right at the crossroads by the garage and head out into the country on quiet country lanes down over a bridge and up into the green and wooded Baldwin valley.
3. Look for the steep climb to the left and make you way to St Luke Church, possibly the most isolated church in the Island.
4. Follow the millennium way route up a track looking out for the site of the old Tynwald Hill on your left before heading up and up.
5. Once at the top you will see the views of the centre of the Isle of Man over Ramsey and onto Scotland and Northern Island before hitting the tarmac for a simple traverse round to the Mountain Road and the TT course.
6. A small diversion here takes you to the mountain railway station at the Bungalow for a trip up the only mountain on the Isle of Man which in true Victorian style has a café at the top.
7. Otherwise follow the TT course towards Douglas as far as Windy corner where you drop onto a track taking winding your way towards Conrhenny Plantation (worth a tour around for its dedicated MTB trails) and the tracks behind it into Douglas.



Best bits

- Enjoying the quiet country lanes around Baldwin Valley
- Panoramic mountain views from the top of Brandywell
- Conrhenny Plantation mountain bike trails