



Ballasalla Station, Castletown, Derbyhaven and Port Grenaugh

A spectacular walk through towns, along rivers, coastline and beaches, with castles and museums on the way. Make a day of it, take a picnic and just enjoy the beauty that surrounds you.

RAILWAY WALKS

2 MODERATE

Distance:	10.1 miles
Start:	Ballasalla Station (<i>Outdoor Leisure Map Ref: 281 699</i>)
Finish:	Castletown Harbour (<i>Outdoor Leisure Map Ref: 266 671</i>)
By Steam Railway:	Take the steam train starting from Douglas or Port Erin, alight at Ballasalla Station.
By Bus:	Services 1, 1A, 2, 10, 10A, 11, 11A, 12, 12A connect Douglas or Port Erin with Ballasalla. Services 8 & 8A connect Ballasalla with Foxdale and Peel.

Facilities (subject to opening hours)

Ballasalla:	Public toilets, public houses, restaurant, general stores
Castletown:	Public toilets, public houses, restaurants, cafés, general stores

Route

- Turn right out of Ballasalla Station and then turn right at the roundabout in Ballasalla village heading towards Douglas. After 300 yards take the farm track on the right leading to Ballahick Farm.
- Walk past the farm and then join the A12, a minor road.
- Turn left and continue along here for just under a mile going past the quarry as the track becomes a footpath. You will walk past an ancient chapel and burial ground before crossing Santon Burn.
- Continue past an old farmhouse Arragon Veg where the track becomes a little-used lane. Continue along here for a mile, past Kirk Santon, until you will reach the A25.
- Turn right and after 300 yards turn right again down the lane leading to Port Grenaugh.
- Turn right onto the beach and take the footpath climbing up to the cliff top, following the *Raad ny Foillan* (coastal footpath).
- The tiny bay of Port Soldrick is accessible after one mile.
- Continue along the cliff top for another mile to reach Santon Gorge. At low tide it may be possible to cross the stream here, but if not walk inland alongside the river to the footbridge used earlier.
- Cross the river and continue on the coastal footpath.
- After 0.8 miles join the minor road through Derbyhaven. Follow the road to the right, alongside the airport. Continue along this road, past Hango Hill into Castletown.
- Castletown Station is a few minutes walk from Castletown Harbour along the river.

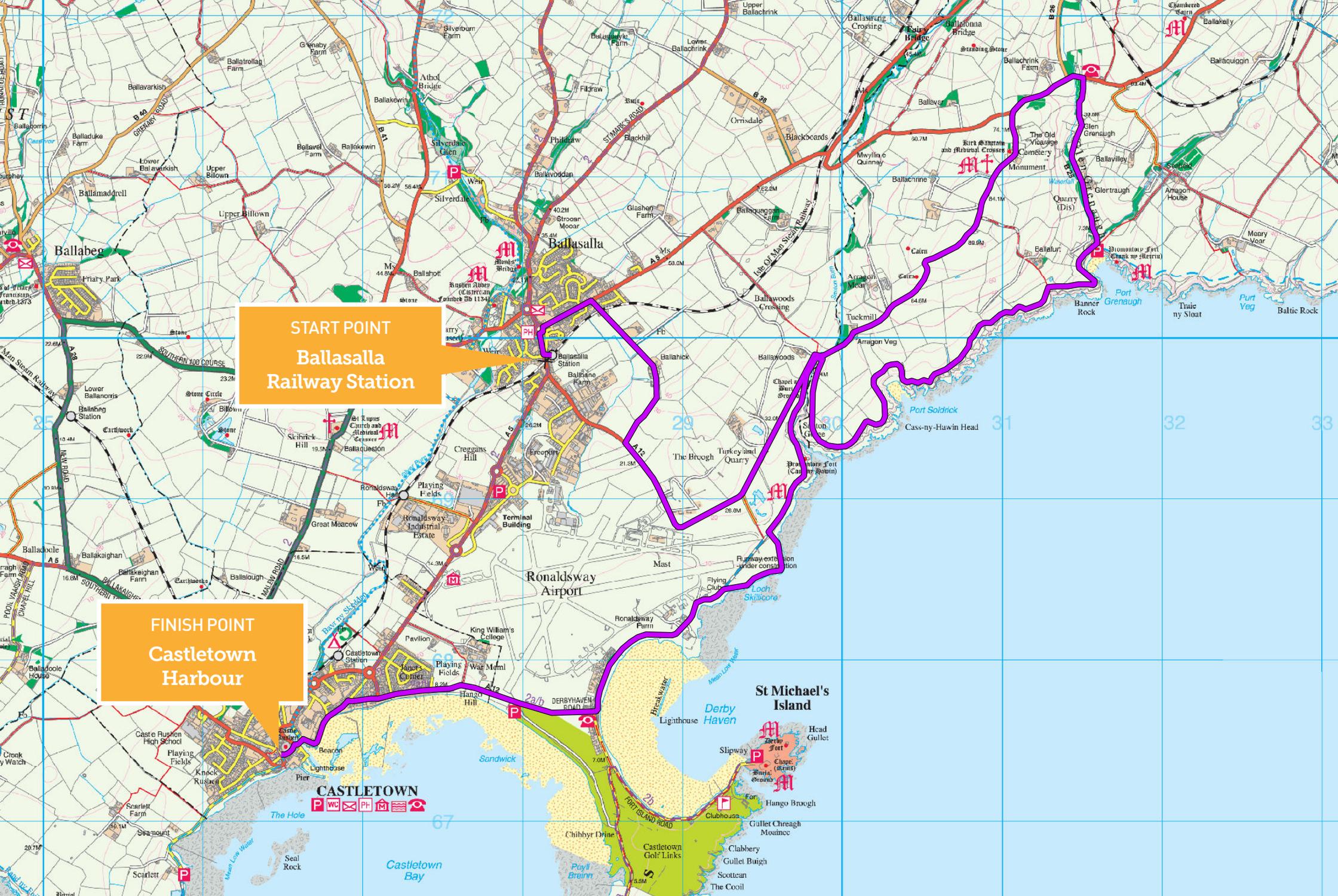


Points of Interest

Ballasalla: Rushen Abbey

Castletown: Nautical Museum, Old House of Keys, Old Grammar School, Castle Rushen

On walk: Chapel and Burial Ground, Kirk Santon and Medieval Crosses, Hango Hill



START POINT
Ballasalla
Railway Station

FINISH POINT
Castletown
Harbour