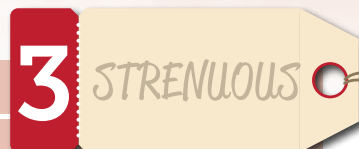




Laxey, Agneash, Snaefell, Millennium Way, Sky Hill, Ramsey

This walk takes you to the highest point on the Island, Snaefell, across open moors via the Millennium Way to the north of the Island with spectacular views throughout.

RAILWAY WALKS



Distance:	12.5 miles
Start:	Laxey Station (<i>Outdoor Leisure Map Ref: 431 858</i>)
Finish:	Ramsey Station (<i>Outdoor Leisure Map Ref: 452 942</i>)
By Manx Electric Railway:	Take the tram starting from Douglas or Ramsey, alight at Laxey Station
By Bus:	Services 3 and 3A connect Douglas with Laxey and Ramsey

Facilities (subject to opening hours)

Laxey:	Public toilets, several cafés and public houses, village shops
Snaefell Summit:	Public toilets, café
Ramsey:	Public toilets, independent shops, cafés and public houses, tearooms at Milntown, Grove Museum

Route

1. Leaving Laxey Station, cross the railway lines and the A2 following the signs for Laxey Wheel. Continue past Ham and Egg Terrace, built to house Laxey's miners, as the road climbs up towards the entrance of the Laxey Wheel. Stay on this steep and quiet lane for 1 mile to the hamlet of Agneash.
2. Turn left at the phone box and small village green, taking the rough track through the valley, heading towards Snaefell. Continue along here for 1.8 miles.
3. When you reach the disused Mine Captain's House take the signposted footpath on the right which steeply climbs up to open moorland for 0.4 miles.
4. Turn left at the footpath junction heading towards the TT Mountain Road, 0.5 miles.
NOTE: The Mountain Road must not be crossed when the road is closed for racing!
5. Cross the Mountain Road (with care as this is a fast section) and take the unofficial, but clearly defined, footpath behind the parking area of the John Smythe Shelter. This footpath takes you to the Summit of Snaefell.
6. From Snaefell Summit take the footpath down to the Bungalow. Cross the Snaefell Mountain Railway line and turn right onto the quiet A14. A little over a mile turn right onto the Millennium Way.
7. Keeping the Tholt-y-Will Plantation on your left, the well-signposted path soon descends into the deep valley of Block Eary and crosses a small stream.
8. After 0.5 miles you pass some shielings. These are the ancient remains of Manx shepherds' summer dwellings, which are preserved as low circular mounds. About 30 survive just to the right of the track at Map Ref 400896. The path then bears slightly to the right, with Slieau Managh on your left as you head towards the ruined farm at Park ne Earken.
9. The track is very rocky in places as it starts to descend Sky Hill and becomes steeper as you enter Sky Hill Plantation. The Millennium Way finishes on the A3 at the foot of Sky Hill.
10. Turn right, walking past Milntown Estate, into Ramsey. When you reach the traffic lights, go straight ahead to Ramsey town centre. The station can be found over to your right at the very end of the main shopping street.

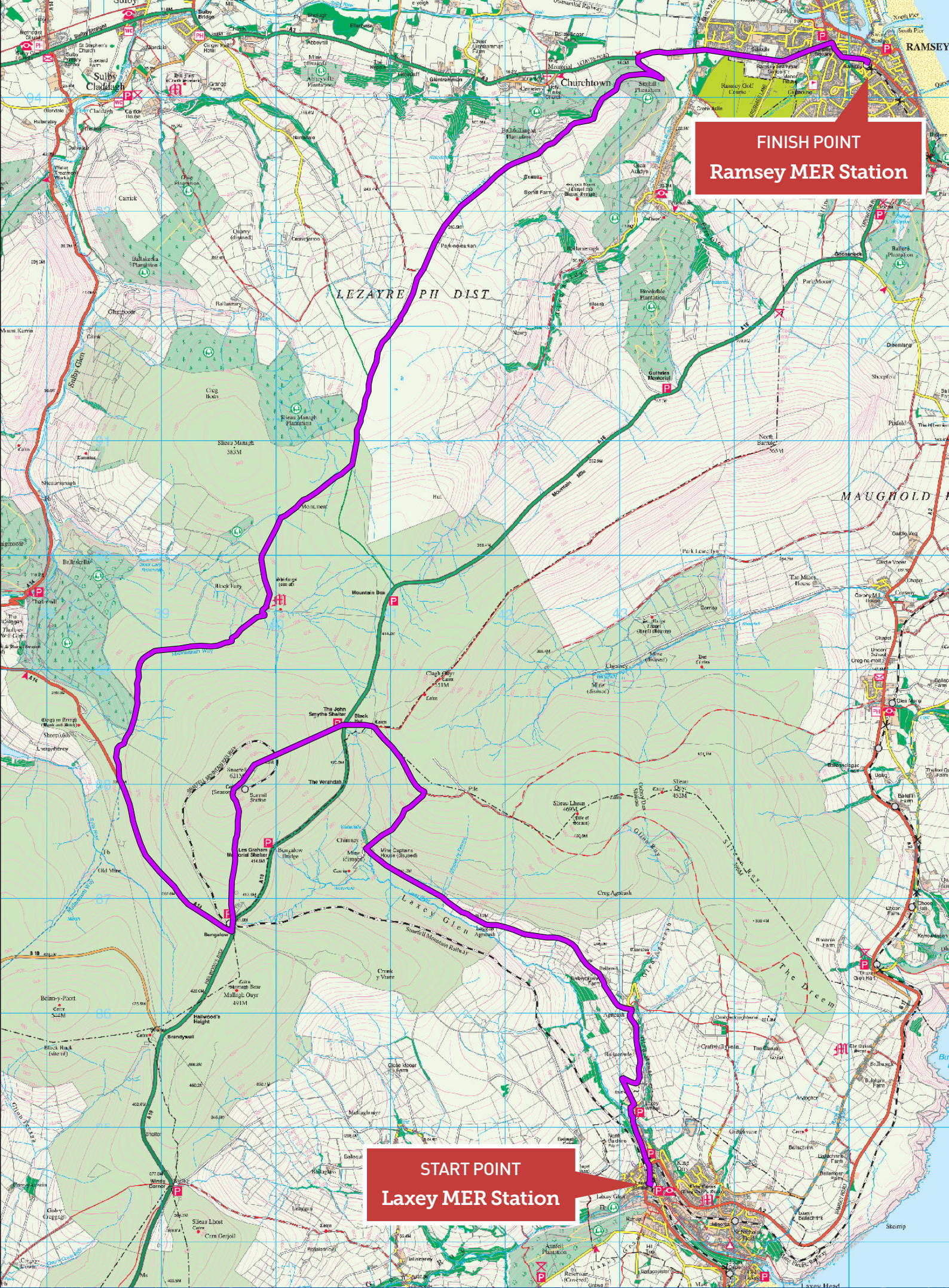
Points of Interest

Laxey: The Great Laxey Wheel, Snaefell Wheel and the Washing Floors, Laxey Woollen Mill, Great Laxey Mines Railway, Victorian Laxey Glen Gardens, King Orry's Grave

Snaefell: Snaefell Mountain Railway

Ramsey: Ramsey Heritage Centre, Ramsey Harbour and Swing Bridge, Milntown Estate and Gardens, Grove Museum of Victorian Life

(subject to opening hours and admission costs where applicable)



FINISH POINT
Ramsey MER Station

START POINT
Laxey MER Station