



Port St Mary - Port Erin

Start

Port St Mary Alfred Pier
Grid Reference NGR SC211672

Finish

Port Erin Bay
Grid Reference NGR SC 190689

Distance

11 km / 7 miles

Terrain

Undulating coastal walk, one of the best coastal walks in the British Isles!
Take extra care in strong winds.

Family Friendly Section

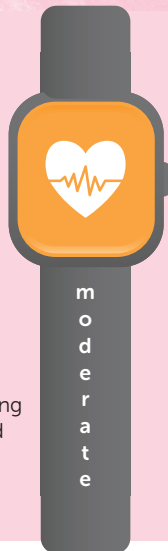
Sound to Port Erin

Highest point

143 metres / 469 feet

Public Transport links to/from Port Erin

- Bus Services 1, 1H, 2, 2A, 11, 12 & 12A serving Douglas (via Port St Mary, Castletown and Ballasalla)
- Isle of Man Steam Railway serving Port St Mary and Castletown from Port Erin



From the inner harbour in Port St Mary walk past the outer harbour until you get to Kallow Point.

If the tide allows, have a look at the fossilised tree stumps here and then visit the memorial to WW2 sailors on the Mona's Queen. A gentle rise takes you to Perwick Bay, through Fistard village and then onto tracks across the open fields. If you have a sure foot and a head for heights stop at the **Chasms** and explore this spectacular area.

Take your time on the footpaths and watch out for the deep splits in the rock as you head near the cliff edge to see the rock stack known as the Sugarloaf: a nesting site for kittiwakes, guillemots and razorbills.

Close by fulmars nest, and overhead you should see the acrobatic coughts. If you have time head inland on one of the footpaths leading you to the crofting village at **Cregneash** and its thatched houses. The coastal cliff top path leads around Bay Stacka, past small stream gulleys, and then on to Black Head and Spanish Head.

From Spanish Head you follow the southern coast with spectacular views over the Calf of Man, now run as a bird observatory and nature reserve. The path takes you down a steep slope and over another promontory fort at Burroo Ned to the Sound where you can enjoy the views, watch for seals at play and sometimes even see basking sharks, dolphins or porpoises. Turning onto the west coast you pick your way along the path as it rises to give a last view of the Calf of Man and then begin to see Bradda Head and **Milner's Tower**, then Port Erin Bay and the village itself. On a clear day look out to sea for the Mountains of Mourne.

Please note dogs are not permitted on the section of the footpath between the Sound and Port Erin



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

