


## 4 Glen Mooar and Glen Wyllin

Two beautiful glens, a disused Victorian railway line, an ancient site, a nature reserve and one of the Island's tallest waterfalls. What more could you want from a short walk?

Grading:	Moderate (steep and rocky in places)	
Distance:	4 miles	
Start:	Glen Wyllin Campsite Car Park	
Map Ref:	312 905	
By Car:	From Douglas, follow the A1 west to Ballacraigne. Turn right at the traffic lights and take the A3 to Kirk Michael. On entering the village, turn left along the A4 in the direction of Peel. At the foot of the hill turn right and find parking close to the beach.	
By Bus:	Services 5,5A, 5C,6A and 6C from Douglas to Ramsey, stopping in Kirk Michael.	

### Route

1. Walk past the camp site buildings and take the footpath on the right. A short climb up the wooden steps takes you to the dismantled railway track.
2. Continue along here for just under a mile, passing beneath two bridges.
3. When you reach a lane, go straight ahead passing through a gate. This footpath meanders down into Glen Mooar.
4. Cross the footbridge and turn left. You are now walking up the glen towards the waterfall.
5. At the top of the glen, turn left to visit Spooyt Vane, one of the Island's tallest waterfalls.
6. Return to the footpath and at the top of the glen go through the gate and over the footbridge.
7. Turn left, pass the parking area and take the narrow road to the right past Spooyt Vane Sunday School. Continue along here and up the hill for 0.5 miles.
8. Turn left onto the by-way sign-posted Cooil Dharry. Continue along here for one mile. Should you wish to visit the nature reserve you will pass the entrance after 0.8 miles.
9. Shortly after the nature reserve you'll walk past a few houses to reach the A4. The lane taking you back to Glen Wyllin and your start/finish point is immediately in front of you.



### TOP TIP

Finish your walk with a short diversion into Kirk Michael village where the cross slabs from Cabbal Pherick are on display at the Parish Church.

## Route Map



START / FINISH POINT  
Glen Wyllin Campsite  
Car Park

## Facilities (subject to opening hours)

- Kirk Michael - Post Office, Mitre Public House, Quayles Store, Glen Wyllin Campsite Store
- Public toilets are located at Glen Wyllin Campsite and Kirk Michael (main road)

## Points of Interest (subject to opening hours and admission charges)

- Cabbal Pherick (St Patrick's Chapel), an early Christian keeill
- Spooyt Vane waterfall

## Nature - Watch

*Cooildary Nature Reserve, owned by the Manx Wildlife Trust makes for a lovely wooded riverside walk. In springtime, the woodland floor is carpeted with primrose, wood anemone, wood sorrel, lesser celandine and bluebell.*

