



# Ballure Reservoir, Ballure Plantation, Albert Tower, Ramsey Town

A varied circular walk through a plantation and open countryside. Although this walk is steep in places and can be muddy, the views from Albert Tower make up for everything.

## RAILWAY WALKS

<b>Distance:</b>	3.5 miles	<b>2</b> MODERATE
<b>Start &amp; Finish:</b>	Ramsey Station ( <i>Outdoor Leisure Map Ref: 452 942</i> )	
<b>By Manx Electric Railway:</b>	Take the tram starting from Douglas or Laxey, alight at Ramsey	
<b>By Bus:</b>	Services 3 and 3A connect Douglas with Laxey and Ramsey	

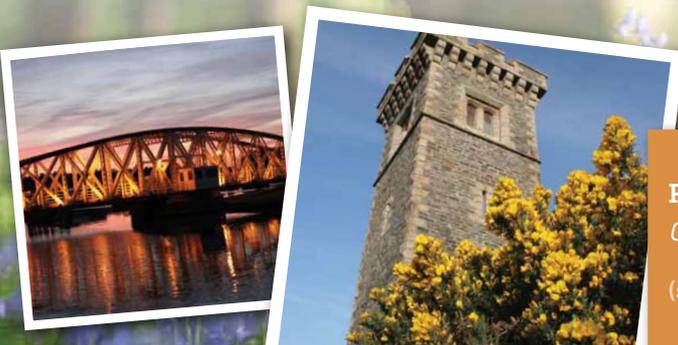
## Facilities (subject to opening hours)

<b>Ramsey:</b>	Public toilets, numerous independent shops, cafés and public houses
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## Route

1. Leave Ramsey station, turn right and walk along the main road for 0.5 miles.
2. At Ballure Bridge, where the road turns sharply left, take the single track road on the right, signed Ballure Reservoir. This narrow road climbs steeply alongside the river to reach the grassy banks of the Reservoir.
3. Climb up the grass banking and turn left, walking in front of the water's edge and through the field gate to enter the plantation. Take the track ahead, which climbs gently up through the trees. Ignore the track to your right and go through the small gate on the edge of the plantation to join the Greenway Road.
4. Turn right and follow this track, signposted Hibernia. Continue up this track, which can be steep and rough in places for 0.5 miles.
5. Proceed through the gate at the top and turn right when you reach the quiet minor road. Follow this road for 0.4 miles.
6. As you reach the Gooseneck on the Mountain Road (TT Course) join the footpath which starts behind the low wall on the right, following the road downhill.
7. Continue downhill, through the gates and over the small boardwalk, all the while keeping the road just to your left. After 400 yards you will reach a helicopter landing pad and a picnic spot ahead.
8. Enter the picnic area and find a gate over to the left, sign-posted Albert Tower. Carefully cross the road, which can be busy, following the signs to Albert Tower.
9. To continue the walk, return to the picnic area and follow the zig-zag path downhill and through a small gate as you reach the woods. Turn left, following the path down through the trees for 600 yards. Once back at Ballure Bridge, turn left and follow this road into town to return to Ramsey's Manx Electric Railway (MER) station.

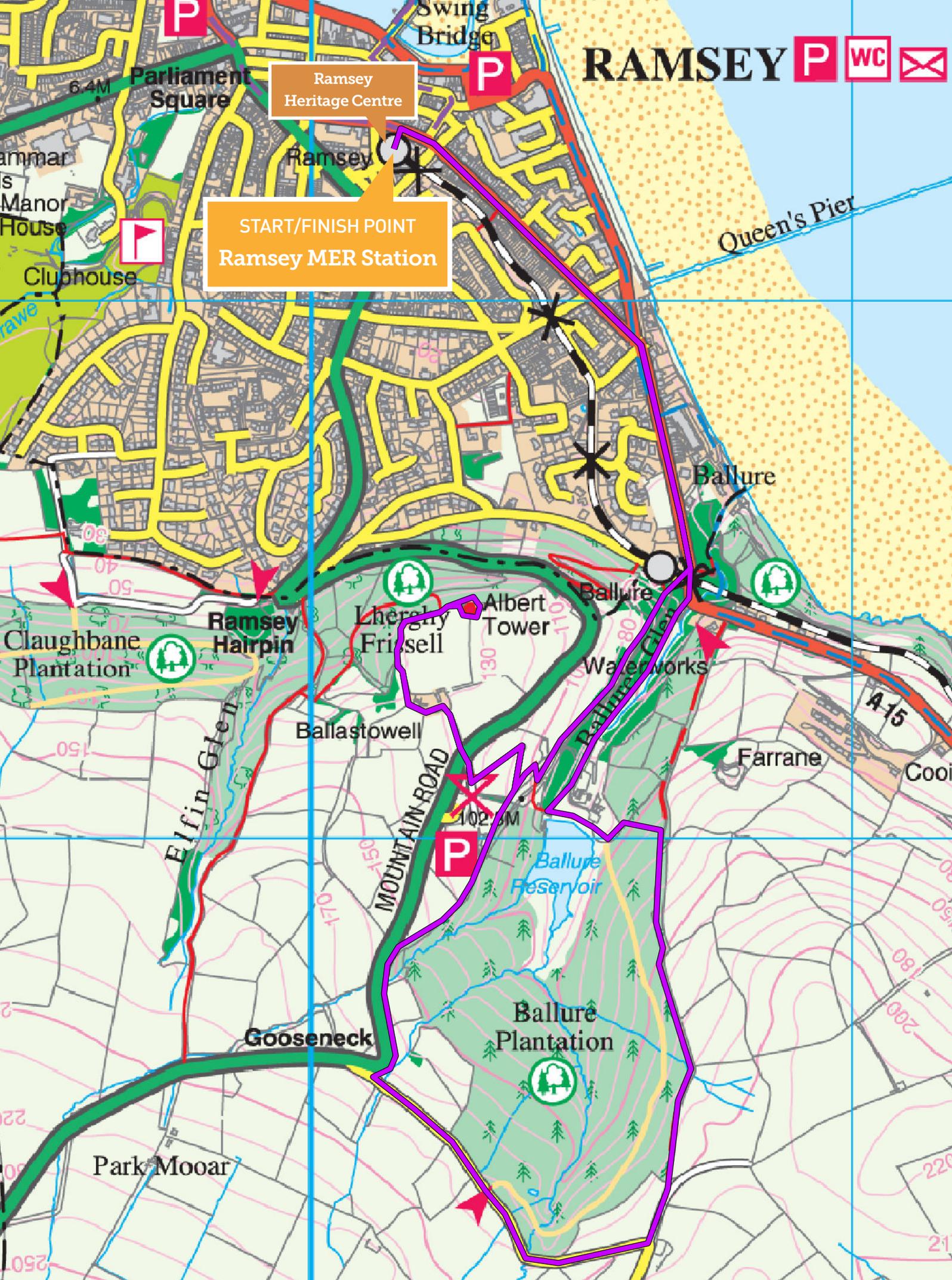
**NOTE: The Mountain Road must not be crossed when the road is closed for racing!**



## Points of Interest

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

(subject to opening hours and admission costs where applicable)



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START/FINISH POINT  
Ramsey MER Station

Ramsey  
Heritage Centre

Parliament  
Square

Ramsey

Swing  
Bridge

Queen's Pier

Ballure

Albert  
Tower

Lherghy  
Frisell

Ballure

Waterworks

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Farrane

Coole

MOUNTAIN ROAD

Ballure  
Plantation

Gooseneck

Park Mooar