

Welcome to the group visitor information for the Great Laxey Wheel, the world's largest waterwheel and Mines Trail. Here you will find everything you need to plan a visit.



The Great Laxey Wheel is the largest surviving working waterwheel of its kind in the world. Designed by the Victorian engineer, Robert Casement, the wheel was built in 1854 to pump water from the Glen Mooar part of the Great Laxey Mines industrial complex.

The impressive 22m (72.5 feet) diameter structure found immediate popularity and has remained one of the Island's most dramatic tourist attractions for over 150 years. A climb to the top of the wheel is rewarded with breath-taking views across the valley, while the mines trail displays the remains of a once thriving mines complex and offers a pleasant walk through Glen Mooar, together with an opportunity to enter a section of the mine.

Don't miss:

- Seeing the magnificence of the Great Laxey Wheel and her workings up close
- Stories of the Laxey Miners
- Panoramic views from the top of the wheel
- The chance to go into the old mine adit
- A walk through the stunning Glen Mooar Valley
- The Compressor House
- The chance to get some great photos of this unique piece of history and Victorian ingenuity

Opening hours 2024

Open from 28th March – 3rd November 2024, 9.30am – 4.30pm. Last entry 4pm

Laxey Wheel will be open for extended hours in June, July and August, 9.30am – 5pm. Last entry 4.30pm.

Timing your visit

A typical visit lasts between 1 to 1½ hours.

Admission prices 2024

Pre-booked group* £10.80 per adult

*To qualify for the pre-booked group rate, groups must consist of at least 15 people and be paid for at least 7 days in advance.

Holiday passes providing multi-site admission can be booked in advance at a discounted group rate of £30 per adult and are also available at the standard price of £35 per adult from all Manx National Heritage sites. Holiday Pass admission is only permitted on production of a valid card. Cards are valid for the named person and are not transferable. ID may also be requested. Free access is for 14 days from the first day of use on a Holiday.

A combined Go Explore Heritage card is also available to groups of 20 or more which offers, during normal operating times, unlimited access to Manx National Heritage sites and unlimited travel on the heritage railways, buses and Douglas horse trams for up to 5 days.

Free admission is available to children under 18 years of age, persons accompanying a disabled visitor, Members of the Friends of Manx National Heritage and organisations holding an agreement with Manx National Heritage. Entry available to the named member only on presentation of a valid membership card. Restrictions may apply. For details on our reciprocal arrangements, please consult your membership handbook.

Booking your visit

Pre-booking is advised and achieves a number of benefits for your group including a substantial discount on the standard admission price and speedy, hassle-free entry to the site. To book your group visit please contact the group bookings office on +44 (0)1624 648017 or enquiries@mnh.im Payment is due no later than 7 days in advance and refunds are not given once the booking and group numbers are confirmed. On receipt of payment, a group bookings permit or passes will be issued to you for presentation at the site entrance on the day of your visit.

Find us at

Wheel Hill, Mines Road, Laxey, IM4 7NL

Tel: 01624 861136

 [fighters.chickens.drilled](https://www.fighters.chickens.drilled)

How to get there

By coach/road: Follow the A2 coast road from either Onchan or Ramsey. The Great Laxey Wheel is situated in the centre of Laxey and is signposted throughout the village.

By tram: Laxey is serviced by the Manx Electric Railway from Ramsey, Douglas and Snaefell.

By bus: from Ramsey and Douglas

For timetables please see www.iombusandrail.im

Coach parking

There is no coach parking immediately adjacent to the Great Laxey Wheel. Free coach parking is available nearby in the following locations:

1. At Laxey Fire Station, situated off Mines Road. Please ensure that access routes to and from the Fire Station are not blocked and clear for use by the emergency services. This is the closest to Laxey Wheel.
2. On Mines Road.

Please note that speed limits apply in Laxey and there are some narrow roads within the village.

Access information

Please note that the site entrance is accessed via a walk through the site car park which has a moderate incline. The complex contains steps and paths with loose chippings. There is limited wheelchair access to the site although wheelchair users may require assistance due to the uneven nature of the paths.

Motorised scooters are permitted, but caution should be exercised on the uneven ground. For detailed access information please see

<https://manxnationalheritage.im/visit-2/families-2/facilities-for-families-2-2/>

Visitor information

Visitors should wear sensible footwear and keep to defined routes as surfaces may be worn, uneven or slippery.

- Souvenir kiosk
- Toilets
- Picnics can be enjoyed within the complex
- Café and public houses are available nearby

