



## Access Guide to Maughold Church & Cross House

Manx National Heritage has the guardianship of many ancient monuments in the landscape. A number of these sites are publicly accessible. We recognise that visiting the Island's ancient monuments can present difficulties for people with disabilities. We have prepared an access guide for visiting Maughold Church and Cross House to help you plan your visit.

This access guide does not contain personal opinions as to suitability for those with access needs, but aims to accurately describe the environment at the site.

### Introduction

Maughold Church and churchyard is a fascinating place to visit. It was the site of an early Christian monastery (founded 500-600AD) and contains a number of important ancient monuments. The stone wall that now surrounds the modern churchyard marks the area of the monastery enclosure. There are four ancient keeills (chapels) in the churchyard, two of which can clearly be seen (to the North and East of the churchyard).

Maughold Cross House within the churchyard contains a large collection of early Christian and Viking carved stone crosses. The Isle of Man has more than 200 of these stone memorials, which is the largest collection in the British Isles. There is also a large medieval cross inside the church.

### Getting to Maughold Church

#### Grid Reference: SC 4930 9169

**By Car:** Journey time from Douglas is approximately 40 minutes, or 10 minutes from Ramsey. From either direction travel along the Laxey coast road (A2), and follow the signposts for Maughold. Once on the Maughold road drive for approximately 3.5km to reach the village. Park by the village green.

**By bus:** There is a bus route (number 16) between Ramsey and Maughold Village. Please visit [www.iombusandrail.im](http://www.iombusandrail.im) for more detailed information.

## Access for Visitors

### Visitor Facilities:

The site is open during daylight hours.

There are benches throughout the churchyard.

There is some written interpretation on the ancient monuments within the Church and Cross House. Further information can be found online. All the Island's stone crosses have been scanned in 3D and are available at [www.imuseum.im](http://www.imuseum.im). Use the search term 'Manx Crosses'.

There are wheel chair accessible public toilets in Maughold Village. The toilets also have baby changing facilities. It is approximately a 5 minute walk from the church.



**Maughold Village Public Toilets**

**Site Access:**

Maughold Church and Cross House are accessible to visitors using wheel chairs, although the uneven paths mean assistance may be required. Much of the churchyard can also be explored.

For more details please see photographs below:

The churchyard is accessed via an outward opening wooden gate. There is ample room for wheel chair access.



**Wooden gate to access Maughold Churchyard**



**Tarmac path leading to Maughold Church. The two doors open inwards and there is level access**



**Showing level, but uneven, path surface leading to the Maughold Cross House**



**Maughold Cross House – showing level but uneven pebbled/cobbled floor covering**



**Example of the moss covered path network throughout the Churchyard**



### **Further Information:**

Please observe the Isle of Man Country Code when visiting ancient monuments in the landscape. This is to protect yourselves, the wildlife, farm animals, and to preserve the natural beauty of the Manx countryside.

Please remember that you are responsible for your own safety and for others in your care, so dress appropriately, wear stout footwear, be prepared for changes in weather and other events. We recommend letting someone else know where you are going and when you expect to return. Remember to bring your mobile phone with you, but don't assume you will always get reception at some of the more remote sites.

If you would like to speak to a member of our team about visiting Maughold Church and Cross House or other ancient monument sites please email: [enquiries@mnh.im](mailto:enquiries@mnh.im).

For more detailed information about the site please see 'A Guide to the Archaeological Sites of the Isle of Man up to 1500AD' by Andrew Johnson and Allison Fox (Culture Vannin, 2017), available to purchase from the Manx Museum Gallery Shop and online:

[www.manxnationalheritage.im](http://www.manxnationalheritage.im)