

## Access Guide to Hango Hill

Manx National Heritage has the guardianship of many ancient monuments in the landscape. A number of these sites are publicly accessible. Please note in most circumstances the land is not in the ownership of Manx National Heritage and visits are made at your own risk.

We recognise that visiting the Island's ancient monuments can present difficulties for people with disabilities. We have prepared an access guide for visiting Hango Hill 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

Like many of the Isle of Man's heritage sites, Hango Hill has served multiple purposes. The mound was originally much larger and has been eroded by the sea. This erosion revealed evidence of both Bronze Age and later Christian burials. Artefacts recovered from the site, including a Bronze-Age axe head, can be viewed in the Manx Museum.

Most infamously, the structure is known to be the site of William Christian's execution. Christian, alternatively known as Illiam Dhone, played a large role in the Isle of Man's surrender to Parliamentarian forces in 1651, towards the end of the English Civil War. After the war, Christian was captured and executed. Today, he is a controversial figure, with many unsure whether he was a traitor or a hero. Hango Hill was also used as a gun-battery, to defend the island during and beyond the Spanish War of Succession (1702-1714).

### Getting to Hango Hill

**Map Reference: SC 2760 6780**

**By Car:** From Castletown Square takes approximately five minutes. Follow Victoria Road (A5). At the roundabout, turn right towards Ballasalla and Douglas. Pass the Railway station and Garage and at the second roundabout, bear right onto Shore Road. After 180m turn left

at the junction onto The Promenade. Continue for approximately 500m and Hango Hill will be clearly visible on the right-hand side.

From Douglas takes 25-30 mins – Follow the (A5) and signs for Castletown and the Airport. Continue past the Airport and King Williams College - both on the left. Turn left at the roundabout onto Shore Road, after 180m turn left at the junction onto The Promenade. Continue for approximately 500m and Hango Hill will be clearly visible on the right-hand side.

Parking for the site is available in a lay-by right alongside the road (pictured below). There is room for three to four cars here. Alternatively, should there be no parking spaces, there is a small car park another 150m along The Promenade, located on the right-hand side.



**The Lay-by, located next to Hango Hill**

**By Bus:**

A number of routes run between Douglas and Castletown, which currently include 1/1A/2/2A/11/12/12A. Please visit [www.iombusandrail.im](http://www.iombusandrail.im) for more details. The journey time from Douglas is approximately 35 to 40 minutes and from Port Erin is approximately 25 minutes

Disembark at the Janet's Corner housing estate. If travelling from the South, you will have to cross the road, please ensure that you use the Pelican Crossing. Walk along the pavement towards the roundabout, bear left at the roundabout and continue for the next 180m. Turn left at the junction and continue along The Promenade for 500m. The remains of Hango Hill should be visible at the end of the road

## **Access for Visitors**

There is vehicular access to the site, with parking available directly adjacent to the site and nearby (pictured above).

There are no toilets or visitor facilities.

The site is open, with a railing on the shoreline to prevent falling. After parking in the lay-by, it should be clear how to get to Hango Hill. There is, however, a steep curb to watch out for (pictured below).



**The steep curb, located adjacent to Hango Hill**



**Hango Hill**

### **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 Hango Hill 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)