### ROUTE PLAN

Parking is available at South Barrule Plantation car park. **SC275766**, **(WP01)** 

From **WP01** Exit car park and follow public road 350 metres to road junction

WP02 Cross road with care, turn left and follow main road 200 metres

WP03 Turn right down lane, bear right 230 metres

**WP04** Entrance to Stoney Mountain plantation. Follow forest road and track uphill 680 metres

WP05 Continue straight on downhill, following track and forest road 910 metres

WP06 Bear left and follow forest road 450 metres

**WP07** Entrance. Turn right onto public footpath and continue uphill inside boundary hedge 620 metres

WP08 Bear left, following path 250 metres

**WP09** Pass through gate and follow path outside boundary fence 430 metres

WP10 Follow track down 210 metres

**WP11** Cross stream and follow lane (often boggy here) 300 metres

WP12 Cross road with care, straight on 80 metres

**WP13** Turn right at lay-by into South Barrule plantation and follow forest road straight on 670 metres

**WP14** Driveway to depot, turn left then right back onto forest road 570 metres **WP01** (Start point)

10 metre Ordnance Survey Grid References -

WP01 SC2752 7668	WP08 SC2862 7565
WP02 SC2781 7675	WP09 SC2840 7555
WP03 SC2786 7695	WP10 SC2803 7572
WP04 SC2809 7701	WP11 SC2789 7584
WP05 SC2862 7661	WP12 SC2777 7557
WP06 SC2886 7576	WP13 SC2769 7557
WP07 SC2919 7548	WP14 SC2765 7619

### WARDEN'S WALK

## **Stoney Mountain**

Warden's Walks are available as a series of leaflets, each with a detailed map and route description. They are also available on our website. They should be used in conjunction with the Outdoor Leisure Map 1:25,000 series.

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This is a walk of 6 kilometres, about 4 miles. Approx. 1-1.5 hours. It involves a short length of roadside walking before diverting into a narrow lane. A short climb into Stoney Mountain plantation is followed by a gradual descent by forest road. The walk then diverts onto a public footpath along the plantation boundary. It then follows a short lane, crossing a road, before entering South Barrule plantation. It finishes with a level walk by forest road, back to the start.

Stoney Mountain is known for its source of granite which is quarried extensively on the NE corner of the plantation. This quarry produces crushed rock aggregate used locally for building and roadstone.

Open areas within Stoney Mountain plantation make ideal habitats for some of the Island's rarer birdlife including short-eared owls and hen harriers. Redpolls and crossbills may also be seen in the area. The return leg of the walk passes through South Barrule, one of the Island's original 'Crown Plantations', first planted in the 1880's. The principle species of trees planted here are Sitka spruce, Lodgepole pine and Japanese larch. Whilst still a commercial plantation and important for timber production, it is now also recognised for its huge recreational potential and is used regularly by walkers, horse riders and cyclists.

Indeed, with the increased popularity of off-road cycling in recent years, the Department has created a series of graded trails for mountain biking at this venue.

Look out for dragonflies and damselflies at the fire pond near to the car park.

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### WARDEN'S WALK



## **Stoney Mountain**

6 kilometres, 4 miles. Approx. 1 - 1.5 hours



No.2 in a series of walks in the Manx countryside, created by the Island's Forestry Warden

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