## ROUTE PLAN

Parking is available at Glen Maye car park SC235797, (WP01)

From WP01 Exit car park, turn right and follow main road downhill 210 metres

WP02 Public footpath and byway, bear left and follow for 100 metres

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WP03 Narrow path, turn left and continue on public footpath, over bridge 400 metres

WP04 C40 Glen Rushen Road, bear right and follow road 1080 metres

WP05 Junction with unsurfaced track. Bear left and continue uphill 1900 metres

WP06 Junction at old mine, turn left and follow D47 Garey Road 810 metres

WP07 Entrance on left. Enter and follow forest road through plantation 850 metres

WP08 Junction. Bear left gently downhill 650metres

WP09 Old quarry. Turn left downhill at entrance and follow forest track via WP09a 600 metres back

WP10 Glen Rushen Road. Turn right and follow road directly 1200 metres

WP11 Glen Maye Village. Turn left, downhill 140 metres back to the start at WP01.

10 metre Ordnance Survey Grid References -

WP01 SC2354 7979	WP07 SC2575 7871
WP02 SC2367 7963	WP08 SC2502 7865
WP03 SC2373 7955	WP09 SC2454 7900
WP04 SC2409 7931	WP09a SC2439 7925
WP05 SC2462 7853	WP10 SC2436 7895
WP06 SC2616 7802	WP11 SC2364 7990

## WARDEN'S WALK **Glen Rushen**

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.

This is a walk of 8 kilometres, about 5 miles. Approx. 2 - 2.5 hours. Much of the route is on tarmac, however this road is little used being closed to through traffic. It follows a public footpath from Glen Maye Village to join the Glen Rushen Road. This road follows the Glen Rushen Valley before rising up to the ruins of Cross Vein Mine (Snuff the Wind). At the mines the route turns left to follow the road towards Glen Maye before entering Arrasey plantation. Following the forest road, the route descends back to the valley floor before following the Old Glen Rushen Road directly back to Glen Maye.

When walking through unfenced parts of this walk, particularly during the bird nesting and lambing season, dogs should be kept under close control and preferably on a lead. The walk passes through an old lead mining area, which dates back to 1831 when a shaft was created to reach the 'Beckwith lode'. At its deepest extent the mine reached a depth of 185 fathoms and despite the continuous problems with water, the mine worked productively until its closure in 1879.

The site is now dominated by the great leaning chimney that has stood the test of time against the prevailing westerly winds and marks the site of the engine shaft.

The washing floors are still there and were extensively excavated and mapped in 1970 by the Manx Mines Research Group.

Look out for interesting birdlife in the area which include choughs, short-eared owls, stonechats, skylarks, meadow pipits and the once abundant but now rare, curlew



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