

## MANX PEAKS 24 HOUR RECORD.

On 23 July 2011 Ian Callister ascended 70 peaks over 1000 feet on the Isle of Man in 19 hours 14 minutes. There is only a small number of peaks over 1000 feet on the Isle of Man so some were used twice and some four times.

The route took in 27 different peaks 12 of which were ascended twice making 39. The route was started a second time, a further 31 peaks were ascended for a total of 70.

The start was at the Bungalow on The TT Course the first peak was Snaefell. A 3.00 am start was made knowing the first hour would be in the dark hopefully there would be a clear sky and some visibility. Unfortunately the mist was down and there was zero visibility. The summit of Snaefell was found, however the normally easy to find tracks down to Black Hut, up to Clagh Ouyr peak and down the south side could not be found. Progress was through long heather on compass bearings, a couple of navigation errors were made caused by not practicing with the compass in darkness. 20 minutes were lost on the first 2 peaks, a question came to mind, why am I doing this! Suddenly the mist cleared it was getting light and spirits got a lot better, watching the sun rise it was a great day to be on the hills. Good progress was made 15 of the lost 20 minutes were pulled back over the next 6 hours.

The next peaks were Dyn Ennym, Slieu Lhean, Slieu Ouyr, Slieu Ruy and back to Clagh Ouyr, Ben Rein, Cronk ny Choree Farroghan, North Barrule, returning to Ben Rein, Cha Ennym, Ny Ard Eys, Slieu Dhoo, Knoll 400, Slieu Freoaghane, Sartfell, Slieu Maggle, Colden, The Creg, Lhargee Ruy and back to Slieu Maggle.

Next were Injebreck Hill, Beinny y Phott, Ossyn Ennym, Slieu Lhost, Slieu Ree, Slieu Meayll, John`s Cairn back to Ossyn Ennym and Mullagh Ouyr.

The distance was 64 miles and there was 13000 feet of ascent, after the early mist cleared it was sunny all day, a good day out.