

5 LEWIS to BENBECULA

Iubhard

Landranger Map: 14

OS Maps Central Grid Reference: NB 360 120

The island is about half a mile off the east coast of Harris, at the mouth of Loch Shell. The nearest village, Lemreway (NB 380 118), can be reached by driving along the B8060 from the junction with the A859, about two miles north of Loch Seaforth. At Lemreway, it is possible to arrange a boat journey across to Iubhard.

The island is about a mile long from east to west, and less than half a mile from north to south. It has a grassy terrain that provides easy walking to the summits of the hills at both ends of the island. Undoubtedly, the eastern hill is where Charles looked helplessly out to sea, as *Le Mars* and *La Bellone* sailed by. The little estuary on the south side of the island is probably the place where Charles landed, and found the hut.

Market Stance to Rairnish*

Landranger Map: 22

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From Market Stance (NF 806 535), the track is followed due east to the far side of Rueval, and then on to the inlet on the north side of Loch Uiskevagh. From here, the way to Rairnish is due north over grass and heather. The return to Market Stance reverses this route.

Distance: 8 miles (14 km)

Height of ascent: 140 feet (40 m)

Naismith time: 2 hours 52 mins

** Spelt as 'Rairnish' in the Landranger map. Rairnish, should not be confused with Rairnish, a peninsula some two miles south of Loch Uiskevagh*