

An Orkney Coastal Walk - taking in the Creel Restaurant with Rooms

Distance: 3 ½ miles

Time: 2 hours

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Image: Looking over hay bales to St Margaret's Hope, South Ronaldsay, Orkney

This is a short walk visiting different coasts and lochs in between. The route goes through an area of high quality wetland, which is unusual along an ayre. Look out for cobble beaches, plants and animals. Views of Scapa Flow and the old war ships.

The walk starts at St. Margaret's Hope, follow the B9043 to Hoxa for two miles to the car park at Sands of Wright.

Turn right just beyond the car park and follow a path which leads between lochs. Turn right at the track then right again to cross the Dam of Hoxa, a good example of an ayre.

Pass a turf-roofed building and continue along the shore until a grassy way cuts up to a concrete track. Join a tarmac road and follow it for a mile.

When it bends left below Heatherum Farm keep straight on. Beyond Heads farm, walk straight ahead along a green lane then bend left to join the B9043 beside farewell Farm. Turn right for 1 ½ miles to return to the start.

The nearby Creel Restaurant is well known across Orkney for its seafood. As befits its coastal location, the fish is super fresh with a frequently changing range available. If you feel too weak after all that fresh air and delicious food, The Creel also has rooms available.