



cycling



LOCATION: HOY

ROUTE: LYNESS TO LONGHOPE CYCLE



DISTANCE

42km



GRADE

Grading 3



ASCENT/DESCENT

372m

OPTION TO SHORTEN



OPTION TO EXTEND



A chance to see Orkney's wartime heritage and soak up some stunning coastal scenery.

ROUTE GUIDE

- 1) After coming off the ferry, follow the obvious road for 100m to the Scapa Flow Museum (or you can save this till the end of the journey, dependant on ferry times).
- 2) Coming out of the museum turn right and follow the road for 1km to reach a T-Junction. Turn left.
- 3) Follow this road for 3.5km past the school and downhill to reach North Ness. Follow the road as it takes a sharp right.
- 4) Keep following the road for 4km to pass the head of North Bay. After this the road rises gently before descending again to reach the start of the narrow causeway at The Ayre
- 5) Just before the causeway turn right and follow the road for 700m to the Longhope Lifeboat Museum
- 6) After visiting the museum return to the main road, turning right to cross over the causeway. Just after the causeway keep right at the fork in the road to head steadily uphill.
- 7) After a further 2.5km look for a road on the right just after the Stromabank Hotel. This leads 1km down to the coast and the Hill of White Hamars reserve. Return to the main road and turn right.
- 8) Follow the road for 1.5km, past the cemetery at Osmondwall. The final 1km to Cantick Head is quite rough and may not be suitable for very thin tyres.
- 9) After visiting Cantick Head, return around the bay taking the road on the right immediately after the cemetery.
- 10) After 1.5km follow the sign pointing down a road to the right which leads to the Hackness Martello Tower and Battery. Return to the main road and turn right.
- 11) Follow the road as it skirts the bay to reach the village of Longhope. Carry on as the road passes through the village and after 2km you'll arrive back at The Ayre. From here simply follow your outbound route to return to the ferry.

For further details and mapping information, find the full cycle route at orkney.com/cycling



Stick to designated walking and cycling routes when you're out exploring, and be respectful of private property.