

LOCATION: BURRAY & SOUTH RONALDSAY

ROUTE: BURWICK TO BARTH HEAD



DISTANCE





DURATION

3hrs (out and back)

This is a relatively straightforward walk taking in a fabulous area of coastline, with fine views of the Pentland Firth and its islands.

Route guide

- 1) Start at the Burwick car park (ND4377 8403). Heading past the ferry waiting room, turn right onto the obvious track just before the large concrete blocks. Follow the path which branches off to the left to follow the coast around the headland
- 2) Heading north for around 600 metres, cross the narrow neck of land onto the Castle of Burwick (ND4351 8428). Carefully explore the faint remains of this Iron Age fort before returning to the main coastal path heading north
- 3) Continue north for 3km, passing a number of headlands and inlets, to reach the distinctive upward-sweep of Barth Head (ND4268 8557)
- 4) If time allows, head north across coastal heathland for 500m to reach the headland of Tainga (ND4274 8604)
- 5) Return to car park via outward route

For further details and mapping information, find the walk on Orkney.com/walking

Make sure you follow our guide to being a responsible visitor:



Pick up litter, taking it home with you or using any bins provided.



Keep your dog on a lead around farmland and livestock, and clean up after pets too.



Avoid lighting fires or BBQs on moorland or in the countryside, and if you do have a BBQ or bonfire on a beach, please clean up afterwards.



Use gates where they're provided and, if they're closed when you find them, close them again after passing through.



Avoid disturbing any natural flora, fauna or wildlife habitats.



It's always worth reading up on the Scottish Outdoor Access Code before you explore Orkney too.



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