



# walks



**LOCATION:** BURRAY & SOUTH RONALDSAY

**ROUTE:** HOXA HEAD



**DISTANCE**

2.7km



**GRADE**

2



**DURATION**

1hr 45 min

A short but rewarding walk with fabulous views, taking in one of Orkney's most impressive wartime sites.

### Route guide

- 1) Start at the obvious parking space at the end of the public road to Hoxa (ND4094 9335)
- 2) Walk southwest past a house on the right before passing through metal gates and heading uphill along an agricultural track until you reach a wooden kissing gate (ND4044 9283)
- 3) Head south, passing a number of wartime buildings to reach a wooden gate close to the cliffs (ND4043 9255)
- 4) Pass through the gate and head north along the coast for around 800m, passing the large gun emplacements and control towers of the Balfour Battery, to arrive at a small, square, automated lighthouse (ND4035 9318)
- 5) Follow the coast northeast then east for a further 400m to reach Moi Geo, where a wooden kissing gate (HY4063 9336) leads to an obvious track back up towards the house at The Bu (ND4075 9322)
- 6) Turn left to head northeast back to the carpark and the start of the route

**For further details and mapping information, find the walk on [Orkney.com/walking](https://www.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.



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



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



Avoid disturbing any natural flora, fauna or wildlife habitats.



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.



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.