



# walks



**LOCATION:** STRONSAY **ROUTE:** VAT OF KIRBISTER & LAMB HEAD CIRCULAR



**DISTANCE**

11.4km



**GRADE**

4



**DURATION**

4hrs

A walk along a wonderfully atmospheric stretch of coastline, with plenty of wildlife to spot.

### Route guide

- 1) Start at the car-park for the Vat of Kirbister (HY6816 2407)
- 2) Head through the wooden kissing gate directly towards the coast
- 3) Turn right to follow the coast for 400 metres to Vat of Kirbister (HY6856 2384)
- 4) Follow the coast southeast, crossing over a wooden stile (HY68702357) then over coastal heath and rough grazing to reach the headland of Burgh Head (HY6987 2304)
- 5) Head southwest along the coast to the remains of an Iron Age broch at Lamb Head (HY6906 2145)
- 6) Head back across the narrow neck of land before crossing the wooden stile over the fence on your left (HY6894 2159)
- 7) Travel west around the wide sweep of the Bay of Housebay. Just before a sandy bay with the farm of Housebay at its far end, head right over a cattle grid (HY6764 2210) before picking up a long, straight concrete farm track northeast for around 1km
- 8) Continue as the track becomes a tarmacked public road (HY6697 2283). Follow this road north, then northeast and north again, before turning right at the junction signposted for Vat of Kirbister (HY6737 2466)
- 9) Follow signs back to the start of the walk

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