



walks



LOCATION: ROUSAY, EGILSAY & WYRE

ROUTE: FARACLETT HEAD



DISTANCE

3.8km



GRADE

3



DURATION

2hrs

A short walk with big views across the inner and outer north isles, and along Rousay's dramatic northern coast.

Route guide

- 1) Start at the small parking place near the farm of Faraclett (HY4460 3228)
- 2) Head uphill to pass through a metal gate, crossing a small field to a second metal gate (HY4448 3239)
- 3) Head northwest, diagonally across the field around 250m to cross the drystone dyke by the obvious stile (HY4436 3264)
- 4) Turn left to follow a series of wooden posts to a wooden kissing gate (HY4403 3272)
- 5) Continue following the posts northwest on a narrow but fairly well-defined track to reach a wooden post set in a low stone cairn (HY4365 3296)
- 6) From here, follow the wooden posts heading northeast, keeping to the narrow track
- 7) After around 500m bear right towards a post and head to the nearby stone cairn (HY4406 3334)
- 8) Continue northeast, heading downhill, before picking up a line of wooden posts heading east then southeast
- 9) Pass through a small gate before crossing a wooden stile over a drystone dyke (HY4460 3319)
- 10) Head south along the broad terrace before crossing a stile over a further stone dyke
- 11) After 50m turn left to head directly downhill to the standing stone (HY44703271)
- 12) Return directly uphill to re-join the route, passing a wooden post in a broken stone dyke (HY4458 3273) before crossing a small field to a gate around 100m west of the farm of Faraclett (HY4453 3258)
- 13) Head southwest to return to the second of the two metal gates you passed through at the start of the walk (HY4448 3240)
- 14) Return downhill 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.



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.



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



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.