



cycling



LOCATION: SANDAY

ROUTE: SANDAY BIG CYCLE



DISTANCE

63.6km



GRADE

Grading 4



ASCENT/DESCENT

452m

OPTION TO SHORTEN



OPTION TO EXTEND



Cycle your bike past most of the beautiful beaches Sanday has to offer.

ROUTE GUIDE

- 1) Start at the ferry terminal and follow the main road northeast from the pier. Stay on this road for around 8.5km as it passes close to the highest point of the island at Warsetter (marked by two prominent communications masts).
- 2) After passing the long sweep of Backaskaill Bay and the Bea Loch on your right-hand side, take a sharp left at the next corner, heading onto a single-track road passing close to the coast at Ayre.
- 3) Follow this road for around 2km until you reach a T-junction with the main road running north-south through the island. Turn left here.
- 4) After around 3km look for a road leading to the right, signposted Whitemill Bay. 500m down this road another sign leads you off to the left and the final 2.5km to reach the bay.
- 5) Return the way you came for around 5km. Take the road on the left, signposted Lady Village. Cycle 2km, passing Otterswick Bay and turn left at the junction next to the island's war memorial to arrive at Lady Village, where you can visit the heritage centre and community shop.
- 6) Cycle through the village. After 1.5km, just before the road bends to the left, you have the option to turn off to the right to visit the sand dunes at Cata Sand (around 1km off-road cycle/walk from the road).
- 7) Carry on following the road north for around 4.5km before shadowing the edge of the Bay of Lopness, where the remains of the WW1 German Destroyer are clearly signposted.
- 8) Follow the road east for a further 2km. Immediately after the sign for Start Point Lighthouse follow the road as it takes a sharp left to pass through the township of Lettan and around the North Loch for around 4km, looping back to arrive at a junction with the main road. Turn right here and retrace your outbound route back to Lady Village.
- 9) After the village, carry straight on past the war memorial for around 3.5km, passing the remains of the old Lady Kirk and the head of Kettletoft Bay to arrive at a T-junction. Turn left here.
- 10) Cycle 1.5km to reach Kettletoft village, where the Kettletoft Hotel and the Belsair both offer lunches and evening meals.
- 11) From Kettletoft, return north for around 2km until you reach a junction with a road on the left signposted for the ferry terminal at Loth. There's a well-stocked shop at the junction to visit, before cycling the last 9.5km to the pier.

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.