



cycling



LOCATION: FLOTTA

ROUTE: FLOTTA HERITAGE CYCLE



DISTANCE

14.6km



GRADE

Grading 2



ASCENT/DESCENT

196m

OPTION TO SHORTEN



OPTION TO EXTEND



Flotta may be best known these days for its oil terminal but with plenty of nature, wartime history, and the story of a community that's adapted to massive changes, there's much more to this small island.

ROUTE GUIDE

- 1) Start at Flotta pier. Head uphill 200m to the remains of the former naval cinema, amongst the trees on the right-hand side.
- 2) Returning to the main road, turn right to head uphill, passing above the oil terminal before the road takes you past the island's school and community centre
- 3) Around 700m beyond the community centre look out for a sign on the left for the Flotta Heritage Centre.
- 4) After returning from the Heritage Centre to the main road, head left to carry on eastwards. After 300m take the first road on the right to reach the remains of the Buchanan Battery, a further 300m beyond the junction. .
- 5) Follow the road uphill, steeply at first, to reach the prominent buildings of the Port War Signal Station above Stanger Head.
- 6) Return by your outward route past Buchanan Battery, turning left back onto the island's main road.
- 7) Shortly after the Heritage Centre, take the first road on the left, following it as it makes its way past Kirk Bay.
- 8) Follow the road as it turns sharply right, then left, then right and left again. At the next bend carry straight ahead (or, if on skinny tyres, turn right to return to the main road and the 'smooth' option back to the ferry).
- 9) Follow the road as it makes its way via some bends down towards the coast at Scat Wick
- 10) Turn right at this point where the road becomes gravel track to follow the coast for the final 4km back to the ferry.

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.