



walks



LOCATION: WEST MAINLAND

ROUTE: EARL'S BU CIRCULAR



DISTANCE

3.5km



GRADE

2



DURATION

1.5hrs

This short walk takes in one of Orkney's most significant Norse sites, views across Scapa Flow, and a small area of woodland.

Route guide

- 1) Start at the car park for the Orkneyinga Saga Centre, on the Gyre Road, Orphir (HY3343 0448).
- 2) Head diagonally through the graveyard past the Round Kirk, to pass through the obvious wooden gate, before following the burn towards the shore, turning left after 100m to cross a small bridge (HY3356 0434).
- 3) Follow the coast for around 1.2km until you pass through a wooden gate, close to a handful of houses (HY3452 0383).
- 4) Turn left to head 100m inland to pick up the public road where you again turn left at the small car park (HY3453 0402).
- 5) Follow the road for 1km (with a brief optional section through the Gyre Woods) to reach the T-junction (HY3412 0483).
- 6) Turn left and follow the road for 600m back to the start of the route.

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 under strict control around farmland and livestock, and clean up after pets too. Don't take your dog through fields with young livestock in them.



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.



If possible, 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.