



walks



LOCATION: SHAPINSAY

ROUTE: SHAPINSAY EAST COAST WALK



DISTANCE

4km



GRADE

2



DURATION

1.5hrs

This short walk is a perfect 'bolt-on' to our Shapinsay cycling route and takes in a wonderful stretch of coastline, dotted with sea-caves, arches, and stacks.

Route guide

- 1) Start at Greenatang road end (HY5274 1781). Follow the track southeast for 400m before turning right to pass through a metal gate (HY5310 1761)
- 2) Follow the track south to cross the field, reaching a set of double farm gates (HY5310 1741). Turn left here to reach the coast and the quarry at Dog Geo (HY5322 1734)
- 3) From here follow the track on the left (closest to the shore) for 500m to arrive at a second quarry (HY5354 1703)
- 4) Pass through the upper level of the quarry and follow the coast to reach the prominent headland at the Holm of Berstane (HY5367 1683)
- 5) From here continue following the coast for 1km until reaching a fenceline (Hy5377 1637). Turn right here to follow the fence northwest for 200m to reach the chambered cairn 'Castle Bloody' (HY5360 1646)
- 6) Continue to follow the fence northwest for a further 50m to pick up the start of a track running north across the heathland (HY5354 1648)
- 7) Follow this track until it meets the outgoing route at Dog Geo and retrace steps to 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 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.