



# walks



**LOCATION:** WEST MAINLAND

**ROUTE:** BAY OF SKAILL TO YESNABY



**DISTANCE**

5.5km



**GRADE**

3



**DURATION**

3hrs

This walk is just part of a longer route taking in the magnificent west coast of Mainland Orkney, featuring some of the most spectacular coastal scenery in the islands.

### Route guide

- 1) Start at the public toilets at the Bay of Skail (HY22358 1926)
- 2) Turn left (with the sea on your right) to walk southwest then west to reach a small stone building on the shore at the end of the bay (HY2287 1884)
- 3) Follow the fence line to carry on northwest then west towards the headland. Where the fence ends look for a metal handrail leading up onto the rocky ledge (HY2265 1899)
- 4) Carefully follow the coast to the south side of Yettna Geo (HY2232 1856) before continuing uphill and slightly inland to reach an obvious stone cairn (HY2228 1834)
- 5) Keep inland around 200m to stay on the higher ground. If possible, pick up one of the faint tracks that run parallel to the coast for 1km to reach the head of Ramna Geo (HY2281 1751)
- 6) Continue along the coast for 500m, passing Stinkna Geo to arrive at a fence. Cross over the stile (HY2268 1706) before continuing a further 300m down the coast to reach the Broch of Borwick (HY2242 1676)
- 7) Follow the coast around the inlet at the Noust of Borwick, before rising in a westerly direction to follow the faint track towards the high point of the headland of Cauldrus, marked by a small stone cairn (HY2214 1659)
- 8) Continue south, crossing a wooden stile to arrive at the obvious wartime brick buildings and car park at Yesnaby and the end of the route (HY2210 1612).

**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.