



walks



LOCATION: BURRAY & SOUTH RONALDSAY

ROUTE: ST MARGARET'S HOPE CIRCULAR



DISTANCE

7km



GRADE

2



DURATION

2.5hrs

This is a lovely walk which is relatively easy-going throughout as it passes along quiet, wildflower-rich backroads around the beautiful village of St Margaret's Hope.

Route guide

- 1) Start at Cromarty Square in St Margaret's Hope (ND4460 9353). Head towards the shore before turning left to take the road heading towards the pier
- 2) After 100m take the first road on your left, heading sharply uphill at first. Follow the road as it turns sharply right (ND4401 9373) and then left after a further 500m (ND4406 9421).
- 3) Continue on this road for 1km to reach the road end (ND4328 9411). Carry straight ahead towards the shore, initially on a concrete vehicular track then a short section of grassy track
- 4) On reaching the shore (ND4314 9403), follow the faint track that leads along the vegetation above high water mark. Keep below the sea defences as you pass a small stone cottage before coming up off the shore to pick-up a well-maintained vehicle track for the final 300m around the bay
- 5) Follow the track as it turns left, then right to head uphill
- 6) Where the track meets the public road (ND4226 9392) turn left, then left again at the next junction to arrive at Sands of Wright (ND4235 9360)
- 7) From Sands of Wright, continue to follow the public road southeast, then northeast, for 3km to arrive back at St Margaret's Hope and the start of the walk.

For further details and mapping information, find the walk on [Orkney.com/walking](https://www.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.