



WALKS  
AROUND  
THE FLOW

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# Stromness

POINT OF NESS TO BLACK CRAIG



## WHERE IS IT?

This walk west from Stromness runs through beautiful scenery along Hoy Sound and past a range of historic gun batteries. 4 miles (6.5 km) from Stromness to Black Craig (one way); various circular routes are also possible. Largely easy walking along tracks and roads, but the ground is rougher along and beyond Warbeth beach.

From the Point of Ness Camp Site, follow the lane past Links Battery and Stromness Golf Course, continuing along the track beyond the Ness Battery car park and onward to Warbeth beach. Towards the end of the beach, the signposted path cuts inland to the public road and onward towards Black Craig. At the foot of Black Craig, the tarmac road peters out, and a track climbs the hill, from where you can join the west coast path which goes north to Yesnaby, Skara Brae and beyond.

## WHAT WILL I SEE?

- Spectacular views of Hoy
- A coastline which fascinates geologists, made up of 400 million year old sediments from Lake Orcadie and much older 'basement' rocks
- Outcrops of aeolianite – fossilised sand dunes, with a distinctive array of associated plants including the rare sea fern-grass
- Basking grey seals and passing seabirds
- Evidence of the strategic importance of Scapa Flow in two World Wars; to book a tour of Ness Battery ring 07759 857298
- Warbeth graveyard, the serene final resting place of renowned writer George Mackay Brown



SEA  
MAYWEED



**DISTANCE** 4 MILES 6.5 KM **GRADE** EASY TO MODERATE **DURATION** 2 HOURS (ONE WAY)

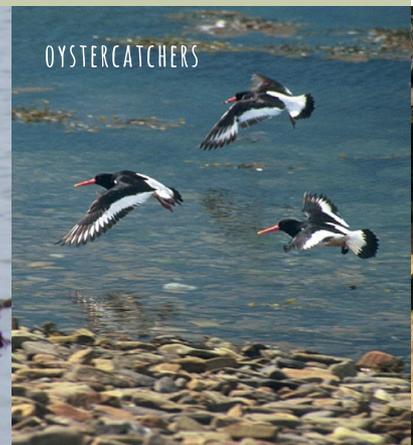
GREAT SKUA (BONXIE)



GREY AND COMMON SEALS



OYSTERCATCHERS



Start of the West Coast Walk

Black  
Craig

Billia  
Croo

Walkers can also  
explore along the  
shore from Warbeth  
to Breckness but great  
care must be taken with  
regard to the tide.

RED CAMPION

CARVE THE RUNES THE  
GMB HEADSTONE  
POET  
1921-1996  
GMB HEADSTONE

SEA FERN-GRASS

SHORE STONES

Path follows  
fence line -  
rough  
underfoot

Breck  
Ness

Braga

Warbeth

Cemetery

Kirk  
Rocks

Stromness

Ness  
Battery

Golf  
Course

Links  
Battery

Point  
of Ness

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of Ness

AEOLIANITE

WARBETH





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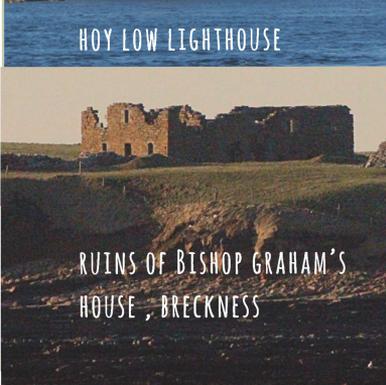
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RICH IN WILDLIFE AND HISTORY



THE KAME OF HOY



HOY LOW LIGHTHOUSE



RUINS OF BISHOP GRAHAM'S  
HOUSE, BRECKNESS

## WHAT SHOULD I REMEMBER?

The walk is generally easy going, but there is some rough ground in places. Follow the Scottish Outdoor Access Code -

[www.outdooraccess-scotland.com](http://www.outdooraccess-scotland.com)

- Keep dogs under control at all times
- Wear suitable footwear and be prepared for variable weather
- Let someone know your route and when you will return
- Avoid disturbing livestock or crops
- Leave gates as you found them
- Respect wildlife and take special care in the breeding season
- Bring your litter away with you - leave only footprints, take only memories!

