

WALKS
AROUND **3**
THE FLOW

Hoy
SCAD HEAD AND LYRAWA HILL



WHERE IS IT?

Set on the side of the moors of Hoy, Lyrawa Hill and Scad Head have a stunning wildlife-rich location, with this walk leading down to a fascinating World War II Battery close to a remote bay.

It is about a mile in length (1.4km) each way, and descends the hillside through moorland vegetation. The circular trail returning via the road is approximately 2.3 miles (3.7km). The poignant location of Betty Corrigan's grave is also within walking distance.

From the car park, follow the well-made track to the top of the hill. There, look for the way-marker, carved in stone, and follow the much less conspicuous track northwards using the upright stone way-markers and flat stones with white-painted arrows to keep you on course. From where you turn downhill, be aware that the path is quite steep and rough.

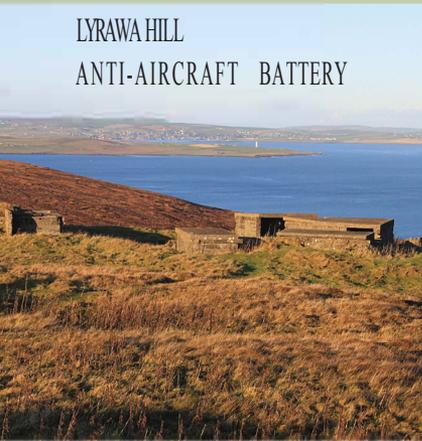
WHAT WILL I SEE?

- Spectacular views across Scapa Flow towards Graemsay and the Orkney Mainland
- The site of a WWII Heavy Anti-aircraft Battery at Lyrawa Hill
- Bog asphodel and cross-leaved heath are among the plants to flower in the damp heathland
- The remains of the WWII Scad Head Coast Battery- the gun emplacement, battery observation post, engine room and searchlight positions
- The route of a WWII 900 yard (820m) two foot gauge incline railway which operated like a tramway to link the Coast Battery with the road high above
- Shags (skarflies) and black guillemots (tysties) feed close to the shore, whilst waders can be seen on the beach and skylarks, snipe and wheatears nest in the moorland
- In November small numbers of grey seal breed along the coast here

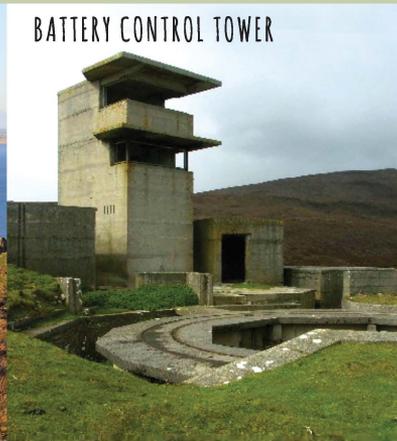


DISTANCE 2.3 MILES 3.7 KM?? **GRADE** MODERATE **DURATION** 1.5 HOURS (CIRCUIT)

LYRAWA HILL
ANTI-AIRCRAFT BATTERY



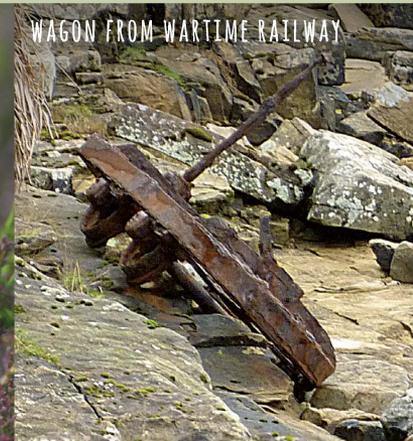
BATTERY CONTROL TOWER

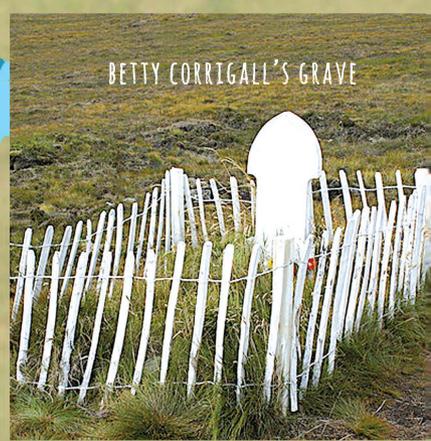
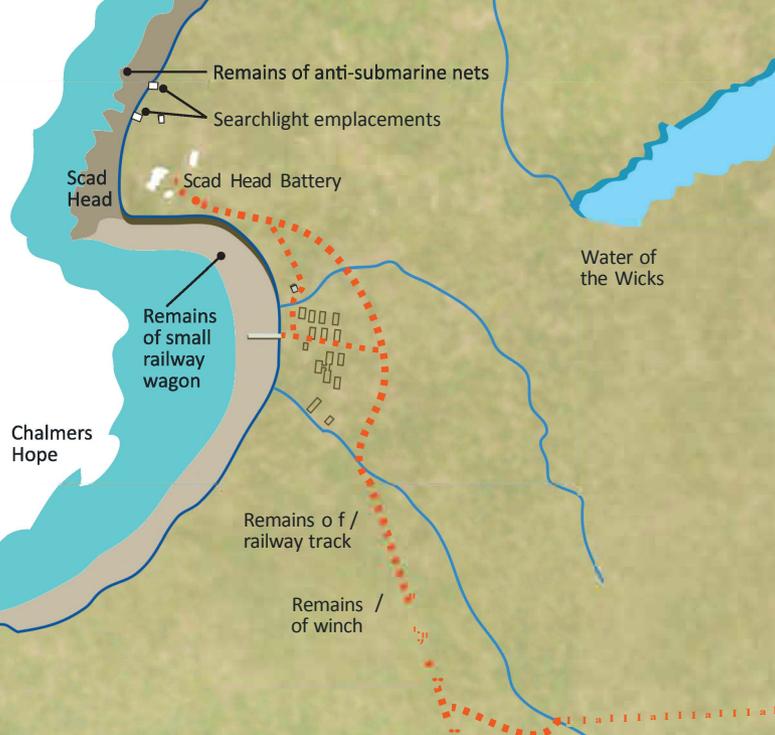


SKYLARK



WAGON FROM WARTIME RAILWAY

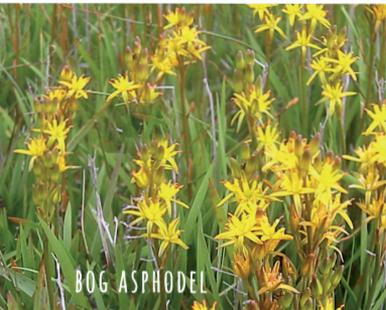




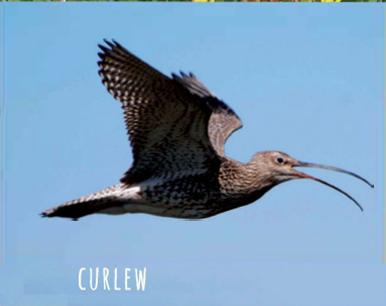


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TAKE THESE TRAILS TO ENJOY A SPECIAL LANDSCAPE
RICH IN WILDLIFE AND HISTORY



BOG ASPHODEL



CURLEW



BELL HEATHER

WHAT SHOULD I REMEMBER?

The ground is quite uneven with damp areas. The walk down to the Battery is steep. Follow the Scottish Outdoor Access Code - 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!

