

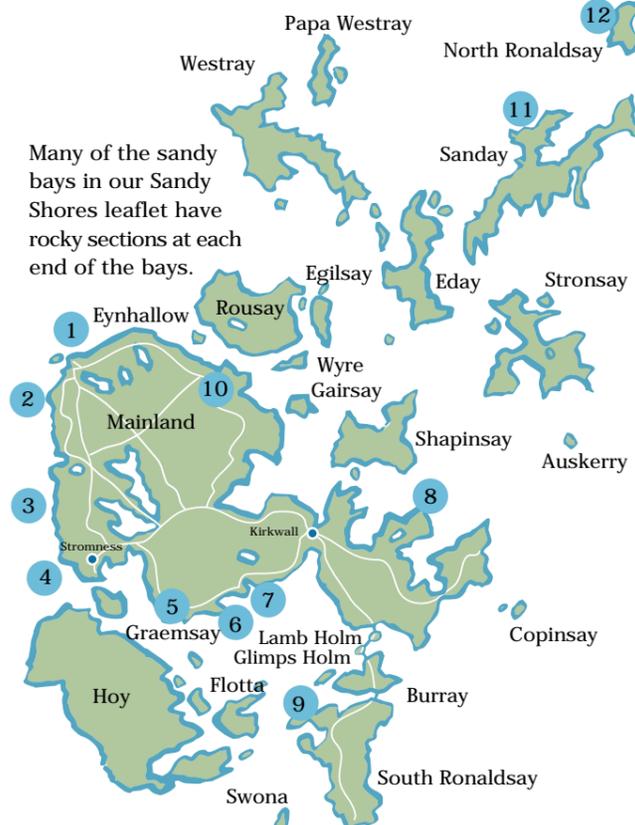
# rocky shores

## rocky shores to visit

### on the mainland

- 1 Brough of Birsay HY 243 284 – on either side of the causeway are easily accessible rock pools with abundant life. Access – car park adjacent to the shore, picnic area.
- 2 Marwick Bay HY 229 244 – easily accessible rocky shore, rocky spit at the outside of the lagoon is particularly good. Access – car park close to the shore, access also to Marwick Head RSPB reserve.
- 3 Yesnaby – the Noust of Bigging HY 221 158 – south of the car park at Yesnaby is an accessible inlet with abundant life at the very low tide. Look out for pipe fish. Access – park at Yesnaby and follow the footpath south.

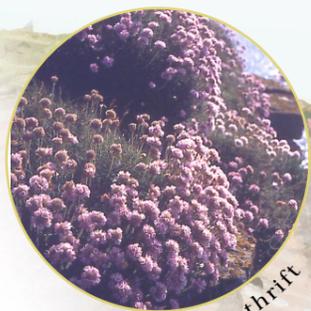
- 4 West Shore, Stromness HY 235 084 – track from Ness Point to Warebeth follows a rocky shore. Access – car park and toilets at Warebeth beach or walk from Stromness.
- 5 Holm of Houton HY 314 035 – excellent shore between the Holm and the mainland at low spring tides. Access – park at Houton and walk west along the shore track.
- 6 Bu, Orphir HY 337 042 – easily accessible shore, even at half tide. Access – park at the Orkneyinga Saga Centre and follow the footpath down to the shore.
- 7 Waukmill Bay HY 381 065 – this lovely beach also has easily accessible stretches of rocky shore. Access – parking areas adjacent to the road.
- 8 Rerwick Head HY 539 118 – rocky headland. Access – car park and footpath around the head.
- 9 Sands of Wright ND 424 935 – good rocky shore adjacent to the beach. Access – car park and toilets close to the beach.
- 10 Evie Sands HY 376 264 – this sandy bay also has good rocky shores at each end of the bay. Access – use access road to the Broch of Gurness, limited parking at layby by the beach or park at the broch.



Many of the sandy bays in our Sandy Shores leaflet have rocky sections at each end of the bays.

### in the Isles

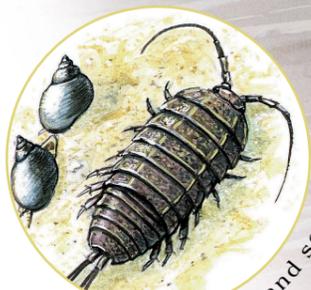
All of the isles have good rocky shore to explore, eg the 11 Holms of Ire on Sanday and 12 West Beach on North Ronaldsay



thrift



oystercatcher



nerite winkles and sea slater



purple sandpiper



limpets



dunlin



sponge



sea urchin



barnacles



knotted wrack



hermit crab



common starfish



dogwhelk



corallina



anemones



butterfish



brittlestars

kelp