



walks



LOCATION: FLOTTA

ROUTE: FLOTTA WARTIME TRAIL



DISTANCE

13.3km



GRADE

3



DURATION

5hrs

A fascinating walk exploring the gateway to Scapa Flow, in an island rich in wartime history.

Route guide

- 1) From the ferry terminal, take the main road south for 200m before turning right, parallel to the coast, passing the remains of a wartime cinema (ND3490 9470)
- 2) Follow the coast on a well-made track for 4.5km until reaching the end of the public road at Scat Wick (ND3565 9274)
- 3) Turn right onto the grassy path which follows the coast around the Head of Banks, using a number of stiles to avoid coastal erosion, arriving after a further 1.3km at Kirk Bay (ND3637 9305)
- 4) Head uphill past the church, before turning right onto a path leading back towards the coast
- 5) Follow the coast southeast alongside fields then south along coastal heath until parallel with a distinctive concrete tower to your left. Strike east to head directly to the tower (ND3735 9260)
- 6) Head southeast then east along the coast to arrive at the headland of Stanger Head (ND3771 9239)
- 7) Returning from the headland, keep to the right of the large quarry, heading roughly north, until picking up the public road after around 700m (ND3733 9305)
- 8) After 600m, turn right off the road to explore the remains of the Buchanan Battery (ND3751 9348).
- 9) Returning to the public road, head north for 400m before turning left onto the island's main road (ND3735 9381)
- 10) Follow the road for 3.5km to return to 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.



Use gates where they're provided and, if they're closed when you find them, close them again after passing through.



Keep your dog on a lead around farmland and livestock, and clean up after pets too.



Avoid disturbing any natural flora, fauna or wildlife habitats.



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.



It's always worth reading up on the Scottish Outdoor Access Code before you explore Orkney too.



Stick to designated walking and cycling routes when you're out exploring, and be respectful of private property.