



walks



LOCATION: SANDAY

ROUTE: WHITEMILL CIRCULAR



DISTANCE

8.6km



GRADE

4



DURATION

3hrs

A fine loop taking in some of Sanday's finest beaches.

- 1) Begin your walk at Burness cemetery where there is ample parking (HY 6723 4499)
- 2) Follow the road to the left to head northwest between farm buildings to the rear of the large house of Scar
- 3) Immediately after passing through the farmyard, keep right to head towards the beach of Sand Ayre (HY6701 4529)
- 4) Turn right to follow the coast northeast for 2km to the headland at Riv (HY6836 4666)
- 5) Heading generally westwards, cross Whitemill Bay to Whitemill Point (HY6996 4627) before turning south-southeast to follow the coast past Taing Ayre (HY6944 4531)
- 6) After another 1.5km, look out for a stone building sticking out of the sand dunes. Around 20 metres before this building, turn right to head over the sand dunes (HY6833 4426). Step carefully to minimise erosion of the dunes
- 7) Head west a short distance by track before joining the minor road. After about 100m the road takes a sharp turn to the left. Turn right here followed by a sharp left to travel northwest along a grassy track, passing to the north of the house of East Thrave
- 8) After 500m emerge onto the public road (HY6764 4455), turning right to walk northeast for 350m
- 9) Turn left to follow a track (HY6779 4483) towards a cluster of houses at Breckan
- 10) Turn left at the end of the track to arrive back at the start of the walk

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