



walks



LOCATION: HOY ROUTE: CUILAGS, OLD MAN OF HOY AND RACKWICK



DISTANCE

21km



GRADE

5



DURATION

8hrs

For the more experienced hillwalker, this is a route which showcases some of the finest, and wildest, landscape in Orkney.

- 1) From the pier at Moaness (HY2451 0598) follow the public road west then west-southwest for 2.5km. As the road turns right, carry straight on along a vehicle track to reach the outflow of Sandy Loch (HY2197 0324)
- 2) Head west directly up steep, heathery slopes to reach the summit of Cuilags (HY2096 0338)
- 3) Walk northwest then west to arrive above the steep rocky gullies of Enegars (HY2022 0373)
- 4) Head south-southwest, keeping to drier ground to the left of a cluster of small lochans. Turn west shortly before reaching a larger lochan (HY1993 0328)
- 5) Keep to the right of a largish hill lochan before passing a trig point to arrive at the summit of Sui Fea (HY1910 0307)
- 6) Head west to St John's Head (HY1862 0307) before turning south following the coast to the Old Man of Hoy (HY1782 0067)
- 7) Follow the obvious path heading southeast then south leading to Rackwick (ND1998 9971)
- 8) From the hostel, follow the public road northeast then north until you cross a bridge over the burn (HY2022 0003). Immediately after the bridge, turn left off the road to pick up the path leading north through the glen back to Sandy Loch (HY2197 0324)
- 9) From here, retrace your steps back along the public road to the pier at Moaness

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.