



cycling



LOCATION: EDAY

ROUTE: EDAY EXPERIENCE ROUTE



DISTANCE

27.5km



GRADE

Grading 3



ASCENT/DESCENT

348m

OPTION TO SHORTEN



OPTION TO EXTEND



Eday lies at the heart of Orkney's north isles and packs a lot of contrasting landscape into its compact form, with beautiful views over its neighbours near and far.

ROUTE GUIDE

- 1) Turn right at the head of the pier to follow the coast northwest before the road heads steadily uphill to a T-junction.
- 2) Turn right here to pick up the main road travelling north along the island.
- 3) Follow this road for around 6.5km to arrive at the well-stocked community shop (find Eday Community Enterprises on Facebook for latest opening times and information on the adjoining pop-up café).
- 4) Immediately after the shop turn right to pass Mill Loch on your left. Look out for a gate on the right just after the loch leading, on foot, to the impressive Stone of Setter.
- 5) Carry on along the road as it leads uphill. Around 1km past the Stone of Setter you'll arrive at the shoulder of Vinguoy Hill. Look for a gate on the right. Pass through this, on foot, to walk around 150m uphill to Vinguoy Chambered Cairn.
- 6) Carry on downhill to reach Eday's west side. Turn left and follow the road as it winds its way 3km to rejoin the island's main road just a little south of the shop. Turn right here.
- 7) After around 2.5km, just beyond the island's airfield, take the first road on the right. After 2km the road reaches its lowest point. Just before it crosses a stone bridge look for a track on the right-hand side leading down to Sands of Mussetter. If you have time you may wish to turn right and walk along to the adjoining Sands of Doomy.
- 8) Return, by your outbound route, for the 2km back to the main road. Turn right.
- 9) After 3km, instead of turning left to head directly to the pier, carry straight on instead for a further 1.5km where the road ends at Bay of Greentoft.
- 10) After exploring the beach return north along the road for just 600m before turning right. This road takes you the final 1.5km back to the pier at Backaland.

For further details and mapping information, find the full cycle route at orkney.com/cycling



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