



# cycling



LOCATION: WESTRAY

ROUTE: WESTRAY CASTLE & SAND CYCLE



**DISTANCE**

18.2km



**GRADE**

Grading 3



**ASCENT/DESCENT**

207m

**OPTION TO SHORTEN**



**OPTION TO EXTEND**



A simple route taking in the imposing Noltland Castle and one of Westray's finest hidden beaches.

## ROUTE GUIDE

- 1) From the island's bike hire at WI Rendall's shop in Pierowall, go left to head south through the village. Turn right immediately after the school and follow the road as it turns right then left to reach Noltland Castle.
- 2) Return to Pierowall via your outbound route, turning right at the school. After passing through the village, follow the road as it takes a sharp right then take the right-hand fork in the road, signposted Westside..
- 3) Head steadily uphill to pass over Gallowhill. The road then drops, rises and drops again for a further 2km to arrive at a T-junction. Turn right here and follow the road for 2km as it curves left towards Mae Sands. Leave bikes by the small carpark and pass through a gate at the next bend in the road to walk 200m downhill to the beach.
- 4) Back on the bike, retrace your route for around 2.5km. Just after coming up the gentle brae, look for a red phone box on the left (now containing a defibrillator). Turn right here.
- 5) Follow the route around the loch to meet the main road. Turn left and tackle the imposing but not impossible Kierfea Hill.
- 6) Follow the road for 2km, passing around the head of the Bay of Tuquoy and its adjoining wetland to arrive at a T-junction with the island's main road.
- 7) Turn left here to return the last 3km back to Pierowall.

**For further details and mapping information, find the full cycle route at [orkney.com/cycling](https://orkney.com/cycling)**



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