



walks



LOCATION: HOY

ROUTE: BRIMS TO LONGHOPE COASTAL



DISTANCE

9.4km



GRADE

3



DURATION

3.5hrs

A wonderful stretch of coastline, with unsurpassed views of the Pentland Firth and a sea of wildflowers.

Route guide

- 1) Start at the southwest end of the Ayre (ND2870 8907). Follow the minor road east along the south side of the bay of Aith Hope to reach the prominent former lifeboat station, now home to the Longhope Lifeboat Museum.
- 2) Return to the Ayre, crossing the causeway to arrive at a small car park (ND2919 8929). Pass through the car park to follow the coast in a generally easterly direction.
- 3) After around 3km, just after passing the head of Birsì Geo (ND3163 8853), take a sharp left to pick up the track heading inland.
- 4) Cross a small stile before heading around 150m north, where the path now takes a sharp right (ND3159 8872).
- 5) Follow the obvious track as it heads east-northeast over a number of stiles and through a metal farm gate to arrive at the car park next to the large house of Snelsetter (ND3217 8892).
- 6) Turn right to head north along a track then public road to reach a crossroads (ND3203 8983). Turn left.
- 7) After 800m take the first turn-off on the right (ND3130 8974) to head north for 1km to reach the village of Longhope.
- 8) Turn left at the junction to walk 700m to the pier and the heart of the village.

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.