



walks



LOCATION: WESTRAY

ROUTE: NOUP HEAD CIRCULAR



DISTANCE

7.4km



GRADE

3



DURATION

2.5 hrs

A walk around one of Orkney's most distinctive headlands, with its high-perched lighthouse and seabird colonies.

Route guide

- 1) Start at the small car park just before the farm of Backarass on the road to Noup Head (HY 4120 4819)
- 2) Head downhill and through the wooden kissing gate to pass an information board before following the narrow track between fields to reach the coast (HYHY 4106 4788)
- 3) Turn right, crossing a wooden stile to head along the coast. Follow the obvious short diversion over a stile and into a field before emerging onto more open coastal grazing (HY4082 4788)
- 4) Continue along the coast rounding various geos or inlets for around 3km to reach the lighthouse at Noup Head (HY 3923 4991)
- 5) Turn right to pick up the obvious vehicle track for 3km to reach Noup Farm (HY 4126 4880) from where a single track, tarmac road leads back to 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.



Keep your dog on a lead around farmland and livestock, and clean up after pets too.



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.



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



Use gates where they're provided and, if they're closed when you find them, close them again after passing through.



Avoid disturbing any natural flora, fauna or wildlife habitats.



It's always worth reading up on the Scottish Outdoor Access Code before you explore Orkney too.