

SOUTHERN ISLANDS

WALK 9

South Ronaldsay – Hoxa Head

Start/Finish	Small car park at Uppertown, just west of Hoxa (ND408933)
Distance	1.9km (1¼ miles)
Time	1hr
Maps	OS Explorer 461; OS Landranger 7

A short walk overlooking the huge expanse of Scapa Flow.



From the car park walk on to the south-west, along the lane to **the Bu**. Here you'll see a footpath cutting down to the right, towards the northwest coast of the headland. Follow this path down to the low cliff top, and then turn left.

The route is obvious, and takes you around the headland itself. Look out for the lighthouse at **Scarf Skerry**, and for the Second World War batteries that dot the cliff tops near

Hoxa Head.

Walk on around Hoxa Head, continuing to the southern tip at **Bloie Geo**. From here a track takes you northwards, slightly inland. Pass a track going off to the right, then almost immediately you'll come to another. Take this, walking in a northeasterly direction until you hit the road end at **the Bu**. Your car is parked just along the road.