

Holland Farm

2.1km (1.3m) circular walk to bird and seal hides

6.5km (4 m) walk, including the hides, then on to Tor Ness

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These walks provide a unique opportunity to see how farming for wildlife really works. Combining organic farming with nature conservation and habitat creation has created a haven for wildlife on Holland Farm.

The walk takes you to a seal hide overlooking a small beach popular with common seals and then onto a bird hide next to the loch, Lea Shun.

In summer the loch is home to a variety of breeding ducks including pintail and shelduck. Herons come here to feed and waders such as redshank frequent the wetlands around the loch. In winter the loch attracts a whole new range of birds - whooper swans, geese and flocks of wigeon. Otters also frequent the

loch to sample its good supply of eels.



Otter



Shelduck

The return walk to the farm takes you past fields full of wild flowers and areas specially managed to

attract corncrakes.

For a longer walk take the coastal path to Tor Ness and the Sand of Crook.

Fulmars nest on the low cliffs along the coast and eider duck are common just

offshore. Circular kelp pits can be seen along the shore, the only visible remains of a once thriving industry. Look out for the unusual blue flowered oyster plant when you reach the beach.



Heron

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