

Guidance for walkers

Key:

- Main route 
- Roads 
- Steep Banks 
- Rocks/Skerries 
- Sandy beach 
- Rough Shore 
- Woodland 
- Parking 
- Toilets 
- Museum 
- Archaeological or Historic Site 

The best way to enjoy Papa Westray is to keep to the paths in this leaflet. The paths will take you to the most interesting places on the island and allow you to enjoy exploring while Papay folk get on with farming.

When you are out and about on Papa Westray please remember:

- Keep dogs under close control at all times.
- Avoid disturbing livestock or damaging crops.
- Leave gates as you found them
- Do not pick wild plants or disturb wildlife.
- Take your litter home with you.
- Do not block gateways or access tracks.

For your safety:

We want you to enjoy your visit to Papa Westray so please follow these simple guidelines:

- Cliffs can be dangerous
- Be careful at all times near the cliffs and make sure children and dogs are closely supervised.
- Avoid cliff walks in very windy or foggy conditions.
- Be aware of the tides.
- Bonxies and terns will protect their nests.

The weather:

Weather in Orkney can be unpredictable and can change very quickly.

- Always be prepared and take warm and waterproof clothing.

Paths not pavements:

- The walks go over rough ground, so wear sturdy footwear.



Getting to Papa Westray:

Daily passenger ferry service to Papa Westray from Westray (summer only).

Twice weekly car ferry service from Kirkwall and day excursions operated by Orkney Ferries
tel: (01856) 872044
web: www.orkneyferries.co.uk

For information on winter sailings from Westray to Papay contact Tommy Rendall
tel: (01857) 677216

Inter-island air service operated by Loganair
Special overnight fares available
tel: (01856) 872494
web: www.loganair.co.uk

Further info:

Accommodation and travel information contact VisitOrkney, 6 Broad St, Kirkwall, KW15 1NX
tel: (01856) 872856
web: www.visitorkney.com

For details of guided walks of the North Hill Nature Reserve contact the RSPB warden at Rose Cottage
tel: (01857) 644240

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Walking Guide

Papa Westray



Papa Westray, or Papay as it is known locally, is one of the smallest of Orkney's north isles, being only 4 miles long and 1 mile wide. This makes it an ideal island for exploring on foot.

A coastal footpath follows the shoreline around the whole island, or you can explore sections of the coastal path using the quiet roads to make circular routes.

Though small, the island has much to offer. The scenery ranges from dramatic cliffs to sandy bays, farmland and lochs. There are nearly 60 archaeological sites on the island, testimony to the fact that Papay has been inhabited by people for over 5000 years.

-  Papa Westray Coastal Circular
-  North Hill Walk
-  Peter Smith Walk
-  Burland Walk



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Orkney Islands Council would like to thank Papa Westray landowners for their support in developing these walks for the public.



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