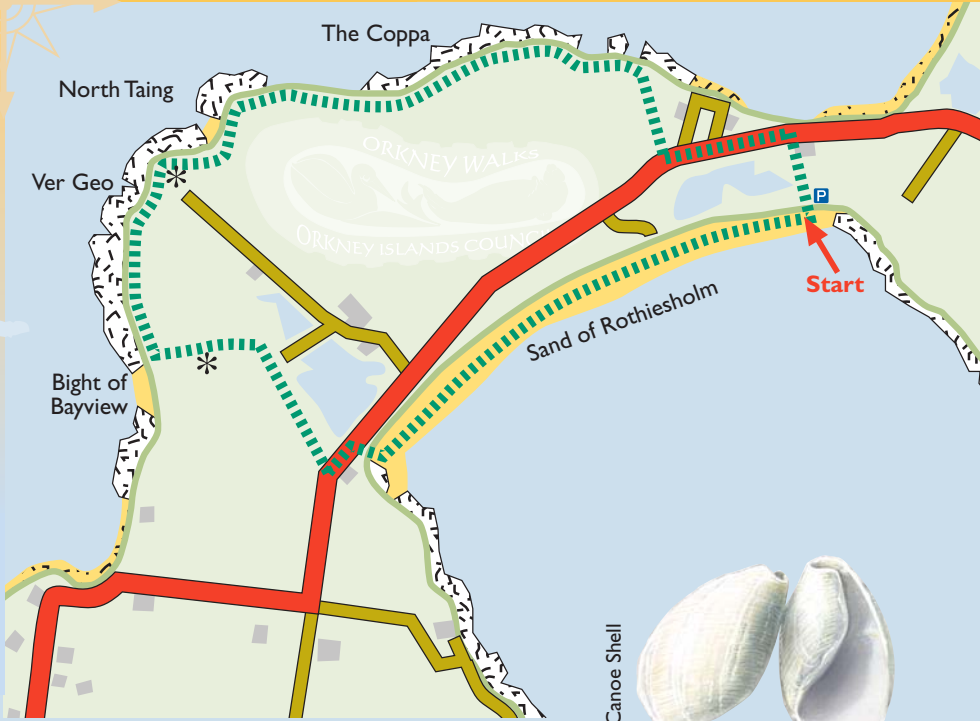


Rothiesholm Circular Walk

5.7km (3.5m) circular walk on sandy beach and coastline

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Canoe Shell



This circular walk gives visitors a real taste of the different kinds of scenery Stronsay has to offer. You'll discover a beautiful sandy beach, lochs and wetlands and a low rocky coastline with lovely views across to Eday and Linga Holm. You can look up to the heathland on Rothiesholm Head and view its large wind turbines.

The beach is a shell collector's paradise, with many types of shells washed up here after winter storms. Look out for the very rare canoe shell - this is the only beach in Orkney where you can find it. If you prefer birds, look out for terns and skuas in the summer or waders and divers in the winter.



Northern Marsh Orchid

The Hillock of Baywest is an unexcavated mound which contains a burial chamber dating from about 3000BC.

Blan Loch near the car park is only really a loch in the winter; when it is enjoyed by visiting pintail duck. In summer it is just a damp area, but it is very good for wild flowers, especially orchids and grass of parnassus.

Bu Loch is a summer bathing spot for arctic skuas, which nest on Rothiesholm Head and its a haven for migrating waders in the autumn.

