

ORONSAY, ISLE OF SKYE SCOTLAND

Distance: 6.9 km (4.3 miles)

Difficulty: Easy-moderate

Terrain: Access to Ullinish Point boggy; most of the island route is on grassy cliffs

Height gain: 224 metres

Map: OS Explorer 410

Starting point: Car park, on lane along Ullinish loop road. Lat/Long 57.3483, -6.4526;
GR NG 322 374

Highlights

- Sea cave and tunnel adventure on the south shore
- Wild camping on the flat grassy area on the north side
- Spectacular views of Outer Hebrides, Skye and Cuillins
- Golden eagles, otters and dolphins
- Sheltered white-sand beaches

Pubs and cafes near the route

- Closest shop and café is the Bog Myrtle at Struan, further facilities in Dunvegan

Dogs

- Yes; on a lead due to livestock

Walk to Oronsay, Isle of Skye

This short walk on the Isle of Skye is big on views, soaring cliffs, large sea caves and deep gullies. The walk follows a clearly marked path to Ullinish Point onto a pebbly causeway. Once on the island the easy free-range route uses the grassy cliff edges and provides plenty of opportunities to explore the impressive sea caves and gullies or to rummage around in the underwater world of several large rock-pools. For the energetic, the short sharp climb to the western tip is rewarded with a stunning panorama of the precipitous Talisker headland, the peaks of the Black Cuillin and the Old Man of Storr towards the north end of Skye.

Directions

1. Start at the end of the public road and continue through the kissing-gate following the footpath signs to Oronsay across the boggy moorland. At the



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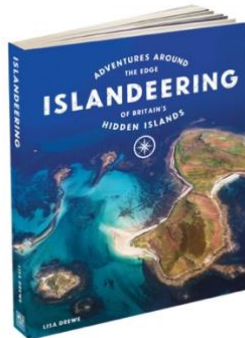
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far end of the field, pass through another gate and skirt around the top of a storm beach. Ascend the small rocky hill and then keep left to avoid boggy ground. Approximately 1.1km from the start, cross the stile and descend through the rock gully to reach the causeway to the island.

2. Walk 500m across the causeway onto the north end of the island to find the old shielings. Continue clockwise on the shoreline to reach the huge rock pools at the east point, then the deep inlet just beyond.
3. Continue along the coast and drop down the low cliff to explore the large sea cave below. Climb up to the high point on the south west tip, above the two sea stacks. Take the grassy cliff-edge path back to the causeway.

Special notes: Walking across the causeway is possible 2hrs either side of high tide.

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