

WALK TITLE: Forvie Sands

DISTANCE: 5.25 miles

OS GRID REFERENCE: NK034289

LANDRANGER /EXPLORER SHEET: 421

Public transport Parking Available. Route waymarked Toilet. Picnic Areas. Moderate walk

BRIEF DESCRIPTION: This is a super dunes and clifftop walk through the Forvie Reserve. It can be exposed and windswept so be prepared.

GETTING THERE: There is a bus to Collieston but not that frequently.

DETAILED DESCRIPTION: You can begin the walk from the car park at the Stevenson Forvie Centre which is sign posted from the Collieston road or go down into the village and walk up from there. From the Centre the path is well marked and there is a board which shows a map of the routes. If you start in the village you will need to climb the stepped cliff path behind the toilet/shop block and follow the road to the start of the path. From the centre follow there is a sign pointing the way 'To the Reserve', past a picnic area and then through a gate. Turn left here, following the red markers along the path to Sand Loch. The path leads to a picnic table, keep left and climb up the dunes. This is a bit slippery at times but is not too difficult. Turn right following the red markers and don't follow the green route which goes off to the right. You will soon cross a wooden footbridge and round the back of a small inlet and on to Hackley Bay. Follow the path as it continues to pass round the back of the bay then continues across the dunes to a red marker post showing a turn to the right. You begin to head more inland for a while as the path reaches the remains of Forvie Church. You can retrace your steps from here all the way back to Collieston or opt to return by part of the green route. Go back to where you saw the green marker just before Hackley Bay. Turn left, heading inland along the rather wet and often boggy path to the left of a lochan. Keep following the green markers which head right and then reach a fork, take the left fork. This leads through the dunes and back to the Forvie Sands centre.