

Stornoway to Sandwick and the Iolaire monument

Distance: 2.5 miles – 4 kilometre

Time: Approximately 1 hour

Terrain: Footpaths and farm tracks

Grade: Easy to moderate

Directions:

From Newton Street in Stornoway along Millar Road and then the footpath to Lower Sandwick then to the Iolaire monument along the coast.

Creation of the Point and Sandwick Trail is the result of a long-held community vision to develop a safe, accessible route in this area of natural beauty and historical importance. Keen local walker Tom Clark of Sheshader village challenged himself to walk as close to the entire Eye Peninsula coastline in 2012 and the result was the beginning of this community effort to will this stunning Trail into reality.

The project, run by a volunteer committee is a registered charity formed in 2016 for the purpose of developing a route to showcase the historic, cultural and natural attractions in the area in addition to its stunning views. We are proud to have raised funds and local support to develop and promote this beautiful Trail which, once complete, will lead from the Stornoway Ferry Terminal through Sandwick and around the Peninsula of Point.

This project is supported by NatureScot, through the Better Places Green Recovery Fund.

Point & Sandwick Trail

Stornoway to The Iolaire monument

The Sandwick Coastal Path



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POINT & SANDWICK COASTAL TRAIL

2.5 MILES - 1 HOUR APPROX



Stornoway town centre
to the
Iolaire monument

- 1 Starting from the cruise passenger drop off point drop
- 2 Take a right along Cromwell street and walk along to the South Beach car park passing the Bank of Scotland, Argos and the door of the Town Hall
- 3 Turn left and walk towards the ferry terminal passing the bus station, through the roundabout and onto Shell Street passing Tesco and the ferry terminal.
- 4 Continue along Newton Street past the Newton Marina and onto Seaview Terrace.
- 5 Continue ahead onto Millar Road leading to the path along the shore. Walk along the shore path taking a left into Lower Sandwick beyond the Graveyard. Turn right.
- 6 Walk through the village following the coast and go through the gate and down onto the Iolaire path.
- 7 Carry along the path where you will see plaques commemorating the many men who died. Turn right at the car park then following the path down to the monument.
- 8 The Iolaire Monument.