



Rerwick Head, Tankerness

A short coastal stroll around Rerwick Head, the northernmost point of Tankerness. The walk passes the varied crumbling remains of a battery from the second World War.

TERRAIN

Faint paths on grassy coastline.

PUBLIC TRANSPORT

None to start.

START

Car parking at Rerwick.



Grade ([key](#))



Bog Factor ([key](#))

Walk Statistics

Distance	1.3km / 0.75 miles
Time	40 minutes
Ascent	14m (Profile)
Start Grid Ref	HY538116

Walk Description

STAGE 1

The walk begins from the house at Rerwick, where there is a parking area; the tarred public road ends at Boondatoon but there is no parking there; instead continue driving along the rough track to reach Rerwick. Start through the wooden kissing gate marked as a footpath to Rerwick Head. Bear left on the grassy track that leads out to the coast opposite a shingle spit.



STAGE 2

Turn right through the gate and follow the coast to the right, towards the concrete lookout building. Eventually the track curves from the coast but a faint path leads out to the point, left of the building (do not enter any of the buildings as they are in a dangerous state).



STAGE 3

The walk now heads down the eastern side of the headland, passing numerous other eerie remains from the second World War. The buildings include gun emplacement, two air-raid shelters, command posts, searchlight platforms and the machinery house, as well as the footings of accommodation blocks. There is interesting small-scale coastal scenery as well - note the square block-like geo; the wavy patterns on the rocks are fossilised remains from when they formed the sea-bed.



STAGE 4

Further on the path leads round the back of a deeper geo, passing through a kissing gate at the back of it before heading out to the final concrete buildings. From the last of these a faint path heads inland, passing through a gate and then along a grass track back to Rerwick.

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