

interest

H Walney Greenway - The route runs from Sandy Gap in the north to Thorney Nook in the south. The rough grassland supports a wide variety of plant and insect species including the Walney Geranium found only on the Island. The rich variety of plant life has led to the site being designated by Cumbria Wildlife Trust as one of their Wildlife Sites, this is further enhanced by the large numbers of skylarks which use the long grass to breed and nest in, each year. When the tide is low, the skears or banks of shingle are exposed, providing a feeding ground for hundreds of oystercatchers, knots and plovers.

Amenities

Car Parking - There is a car park either side of the Roundhouse.

Toilets - There are toilets at Biggar Bank, Vickerstown Park (by Jubilee Bridge) and at Earnse Bay.

Refreshment - There are three public houses on the main route and one at Biggar village. There is a shop at Earnse Bay.



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Served by a car park and cycle parking, The Dock Museum is 15 minutes on foot from Barrow railway station.
Bus routes for The Dock Museum are 1, 2, 5, 6.



Walney Walk

This walk will take you on a 4 mile walk around Walney Island with the option to extend to 6.8 miles.

The walk will take between 1½ - 2 hours plus 1 hour for the extension.



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Points of interest

- A Vickerstown** – A model estate built in the 1900s by Vickers for their workforce. The estate included shops, churches, a farm, nurseries and a park. You can see the Northern estate, there is also one to the South of the bridge.



- B Jubilee Bridge** - Was opened in 1908. Before then the only way onto Walney was by ferry or stepping stones at low tide.

- C Promenade** - The grand houses on the promenade were the elite housing of the North Vickerstown estate. The school was built to serve the estate.

Across the channel are the reduced remains of the slagbank created by the Iron and Steelworks. Barrow was a steel town long before it became better known as a shipyard town.

- D North Scale** - Is an ancient village, the name "Scale" being a Norse name. There are some interesting 18th Century buildings at the entrance to the village.

An ambitious tree planting programme will shortly transform the area along Cows Tarn Lane into a park and woodland recreation area.



- E Furness Golf Club** - The path from Earnse Bay runs parallel to the links of Furness Golf Club, founded in 1872, largely by Scottish steelworkers.

- F Biggar Bank** - From the Roundhouse to Thorney Nook is a natural feature, once used as grazing land by Biggar village. It was eventually bought by Barrow Borough Council and opened as a recreation ground in 1883.



- G Biggar village** - Also has a Norse name, Byggergh, meaning barley field. A stroll around the village emphasises its tight clustering on a small hillock just above sea level.

The hedged bank on the channel side of Carr Lane is a medieval sea defence, first built under the direction of Furness Abbey.



Walney Walk

The walk begins at Biggar Bank Roundhouse (1), the western (sea) end of Ocean Road. Walk away from the sea due east along Ocean Road. Follow the road as it bends left at the King Alfred public house (2), then walk north along the Promenade. Cross through the traffic lights with Jubilee Bridge on your right, go past the Ferry Hotel (3) and follow the promenade alongside the channel.



Enter the village of North Scale. Shortly after the Crown public house (4) turn left along Cows Tarn Lane. At the end of the lane bear right towards the car park at Earnse Bay (5), alongside the West Shore mobile home estate. At Earnse Bay turn left along the coast, following the Cumbria Coastal Way sign. Keep alongside the shore and you will return to the Roundhouse start point.

DISTANCE APPROX. 4 MILES.



Wheelchair Users

Part of this walk is not suitable for wheelchairs. A slight detour will be required along West Shore Lane then turn right onto Mill Lane past the golf course. Turn right along Sandy Gap Lane then left along Biggar Bank Road back to the Round House.



Extension

The walk can be extended by continuing south along Biggar Bank (6), with the sea on your right and a straight road on your left. When the road turns left at Thorney Nook (7), leave the footpath and follow the road. At the junction turn left. The village here is Biggar (8).

From Biggar village continue north along Carr Lane with a hedged bank on your right. This road reaches Ocean Road, turn left to return to the Roundhouse.

DISTANCE APPROX. 2.8 MILES.

To North Walney Nature Reserve

Earnse Bay

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North Scale

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WALNEY CHANNEL

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COWS TARN LANE

Jubilee Bridge

B

IRISH SEA

CUMBRIA COASTAL WAY

WEST SHORE ROAD

MILL LANE

PROMENADE

C

CENTRAL DRIVE

3

Furness Golf Club

E

MOOR TARN LANE

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A

SANDY GAP LANE

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BIGGAR BANK ROAD

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OCEAN ROAD

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Round House

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CARR LANE

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Biggar Village

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Map reference points 2

See Points of Interest A

Main walk

Extension to walk



Accessible for wheelchair users

Assistance required for wheelchairs

