



YELL

Yell is well known for its otters. They can be seen on the south east coast at Da Horse o' Burravoe and near the ferry terminals. The island is also home to many wading birds and the cliffs provide shelter for a multitude of nesting seabirds particularly at Neapaback and Da Horse o' Burravoe. Facilities on Yell include B&B accommodation, a camping bod at Windhouse, a leisure centre and bar in Mid Yell and a number of shops, cafes and post offices. Further details can be found in the North Isles Facilities & Attractions booklet.

1. OLD HAA MUSEUM, BURRAVOE - **TOURIST INFORMATION**

On leaving the ferry terminal at Uista, turn first right along the B9081 to Burravoe and the 'Old Haa' museum. Here there are displays on the wreck of the German sailing ship 'BOHUS', Greenland whaling and Bobby Tulloch's photographic collection. Other sections on local and natural history change each season. Additional attractions include a genealogy room, gallery, tearoom and craft shop, and a garden with a picnic and play area. Open Apr-Sep, Tues to Thurs & Sat 10.00-16.00 and Sun 14.00-17.00. Tel: 01957 722339

2. LADIES HOLE

From the 'Old Haa' take the road to Burravoe Pier and Marina, then walk north-east along the path at the edge of the voe. At the head of the voe continue straight across towards the sea and the cliffs at Ladies Hole. Otters can sometimes be seen in this area and Puffins are usually well represented from May through to August.

3. 'WHITE WIFE' FIGUREHEAD

Leaving Burravoe, travel north on the B9081 to the Aywick turn off and then take the Queyon road to see the 'White Wife' figurehead from the 'Bohus', a 3-masted German barque shipwrecked near Otterswick in 1924.

4. WINDHOUSE AND CAMPING BOD

The original Windhouse was built in 1707 and is considered to be one of the most haunted homes in the country. Ghostly manifestations are



credited to the presence of an ancient graveyard under the original structure and are said to include a servant girl who climbs invisible steps, a man in a top hat, and a ghostly dog. Near the Windhouse, a renovated gatehouse lodge now serves as a camping bod. (Note: The Windhouse is now unsafe).

5. BURRANESS BROCH

Take the North Sandwick road from Gutcher and continue to the road end. A walk of around 20 minutes leads down to the impressive Iron Age broch at Burraness, an excellent well preserved example. In the 1980's, Hugh Miles made the BBC film 'The Track of the Wild Otter' here.

6. FISHERMEN'S MEMORIAL, GLOUP

From the crossroads at Gutcher, take the Cullivoe road and then the road to Gloop. The memorial was erected in 1981 to commemorate the haaf fishing disaster of July 1881 when a total of 58 men from small local communities were lost from ten small open boats called 'sixareens'. The tragedy was compounded by the disgraceful actions of the lairds who persecuted the wives and parents of those lost by seizing any valuables from the bereaved families in compensation for the loss of their boats.

7. COASTGUARD STATION, GLOUP

It's 1.4 kilometres each way from the memorial to the old coastguard station at the head of Gloop, and spectacular views of Bluemull Sound and the west coast of Unst can be seen on the way. The station is in good condition and has a map and binoculars set out on the table at the 'lookout' window.

8. BRECKON BEACH

This lovely secluded beach with its widespread area of blown shell sand has fascinating indications of Viking and Pre-Viking occupation. (Yell has other fine beaches at West Sandwick and Gossabrough).

UNST



BORDASTUBBLE STANDING STONE

From Gutcher, take a 10 minute ferry trip to Unst, Britain's northernmost inhabited island. Unst has two National Nature Reserves, the Keen of Hamar and the spectacular cliffs of Hermaness overlooking Muckle Flugga. It has also been the home of Shetland Ponies for at least two thousand years. They were used for ploughing and for carrying peat from the hills. In the nineteenth century, the ponies were sent south to work in the coal industry. Facilities include B&B accommodation, a hotel in Baltasound, a youth hostel in Uyeasound, a holiday complex at Saxa Vord, a leisure centre in



Baltasound, a post office and a number of shops and cafes. There is also a brewery, a chocolate factory and the infamous Bobby's Bus Shelter. Further details can be found in the North Isles Facilities & Attractions booklet.

9. BELMONT HOUSE

On leaving the ferry, head north for 100 metres on the A968 and take the first turn left to Belmont House. Built by Thomas Mouat in 1775, this Georgian house will be used by the public and community for music, art, weddings and gatherings when it has been fully restored. It may also be available as accommodation for those wishing to have personal experience of living in a Georgian house.

10. MUNESS CASTLE

Continue north on the A968 and turn right to Uyeasound and Muness. Built by Laurence Bruce, the cruel Sheriff of Shetland, in 1598, Muness Castle was burned by French raiders in 1627. By the end of the 17th Century it was empty and by 1774 the building was roofless. It is now open at all times. A key is not required.

11. BORDASTUBBLE STANDING STONE

Return to the A968, head north, and then take the first turn on the left along the Westing road. Take the next turn left to the standing stone and Lund House. The massive Bordastubble Standing Stone is the biggest in Shetland. It stands 3.66M high by 2.49M wide and many visitors enjoy being photographed beside it. Standing stones are thought by some to have a purpose in determining important astronomical events.

12. LUND HOUSE

Built by Andrew Scott of Voesgarth/Greenwell between 1725 and 1740, this Shetland Haa was altered and extended around 1800 and 1900. It is said that the building is haunted and that it has the cloven imprint of the devil on the underside of a porch flagstone. Continue along the track and downhill to the chapel.



13. ST OLAF'S CHAPEL

This well preserved pre-reformation chapel dates from around 1200. It contains the gravestones of two 16th century Bremen merchants, an early Christian fish symbol carved on a lintel, and a lepers window.

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From the chapel, cross the beach and continue uphill to the broch. The broch can also be reached via the Westing road. The Iron Age Broch of Underhoull is clearly marked by the surviving traces of its defensive works. Two concentric ramparts of earth, with a wide intervening ditch, indicate that the broch has probably been about 16.7M in diameter with walls 4.5M thick at the base. It stands on a rock outcrop and enjoys commanding strategic views from its position nearly 50M above sea level, towering over the settlement below.

15. UNST HERITAGE CENTRE - **TOURIST INFORMATION**

From the Westing, head north on the A968 to see the Skidbladner Viking Longship replica at Haroldswick and then to the nearby Heritage Centre. By using its unique resources in an imaginative way, the centre aims to reveal Unst's cultural, social and economic life through the ages. There are exhibits on the Archaeology and Geology of the island, and an emphasis is placed on Unst's geographic location as Britain's most

northerly inhabited island. Muckle Flugga with its lighthouse built by Robert Louis Stevenson's father, Viking Unst, fine lace knitting, Shetland ponies, and Shetland's 'Boat Haven' are all featured at this fascinating centre. Open daily from 1st May to 30th September between 11.00 and 17.00. Tel: 01957 711528.

16. UNST BOAT HAVEN

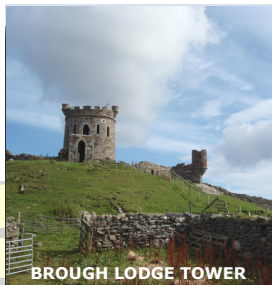
'Boat Haven' provides a thorough record of boatbuilding, repairing and fishing industry crafts and skills. It has sixteen traditional Shetland boats displayed with tools, period fishing gear, plans, charts & photos. A mural by Liam O' Neill enhances this unique visitor experience. Open daily from 1st May to 30th September between 11.00 and 17.00. Tel: 01957 711809.

17. HERMANESS VISITOR CENTRE AND NATIONAL NATURE RESERVE

From the 'Boat Haven', take the Burrafirth road to Hermaness. The centre is housed in the old Muckle Flugga lighthouse shore station at Burrafirth and is run by Scottish National Heritage. Information, leaflets, and displays about the various types of bird and plant life to be found on the reserve are available at the visitor centre. Open daily from 14th April to 10th September between 9.00 and 17.00. Tel: 01957 711278.

FETLAR

Before boarding the ferry for Fetlar at Belmont ensure that there is sufficient fuel for the return journey. There is no fuel available on the island. Navigation, however, is fairly straightforward as there is only one main road. Houbie, in the centre of Fetlar, is the main village and has a tourist information point, a shop, a village hall and a post office. The island also has a number of B&B's, a campsite at Gord and a camping bod at Aithbank. Attractions include the Haltadans Stone Circle on the marked trail between North Dale and the Airstrip, the 'Round House' folly at Gruting, north of Aithbank and the Byre Chapel, run by the Society of Our Lady of the Isles at Aithness, about a mile south east of Houbie. Further information on this and many other attractions can be found at the Interpretive Centre and in the N Isles Facilities and Attractions booklet.



BROUGH LODGE TOWER

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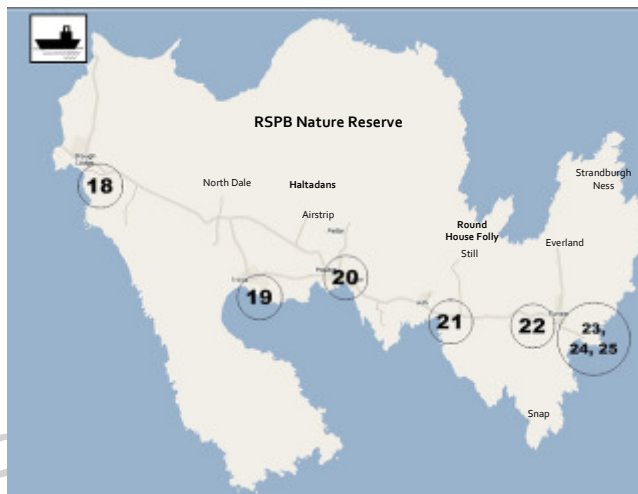
Once the home of the Nicolson family, Brough Lodge sits oddly on the landscape with its 19th century tower built high on the site of an Iron Age broch. The Tower was used as an astronomical observatory and its telescope lens is now on show at Fetlar Interpretive Centre. Near the lodge there is an old pier with a decaying 'sixareen' still tied to the pulley system.



TRESTA BEACH

19. TRESTA KIRK AND BEACH

Tresta Kirk was built in 1790 and replaced earlier churches dating back to Viking times. In the kirk yard, three simple crosses mark the last resting places of three of the crew of the SS Hop from Bergen, torpedoed on 4 Feb 1940.



20. FETLAR INTERPRETIVE CENTRE - TOURIST INFORMATION

The Fetlar Interpretive Centre in Houbie details the life of Sir William Watson Cheyne, Lister's assistant and a pioneer in antiseptic surgery. It also provides information on the island's birdlife and archaeological excavations. The Centre was used as the base of operations for the Time Team's dig in 2002. It is run by Fetlar Museum Trust and is open Mon to Fri 11.00-15.00. Sat & Sun 13.00-16.00 1May-30Sep (Hot drinks available). Check www.fetlar.com for more info. Tel: 01957 733206

21. CAMPING BOD, AITHBANK

Aithbank is the former home of Jamesie Laurenson, a crofter well known for his knowledge of local stories and history. His friend, Bobby Tulloch, recorded many of the stories including 'The Eagle and the Baby'. The bod is situated at Aithbank 0.5 kilometres east of Aith.

22. GEOLOGY 'WALL' - AN EXHIBIT NEAR FUNZIE LOCH

The exhibit at Houll, next to the Loch of Funzie, represents a cross section of the geology found in Fetlar. It contains Schist, Serpentine, Funzie Conglomerate and other rocks.

A choice of walks from nearby Funzie can end a perfect day on Fetlar.

23. STRANDBROUGH WALK begins at Funzie and continues north along the coast to Strandburgh, then south to Everland. (approx 7.5Km)

24. SNAP WALK begins at Funzie and continues south along the coast and around the Snap to Aithbank. (approx 5.5Km)

25. NOUSTA NESS WALK is a short 1300M circular walk that begins at Funzie Beach and continues around Nousta Ness.

Further details on walks are available at Fetlar Interpretive Centre.

REMEMBER to take litter home, keep the dog under control, close gates, respect privacy, keep to the field edge and keep away from livestock and ground nesting birds.

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