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Access Route



Please take care near cliff edges, avoid nesting birds
and keep dogs on a lead at all times.

Please park responsibly
not blocking gates or access

“Take responsibility for your actions”
and follow the Scottish Outdoor Access Code
www.outdooraccess-scotland.com
For more information go to Core Paths at:
www.shetland.gov.uk

Further information regarding Bressay’s history,
people or sites of interest can be found in the Bressay
Heritage Centre. All images used in this production
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Bressay walks

Aith to Score Point

Approximate 3 hours



Heritage Centre Opening times
2022
1st May - 30th Sept
Wed, Fri, Sat 10am - 4pm
Check www.bressay.org or posters
Tel: 01595 820750
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The centre is open by appointment
during April and October.
Call 01595 820368 / 362 to arrange a
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TUESDAY - FRIDAY 11.00 - 3.00
SATURDAY

PARKRUN BREAKFAST 9.30 - 11.00 CAFE 11.30 - 3.00

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Walk to Aith and Score Point

You can park by the gate into Aith, please leave access clear for the farmer.

This part of Bressay is full of evidence of human habitation. The 19th c stone walls (dykes) which surround the sheep dipper lie adjacent to Viking house sites. An Iron Age broch once stood on top of the rise, one of several in the island. Brochs, built by the Picts between 500BC and 600AD, are stone towers, situated strategically, as this example shows. Later generations used them as a handy source of building material.



Aith looking south towards Anderhill and the Ward hill.

Further along are the houses of the men who worked the stone quarries whose spoil so spectacularly litters the hillside. At Aithsvoe the stone and slate destined to build Lerwick was loaded into boats; when the quarries closed in 1874 the jobs disappeared, and the families left, leaving only the old folks.



The ruined house by the shore dates from 1912. It was built for the manager of the fish factory which gave employment here at the height of the herring boom.

A walk up the valley through the heaps of discarded stone brings you to the headland where a 6" naval gun was erected during the First World War to guard the northerly approaches to Bressay Sound, as its counterpart on the bard Head guards the southern, a tribute to the strategic importance of one of the best natural harbours in the north Atlantic. The gun is complete with underground magazine and the gantry used to install it remains in place.

From here the visitor enjoys a panoramic view of sea and islands – Whalsay, Out Sherries, Yell, and on a clear day Saxa Vord in Unst, about 40 miles to the north.

Aith makes good place for a day's outing, with wild flowers, birds, sandy beaches and many ideal picnic places.



Fish factory ruins at Aithsvoe.



The impressive WW1 gun on Score Hill.