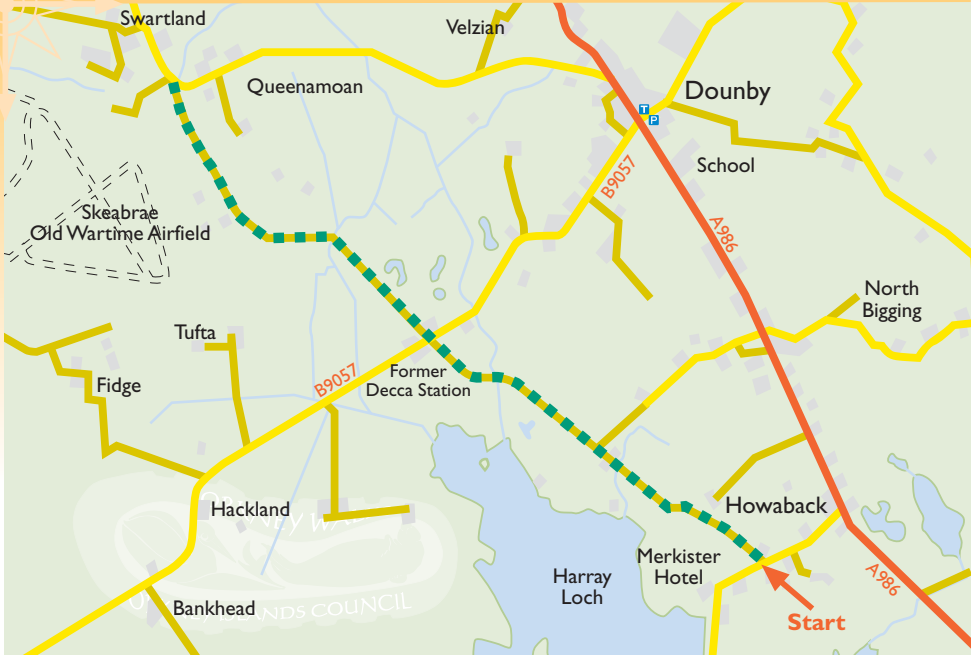


Swartland Drover's Road

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A 3.1km (1.9m) inland footpath and bridleway along part of the old Birsay to Kirkwall road. It's easy, level walking on tracks.

The walk takes you through some rich bird wetlands, along tracks lined with wild flowers and has magical views over the loch of Harray. The loch supports a wide variety of wetland birds and is home to perhaps the largest collection of Mute Swans to be found anywhere in Orkney.

The old drover's road winds through the rich farmlands of the West Mainland and ends at the Swartland corner. The now abandoned wartime airfield of Skeabrae is near here and many remains can still be seen.



There are a few abandoned croft houses and a church in this area which would have been in use when the road was still travelled.

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