South Mainland

Get directions from Lerwick toNorth Mainland, and proceed through Gutcher, past fuel station, but not Shetland airport. At Sandwick, keep to left side of road (ignoring right turn). Continue for 3 miles. To St. Sunniva Street. Galley Shed on your right.

Central Mainland

Continue south. At Tingwall turn right to Law Ting Holm, and then left to Old Scatness Broch. 22 (35km) 30 mins

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    - Be careful not to disturb wildlife or livestock.
    - Leave the environment as you found it.
    - Use a path or track if there is one.
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Directions given are of driving from Lerwick. Many roads are single track — please use appropriate speed limits for information on public transport services, visitwww.outdooraccess-scotland.com, or contact Scottish Natural Heritage for further details.

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The Vikings landed here around 1200 years ago, and decided to stay. They brought their own laws and language, and introduced new methods of farming, fishing and building. They replaced Shetland's homes with clear ideas and solutions. A people who broke boundaries, who left their mark on the land, and culture.

The names describe features in the landscape, and will point you to places to visit, and reveal how the Vikings impacted on our identity and culture. Look, listen and explore!

**About this guide**

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As you travel around the islands keep your eyes and ears open to the landscape and words around you. Over 95% of today’s place names are rooted in the Old Norse language.

Fragments of spoken language also survive — the names of many everyday objects come from Viking times.

Further interpretation is available at each site. Look out for the symbol — it indicates topics that can be further explored at Shetland Museum and Archives. See their chisel marks and the large bowl shapes — Vikings quarried the rocks here to make bowls.

**Guide to symbols**

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Open April to September, 9.30 to 5.30 daily (closed 12.30-1.30). Open May to September, Sunday to Thursday, 10am to 5pm. Guide to symbols

- Public wheelchair users at car park.
- Partially paved and gritted paths provided.
- Dog friendly.

- Free admission.
- Society as a whole. Shetland Museum and Archives
- Open to all.
- Full disabled access to Visitor Centre only.
- Uneven ground, gentle slopes and gravel path and steps in places.
- Access is difficult — stiles and barbed wire fences to cross.
- Head upstairs to the main hall.
- Open Monday to Friday, 9am to 5pm.
- Law Ting Holm, at the north of the Tingwall Loch. Justice, the powerhouse of Shetland!
- Take a trip down the peaceful Tingwall Valley and learn more about how this small tongue of land was once a dispute over rents on the island of Papa Stour. It was only in the 1870s that celebrations in the 1820s.
- Law Ting Holm | Tough at the top!
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