

1 SOLAR SYSTEM SCULPTURE

Distance: 18.5 km Time: 1 Day Terrain: Moderate/Hard

The sculpture is fascinating in design. The walk begins with the most distant planet, Pluto, and finishes at the Sun, located close to the centre of Stanley. The terrain varies but in most places vehicle tracks are easily found. Sections of the walk involves hill climbing.

Note that this is not a circular route so a drop-off to the parking point is advised.

Main route

Drive west out of Stanley along Ross Road, continuing past the golf course towards Moody Brook. Take the track to the left before reaching Moody Brook bridge to a concreted area that serves as a convenient parking spot. Walk to a large rocky outcrop over to the right. A dry route always exists via the driveway to the house to the right, then a sharp left turn to head up the slope. The route climbs steeply from this area to the right. Follow the rough vehicle track on the north side of the hill, aiming for the range of rocks on the right, part way up the hill. On reaching the rocks the ground levels out and vehicle tracks can be seen veering to the left towards the memorial cross which graces the summit. Bear left with these tracks in the direction of the summit cross. The vehicle tracks lead towards an Argentine field kitchen which sits directly below the main memorial. The easiest walk up from the kitchen is around the eastern edge of the



Tips:
The outer planet models are situated in rocky outcrops at the top of their respective ridge; the exception is Jupiter located on the coast. Look at the inner planets by the Battle Memorial before setting out to get an idea of what to look for in the hills. Binoculars are also great to have to look for the Sun – the model only of course!

2 MOODY BROOK – LOWER TUMBLEDOWN AND MOODY VALLEY

Distance: 18.5 km Time: 1 Day Terrain: Moderate/Hard

This short circular walk reaches the lower plateau of Mount Tumbledown returning along the valley bottom. The terrain is variable beginning with a short but strenuous uphill climb.

Main route

From Moody Brook bridge take the gravelled road in a southerly direction. To the right is the old water treatment works then a private house; to the left are the polytunnels of the aquaculture project. The gravelled road leads into a concrete hard-standing. Just before the concreted area, turn right to cross the stream then left again to continue in a southerly direction, parallel to the fence-line of a second private residence. Climb slightly, a flatish area of ground surrounded on most sides by rocks opens out in front. Walk in a westerly direction out of the gully to begin climbing Mount Tumbledown on the most northerly side. Vehicle tracks lead up the hill. As the hill flattens out to a plateau with the summit ridge to the south – look out for the memorial cross at the eastern end – a gap opens in the rocks on the northerly side. Walk downwards through this gap. There is a lone fir tree to the left and faint vehicle tracks leading downhill. Continue straight ahead down the hill towards the river where the track becomes more discernible at the river's edge. The track leads to a river crossing point. After crossing the river, walk a little way to find a vehicle track running west-east alongside Moody Brook. Turn right and walk eastwards along this track to return to Moody Brook Valley area.

Tips:

Be prepared for the river crossing – a spare pair of socks is advised! Look and listen carefully for the Falkland grass wren in the Moody Valley area. Walk further

Add in the summit of Mount Tumbledown for glorious views and a look at both the Argentine field kitchen and this out-and-return extra from the gap in the rocks.

River crossing option:

Return first to the Tumbledown field kitchen then walk northwards across the plain to the long rocky outcrop. A large gap in the rocks leads over the hill and a faint vehicle track runs straight ahead to the river. After crossing head onwards and upwards across country in a northerly direction to reach Wireless Ridge. At the top, turn right, eastwards, and walk to find Neptune.

rocks, doubling back through a grassy passage to an area of sloping boulders by the side of the memorials – the top part of the cross can be seen just above. A short scramble is needed across these boulders to reach the summit. Continue along the summit ridge to the planet Pluto at the end.

There are two routes to Neptune. The river-crossing option (see above) should only be considered in dry summer weather but is shorter. Otherwise, return to the concrete parking area of base of Mount Tumbledown, then follow the track to the main road and turn left to cross Moody Brook at the bridge. Continue along the road, following it as it bears right to climb the hill towards the Murrell Farm. At the crest of the hill, take a left to walk westwards along the ridge to find the model of Neptune around half a kilometre away. From Neptune walk eastwards (a turn-around if from the road, the same direction if from the river crossing), cross the road and continue along Wireless Ridge. The next landmark is the memorial cross for the battle on Wireless Ridge in 1982. Continue onwards to find the model of Uranus and then further to discover Saturn.

Saturn is just a few metres from an obvious vehicle track. Join this track which leads to the end of a rocky outcrop and then bends to the right at a fence-line to go downhill. Follow the track along the fence-line to the bottom of the hill. Turn left through the gate and walk on roughly half a kilometre to find Jupiter situated close to the shoreline. This short stretch of the trail is on land belonging to the Falkland Islands Company and further exploration of the area should only be undertaken if permission is obtained in advance. From Jupiter the model of the Sun can clearly be seen on the opposite shore. Return along the road and continue all the way to Moody Brook Bridge then along the shoreline until the inner planet models are reached. These are all located within a short distance, close to the shore, just above the sea-wall. The culmination of the walk is the model Sun next to the 1914 Battle Memorial.



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Flora & Fauna highlights

Almond flower	Variable hawk
Balsam bog	White-bridled finch
Diddle dee	Falkland woolly daisy
Pale maiden	Pale Maiden
Vanilla daisy	Scurvy grass
Dark faced ground tyrant	Tea berry
Long-tailed meadowlark	Turkey Vulture



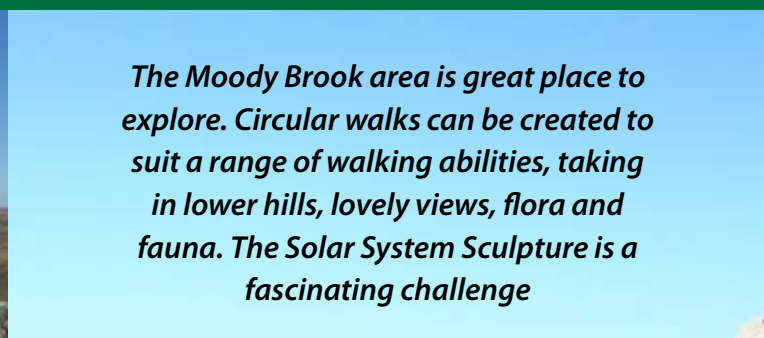
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The Moody Brook area is great place to explore. Circular walks can be created to suit a range of walking abilities, taking in lower hills, lovely views, flora and fauna. The Solar System Sculpture is a fascinating challenge



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Countryside Code

The Countryside Code has been developed by Falklands Conservation to ensure that the remarkable wildlife and natural environment of the Falklands is protected for the enjoyment of future generations. Please respect these points:

- Keep to paths wherever possible. Leave gates open and shut, as you find them.
- Do not drop litter*, and take your rubbish home with you.
- Do not disfigure rocks or buildings.
- Never feed wild animals.
- Always give animals the right of way. Remember not to block the routes of seabirds and marine mammals coming ashore to their colonies.
- Try to prevent any undue disturbance to wild animals. Stay outside bird and marine mammal colonies, and remain at least 6 metres (20 feet) away at all times. When taking photos or filming, stay low to the ground and move slowly and quietly. Do not startle or chase wildlife from resting or breeding areas.
- Some plants are protected and should not be picked* leave wildflowers in the ground for all to enjoy.
- Whalebones, skulls, eggs and other such items cannot be exported from the Falkland Islands*. They should be left where they are found.

* These actions (with a few special exceptions) may constitute an offence in the Falkland Islands, and could result in fines of up to £3,000.

Please remember also that dogs should be kept under control and to pick up anything your dog leaves behind!

Stay Safe

Always tell someone where you are going with an estimated return time. Ensure you have plenty to eat and drink. Take clothing to account for all weather conditions and sun-lotion or sun-block.

Unexploded ordnance and land mines from the 1982 war are very occasionally found around the islands, particularly along the coast. In the very rare event of finding a suspect item, mark the spot if possible and contact the Royal Falkland Islands Police on 28100.

Distance: 3 km Time: 1 Hour Terrain: Moderate

3 WIRELESS RIDGE

This simple walk provides an easy, quick route to visit the memorial cross of Wireless Ridge. It is a straightforward up and down hill trail with some uneven terrain.

Main route

The walk begins at Moody Brook Bridge where parking is easy on a nearby flat area. From the bridge follow the main road towards the Murrell Farm, first in a westerly direction then turning north to climb the hill.

At the top of the ridge, turn right off the road to walk eastwards along the ridge-line. Vehicle tracks can be found but these tend to meander so you may wish to simply stick to the ridge-line itself. The memorial cross is roughly half a kilometre after leaving the road.

Continue just a short distance beyond the memorial and, to take the easiest route, cross a fence-line. Just beyond the fence-line, take a right turn and head down the hill to return to Moody Brook Bridge.

Walk further

Continue the walk along Wireless Ridge to take in the models of the outer planets of the "Solar System Sculpture" walk.

Tips:

This is an excellent area to collect berries as autumn approaches. Don't forget a pair of binoculars to make a sweep of the ocean view.



The Solar System Sculpture was created by Rob Yssel in 2004 and is constructed entirely from recycled metals. It is to scale for both planet diameters and inter-planetary distances whilst being walk-able in day. Each planet is also carefully positioned so that the model of the Sun can be seen from it – of course, binoculars are needed from the distant planets! Pluto is included as the construction was prior to its demotion as a full-blown planet.

A railway line once ran along the latter part of this route. Constructed during the First World War it was used to transport coal from the coaling station on Wireless Ridge to a radio transmitter located in Moody Brook.

The name Tumbledown originates from the times of earlier settlers when a herd of horses was driven over a steep rocky cliff on the hill.

Port William and Mount William are thought to be named by Captain Robert Fitzroy after William, Duke of Clarence (third son of George III) who reigned as William IV from 1830 to 1837.

Distance: Route 1: 4.5 km; Route 2: 3 km Time: 1 - 1.5 hrs
Terrain: Moderate (exploration of summit area – hard)

4 MOUNT WILLIAM

Mount William is a fairly easy hill to climb and the summit area offers fantastic views. Two routes are suggested with different start points.

The terrain is occasionally uneven with some optional scrambles.

Route 1

Drive west out of Stanley along Ross Road, continuing past the golf course towards Moody Brook. Take the track to the left before reaching Moody Brook bridge to a concreted area that serves as a convenient parking spot.

From the concrete standing a vehicle track can be seen heading in a southerly direction to the left side of the concrete remains, then meandering towards the summit of Mount William. Following the track is the easiest option as it offers the firmest ground on which to walk.

Towards the top of the hill there is a rocky outcrop with a steep grassy gully and vehicle tracks leading upwards to the left of the rocky area. The summit area of the hill can be reached from this track but is a steep climb and scramble. Walk to the right of the rocks and head towards to the western end of the hill to find easier routes to the top. Unlike other hills in the Stanley area there is no summit cross on Mount William and indeed no clear summit as such but a short rocky ridge with sheltered grassy patches.

Return via the same route.

Route 2

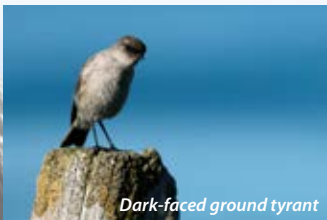
Travelling in the Stanley to Mount Pleasant direction the gate is on the right-hand side of the road just before the hill itself.

The summit area of Mount William can easily be seen from the gate and vehicle tracks lead towards the top. Although the approach is slightly different to that of route 1, the track leads to the rocky outcrop with the steep grassy gully and tracks to the left as described.

Any suitable return route can be chosen.

Walk further

Add in Mount Tumbledown to create a slightly longer walk – the distance between the summit area of Mount William and Mount Tumbledown is just 1 km. Allow around 30 minutes extra and follow vehicle tracks from Tumbledown summit to return to the parking area for route 1. Allow around 45 minutes and carefully choose an appropriate track to return to the start point for route 2.



Dark-faced ground tyrant

Tips:

Sit quietly at the summit; dark-faced ground tyrants may settle nearby. Grassy enclaves on the hill-top provide sheltered snack spots with amazing views.

Distance: 7.5 km Time: 2-3 Hours Terrain: Moderate

5 MOODY BROOK – LOWER TUMBLEDOWN AND WIRELESS RIDGE

This circular walk includes a stroll along the riverside and a model from the Solar System Sculpture.

The terrain is variable including two hill climbs before returning to the start point via a gravelled road.

Main route

From Moody Brook Bridge take the gravelled road in a southerly direction. To the right is the old water treatment works then a private house; to the left are the polytunnels of the aquaculture project.

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After crossing the river, walk a little way to find a vehicle track running west-east alongside Moody Brook. Turn left and walk westwards along the track to the remains of an old crusher plant further along the valley.

Tips:

Be prepared for the river crossing – a spare pair of socks is advised. There are a number of opportunities for "snack breaks" on this walk, allowing time to observe the wildlife or admire the views – an old crusher plant and the model of Neptune make ideal stops.



Tea berries



White-bridled finch

Opposite the old crusher, there is a vehicle track heading northwards, straight up Wireless Ridge. Take this track to walk on to the top of the ridge line. At the top, turn right to head eastwards along the ridge.

The return to Moody Valley is straightforward with vehicle tracks leading along the ridge line to meet the road linking Stanley to the Murrell Farm. The planet Neptune is en-route, a little less than half a kilometre from the road.

Follow the road down the hill to the right, southwards to return to Moody Brook Bridge.

Walk further

Add in the Memorial Cross on Wireless Ridge which can be found by crossing the road at the top of the hill and walking around half a kilometre. Allow around 30 minutes extra for this out-and-return.