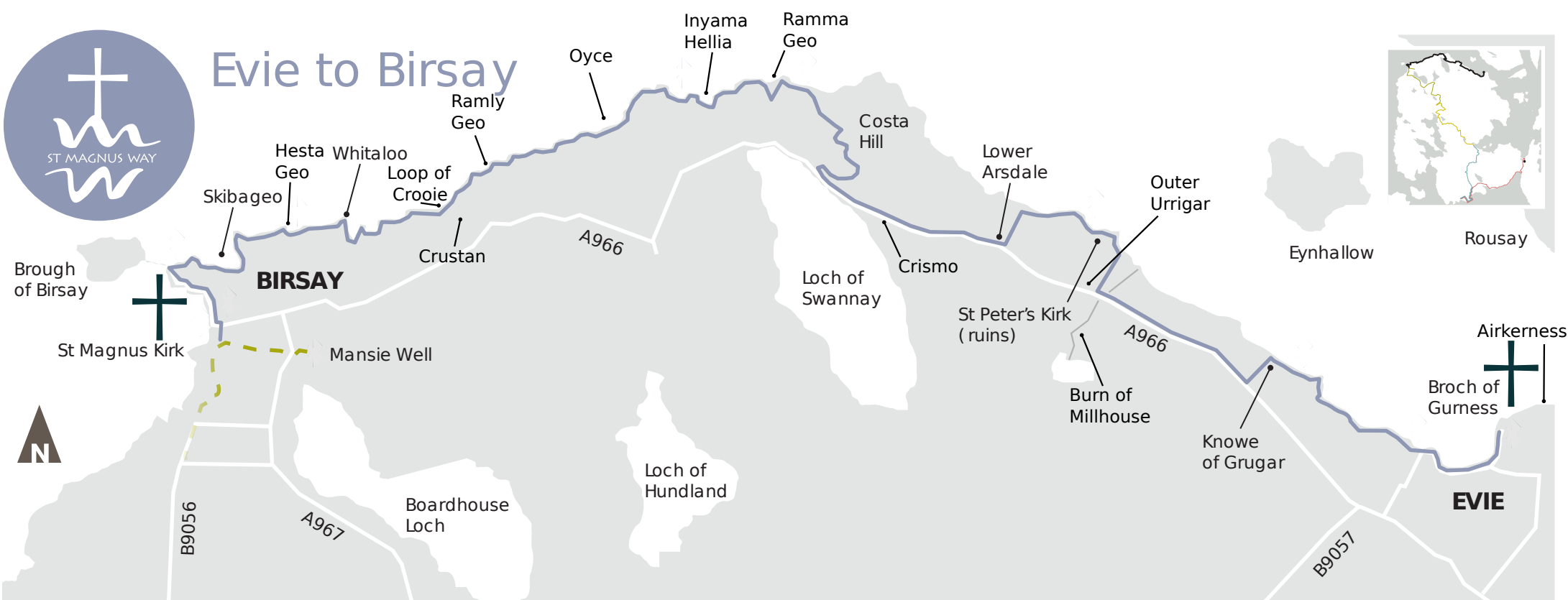
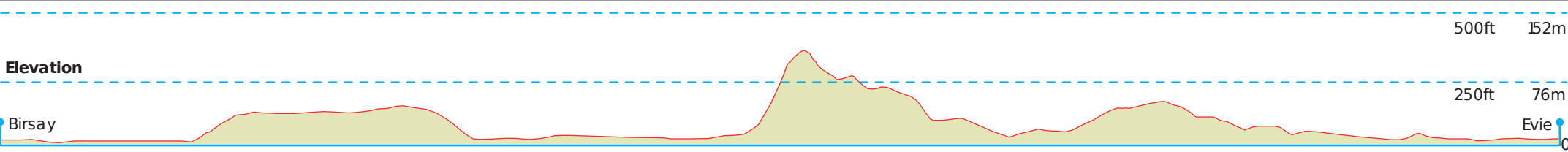




Evie to Birsay



DISTANCE: 12.5 miles/20km **GRADE:** rough coastal walking with 2 miles on road and two severely steep uphill climbs



St Magnus Way

The first stage of the pilgrimage, from Evie to Birsay, follows the journey of Magnus's body as it was carried from Gurness to Christ Kirk in Birsay. It is likely that the original procession follows roughly where the main road now leads. Our route, whilst close to this, takes the more scenic coastal option as much as possible, with stunning views of Eynhallow, Rousay, Westray and the Brough of Birsay.

The likely sites of Mansie Stanes, or Magnus Stones, where they rested the body on the way, are pointed out though none are now visible in the landscape.

Our theme for this stage of the journey is therefore Loss - reflecting on the death of Magnus, the loss of a son for his mother Thora, and our own stories and experience of loss.

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- Keep dogs under control at all times
- Wear suitable footwear and be prepared for variable weather
- Let someone know your route and when you will return
- Avoid disturbing livestock or crops
- Leave gates as you found them
- Respect wildlife and take special care in the breeding season
- Bring your litter away with you

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