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 Time: 2 - 2.5 hrs  
 Terrain: Moderate

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**Main route**  
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on the uphill road section, particularly if the intention is to follow a circular walking route, returning along the valley bottom rather than retracing the hilltop path. An easily visible vehicle track heads in a westerly direction to Mount London summit. Follow the meandering vehicle tracks or head directly towards the summit. The planet Neptune, part of the Solar System Sculpture, is en-route amongst an outcrop of rocks around 475 metres from the walk start.

Mount London has a "false" summit, the top of the hill is slightly beyond where it first appears. An unusual block memorial with sculptured metal flowers is located just before the hill-top cross. Below the cross is a collection of memorials and plaques.

Return along the same track or, head downwards and walk along the old Stanley road in the valley to follow a different route and return to Moody Brook. An easy but slightly meandering route down is via the hilltop gun, from here follow a vehicle track which leads to a gate and onwards to the road.

**Walk further**  
 800 metres along the road from the start of the trail are some Argentine dug-outs - a worthwhile add-on before or after the main walk. These are easy to find from the roadside, on the left in the Stanley to Murrell Farm direction.

**2 MOUNT TUMBLEDOWN**  
 Distance: 4.5 km  
 Time: 1 - 1.5 hrs  
 Terrain: Moderate/Hard

The route to the summit passes the remains of an Argentine field kitchen from the 1982 war and remnants of a quarry including a Falklands railway line. The terrain is variable. This is a straightforward up/down hill walk.

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 Drive west out of Stanley along Ross Road, continuing past the golf course towards 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.

**Tips:**  
 Stanley school children run this route as an annual event; the record time for the run is 15 minutes 1 second held by Timmy Morrison from 1994  
 Look out for teaberry en-route - very tasty!

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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 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.



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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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*Most of the hills around Stanley were also the sites of major battles fought in the 1982 war with Argentina. These hill walks include many of the main memorials but also offer challenging walking opportunities and fantastic views.*

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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.

### 3 TWO SISTERS

**Distance:** 5 km - round trip from the gate; 15km - round trip from the Moody Brook track  
**Time:** 1.5 - 2 hours from the base; allow at least half a day from the start of the track

**Terrain:** Moderate/Hard

These iconic hills are an impressive view from Stanley. To reach the summits involves steep climbs and scrambling.

The terrain varies from easy up/down hill to some strenuous climbs and scrambles over stone runs and up short expanses of rock faces to reach the peaks.

#### Main route

Drive west out of Stanley along Ross Road, continuing past the golf course towards Moody Brook and over the bridge.



Follow the road to the left but instead of bearing right up the hill to the Murrell Farm,

continue in the direction of the hills. Begin walking either from the start of the rocky track or continue by vehicle to start from Two Sisters gate.

From the gate choose a route up to the summit of the northern sister. This is a gradual climb which should arrive at a grassy gully which offers shelter and a suitable resting place below the ridge. From the gully continue in a westerly direction, following the rocks of the ridge line downwards. To the left, there is a gap in the rocks which leads through to the flat plain between the two Sisters. Cross the plain to head for the southern summit at the eastern end of the mountain, looking out for the large, square memorial commemorating 45 Commando CDO en-route. There is

also a memorial on the southern summit. To reach the very top necessitates a steep climb and a short scramble.

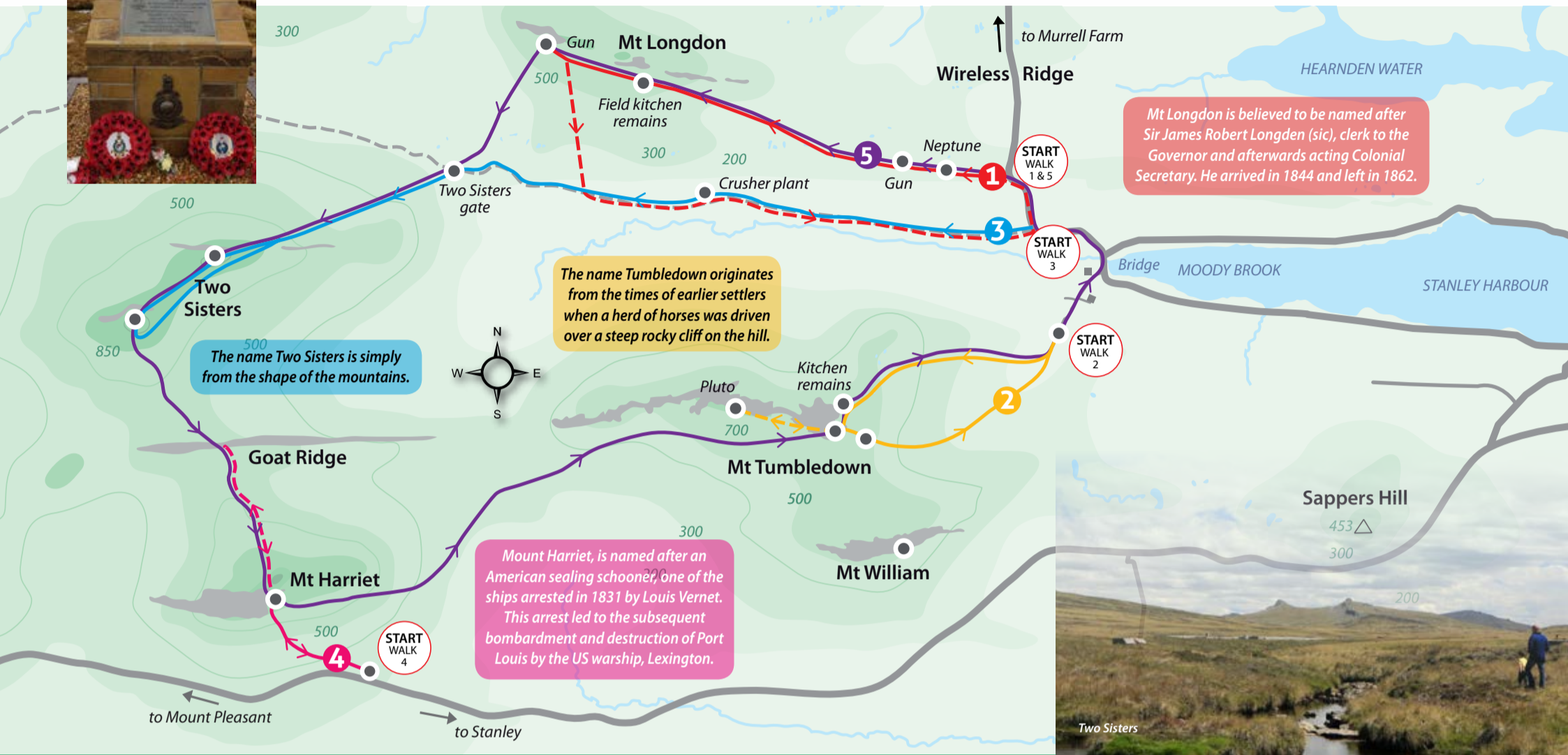
The return to the gate crosses stone runs which need to be negotiated with care.

#### Walk further

The Two Sisters route is easily added to the Longdon route to create a circular walk including the Moody Valley vehicle track. Allow at least half a day for the whole walk.

#### Tips:

- 4 WD and good ground clearance needed to drive down the track.
- Walking with friends makes the scrambles safe.



Mt Longdon is believed to be named after Sir James Robert Longden (sic), clerk to the Governor and afterwards acting Colonial Secretary. He arrived in 1844 and left in 1862.

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.

The name Two Sisters is simply from the shape of the mountains.

Mount Harriet, is named after an American sealing schooner, one of the ships arrested in 1831 by Louis Vernet. This arrest led to the subsequent bombardment and destruction of Port Louis by the US warship, Lexington.



**Distance:** 2 km **Time:** 40 min - 1 hr **Terrain:** Hard

**Distance:** 16 km **Time:** 1 Day **Terrain:** Hard

### 4 MOUNT HARRIET

This is a steep but satisfying walk, taking the shortest route possible to the beautiful memorial cross situated in the middle of the summit ridge of Mount Harriet. This is a straightforward up/down hill walk.

#### Main route

Drive out of Stanley on the Mount Pleasant road. Around 9 km (5 miles) from the "Welcome to Stanley" sign there is a large, gravelled area on the right side of the road. It is easily distinguishable from the road by a large rock painted with a Union flag, just after the wind turbines.

From the flat, gravelled area it's a simple upward route to the middle of the ridge. A large stone with a plaque detailing the battle for Mount Harriet in the 1982 war is situated at the bottom of a well-marked vehicle track. Before setting off, look up to the ridge which slopes downwards from right to left - roughly in the centre is an area relatively free from rocky outcrops - this is the aim. Choose the best route uphill, climb fences carefully if necessary. Once at the ridge, the direction of the memorial cross is route-dependent but likely to be to the left.

Return to the parking area by the easiest route.

#### Walk further

Strike out across to Goat Ridge for views back to Longdon from the gap in the ridge.

#### Tips:

- Allow additional time on the summit to relax and explore.
- Try to avoid the stone runs if you can, however walking poles can provide great assistance with negotiating these.



### 5 "PILGRIMAGE" ROUTE

This exhilarating walk is by far the most challenging, incorporating four peaks. Although the distance does not appear great, the terrain and hill climbing make the going tough.

The terrain is very varied including some vehicle tracks, soft boggy sections, hard but undulating scrubland areas, stone runs and steep climbs.

#### Main route

Follow the instructions for the Longdon walk, parking at Moody Brook Bridge to begin the route.

From the top of Longdon, continue in a westerly direction to get to the bottom of the hill. From the foot of the hill a vehicle track leads to the gate at the bottom of the Two Sisters, on the old Stanley Road. Although not the most direct route, the track follows the driest ground and provides the most gradual hill climb.

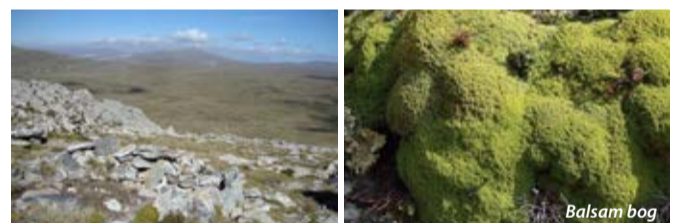
From here ascend towards the northerly of the Two Sisters peaks. Close to the top, a grassy gully provides an excellent resting point just below the summit ridge. It is a scramble to the actual peak from which there is a very steep drop on the southern side.

From the gully continue in a westerly direction, following the rocks of the ridge line downwards. Look to the left for a gap in the rocks which leads through to the flat plain separating the two Sisters. Cross the plain to head for the southern summit at the eastern end of the mountain and the main memorial. Cross the plain to head for the southern summit at the eastern end of the mountain, looking out for the large, square memorial commemorating 45 Commando CDO en-route. To reach the very top necessitates a steep climb and a short scramble.

Retrace the route down the eastern side of the second Sister but then head south towards Goat Ridge. There are gaps in the ridge which are routes through to Mount Harriet.

#### Tips:

- Choose a long summer's day with a good weather forecast; take plenty of water, food and sunscreen.
- Waterproof socks are an asset for sections of this walk.



From any gap it's a simple upward journey to the summit of Mount Harriet. There is an obvious grassy route visible. The direction of the cross will depend on the route taken to the top but is likely to be to the right.

Walk onward to Mount Tumbledown via either the north or south side of Mount Harriet. The north side is the quickest and easiest but the south side has beautiful views and is sheltered from the prevailing winds. Head for the valley bottom then strike out across the plain. Mount Tumbledown is the rocky outcrop to the left (north) with Mount William to the right (south).

Eventually a vehicle track heading north-south provides an easy walking surface but cut off at a suitable point to head upwards and westwards to a grassy area in the rocky outcrop. This traverses the northern side of Mount Tumbledown. Walk just below the ridge line which then leads naturally to the right and along the top to reach the summit cross.

Leave the summit cross by dropping down the southern side of the hill but head back round to the northern side to find the remains of the Argentine field kitchen just below the summit. From here there is a good vehicle track heading north across a shell-holed plain and then west to the concrete standing that serves as a parking area at the foot of Mount Tumbledown.

Complete the loop to Moody Brook Bridge. There is an obvious gravelled road leading from the parking area.

