

Orca Watch 2022

Land Watch sites, North Coast

Strathy Point

Alternative views across Pentland Firth
Free car park
Facilities



Thurso

Alternative views across Pentland Firth
Free car park
Facilities



Dunnet Head

Good views across Pentland Firth

RSPB car park
No facilities



Duncansby Head

The main Orca Watch Site
Orca often seen from here and from lookout over Duncansby Stacks

Free car park; short walk to Stacks
No facilities



John O'Groats

Orca often seen passing.

Car park (voluntary donation)
Facilities and refreshments
Ferry & Orca Watch base



Gills Bay

Seal haul out - Orca often seen from layby passing in Stroma Sound.

Free parking in Layby
No facilities



Brough Bay

Alternative views across Pentland Firth
Free car park
Facilities



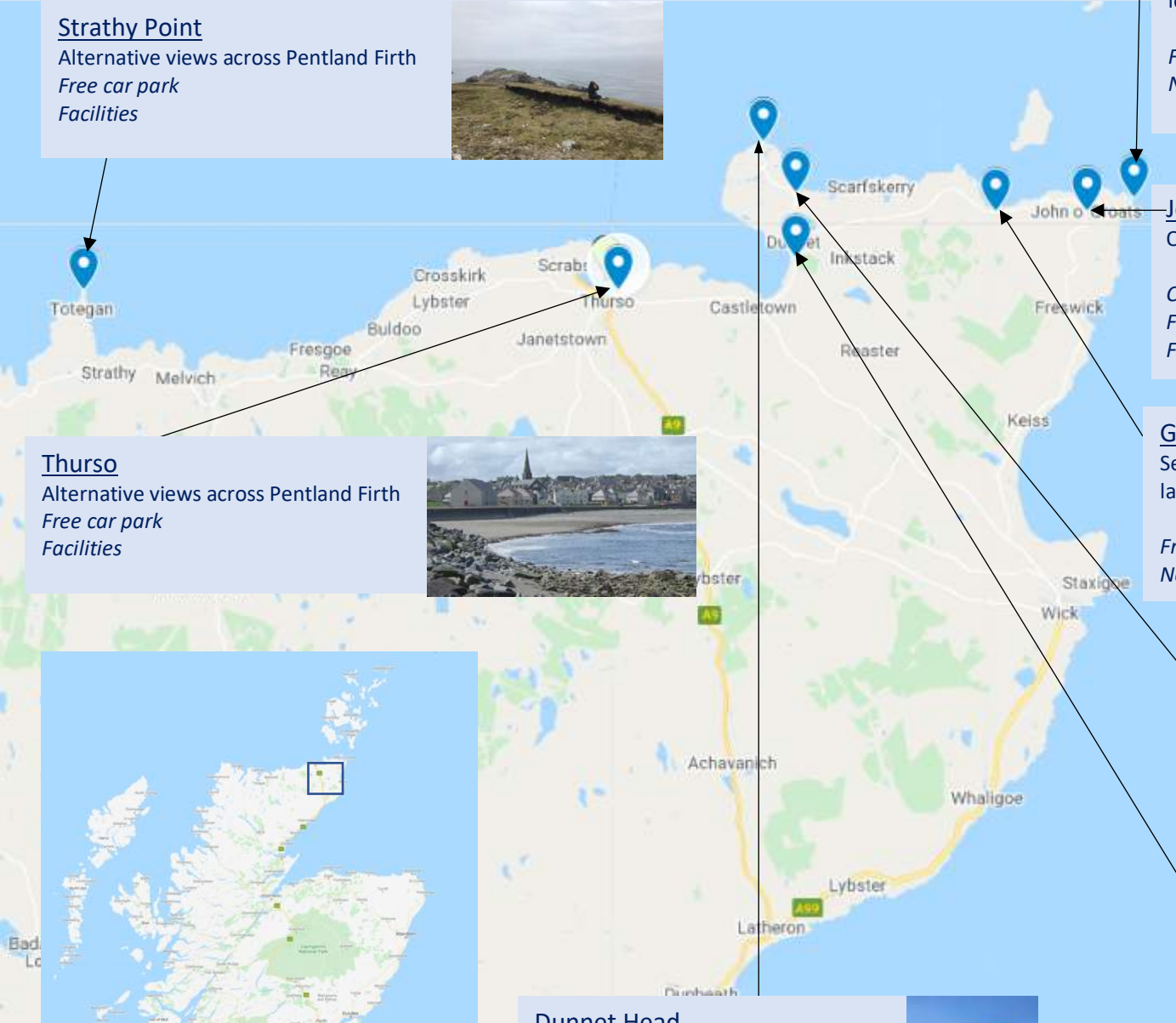
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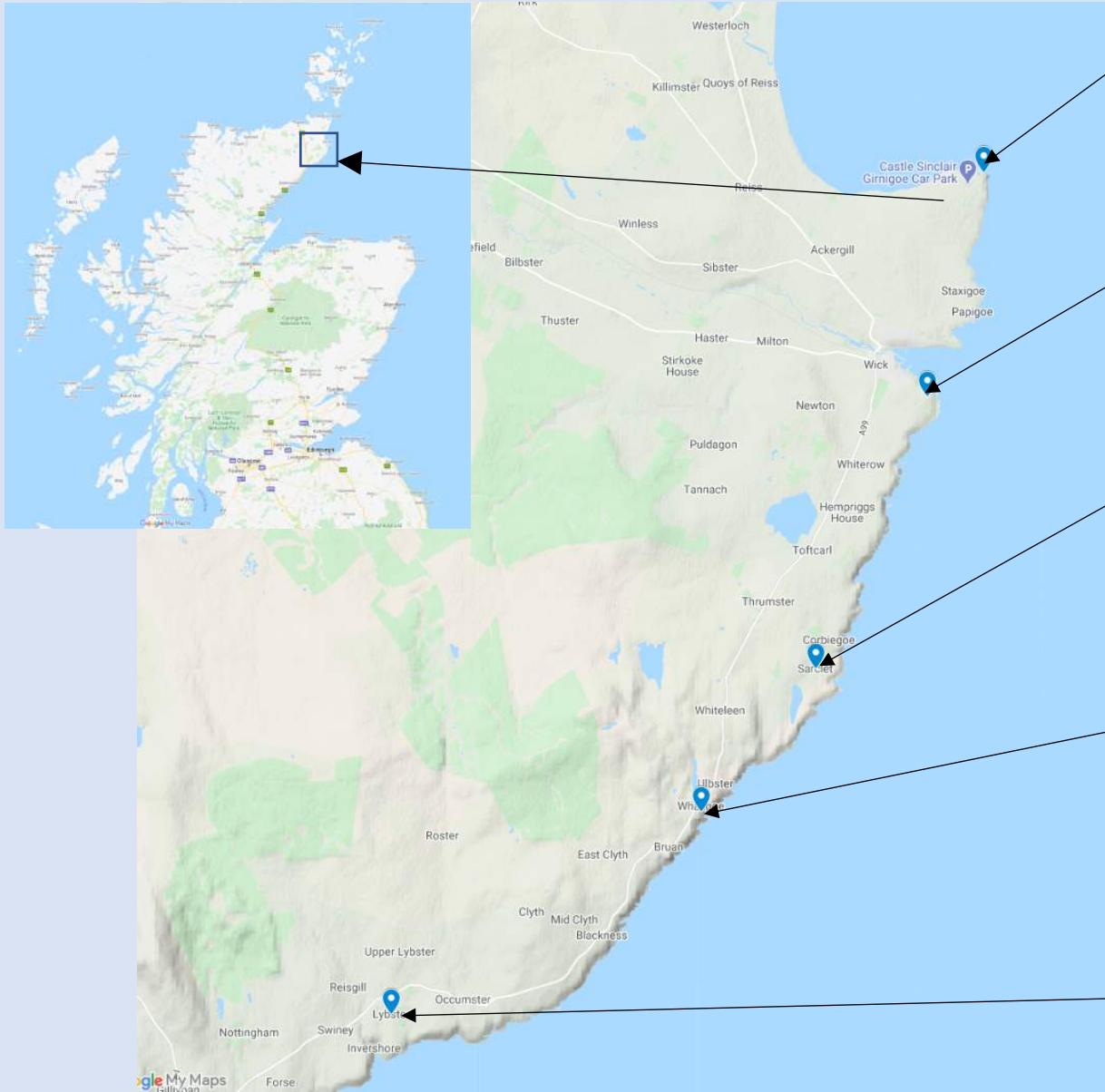
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Dunnet Bay - G Boyer
Dunnet Head - Lucy Baldwin
Gills Bay and Thurso - B Fernie



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Land Watch sites, East Coast.



Noss Head

Good coverage of Sinclair Bay
Orca often seen from here

*Parking not easy; long walk.
No facilities*



Wick - South Head

Orca often seen close to shore near estuary

*Car parking nearby
Facilities in Wick*



Sarclet, Nr Thrumster

Seal haul out - Orca hunt here

*Free parking, short walk
No facilities*



Whaligoe Steps, Ulbster

Orca often seen passing here
Sightings possible from top or bottom of steps

*Free small car park
Seasonal café*



Lybster

Orca often seen heading north close to shore, and heading south, further offshore.

*Parking around harbour
Long walk, rough ground up to headland
Facilities in Lybster*



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Sarclet & Whaligoe Steps - B Fernie

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