

SKOMER ISLAND



An island of sheltered bays, exposed headlands, offshore rocks and shaded inlets, all painted with the graduated colours of lichen. The best location is The Wick: a sheer cliff carved with ledges that are ideally suited to nesting seabirds and easily viewed from the opposite cliff.

In the centre of the island is the ruined farm. An education room and interpretation centre can be found here as well as a Visit Wales graded 3 Star Hostel that can sleep up to 16 people in 5 rooms. If you stay overnight, you can witness one of the most remarkable natural events in the UK, the Manx Shearwaters returning to their burrows under the cover of darkness. The noise they make is really spooky.

There are also several Neolithic hut circles tucked under a rocky outcrop.

Visit in May to see carpets of bluebells and pink campion.

What to see:

- **Puffins (6,000 pairs)**
- **Manx Shearwaters (120,000 pairs)**
- **Guillemots (10,000 pairs)**
- **Razorbills**
- **Choughs**
- **Short Eared Owls**
- **Skomer Voles**
- **Grey Seals**

The Dale Princess runs from Martin's Haven between Good Friday or 1st April (whichever is earlier) and 31st October. It runs Tuesdays to Sundays and Bank Holiday Mondays and leaves from Martin's Haven at 10am, 11am and 12 noon and has return sailings from 3pm onwards.

Sailings may be disrupted by the weather - check by calling Lockley Lodge, an information point and gift shop run by the Wildlife Trust on 01646 636800 or Dale Sailing on 01646 603110.

Parking available in a National Trust car park at Martin's Haven for £4 per day.

There is a maximum daily quota for landing visitors. If you arrive too late, you may have to resort to a round island boat trip. At weekends between May and early July, queues can be lengthy.

As well as the boat fare of £10 for adults, OAPs and students, and £7 for children under 16 (babies under 1 are free), there's a landing charge of £10 for adults, £9 for OAPs, £5 for students and children are free (2012 charges). Members of The Wildlife Trust of South and West Wales do not pay a Landing Fee.

There are no refreshments available on the island, but there is a toilet at the old farm.

SKOKHOLM ISLAND



Skokholm has been owned by The Wildlife Trust of South and West Wales since 2006 and lies just south of Skomer. The island is roughly a mile in length and half a mile across at its widest point. It has deep bays and gullies exposing interesting underlying rock strata in a variety of red and purple hues.

Overnight accommodation for limited numbers is available for a short time each year (please see [The Wildlife Trust](#) website for more information and booking conditions).

Surrounding both Skomer and Skokholm is a marine nature reserve, one of only three in the UK.

What to see:

- **Puffins (2,000 pairs)**
- **Manx Shearwaters (45,000 pairs)**
- **Guillemots**
- **Razorbills**
- **Storm Petrels**
- **Choughs**

Landing is not permitted on the island apart from organised day trips (see the [Wildlife Trust](#) website for more information).

The best way to see Skokholm is on a wildlife safari from Dale or an evening boat cruise from Martin's Haven. These are especially good for viewing rafts of birds heading back to their chicks.

GRASSHOLM ISLAND



Grassholm Island is a tiny white speck of land, 11 miles from the coast. As you approach the island, you begin to understand why it's white. It's home to the only gannet colony in Wales and second largest in the UK. Not only are the rocks stained white with droppings but the air is white too, with thousands of gannets on the wing. The island is a RSPB bird sanctuary.

Catch a boat from Martins Haven on Mondays at 2pm or from St Justinians. No landing is permitted.

What to see:

- **Gannets (65,000)**
- **Guillemots**
- **Razorbills**
- **Grey seals**

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