

The Wildlife Trust of South & West Wales

SKOMER ISLAND – EDUCATIONAL VISITS 2019



South and West Wales
De a Gorllewin Cymru

Name of Party Leader (Mr/Mrs/Miss/Ms)

Name of School/Organisation

Correspondence Address

..... Postcode

Tel Mobile (for contact on the day)

(Please check Twitter @Skomer_boatinfo for the latest information on sailings or ring Lockley Lodge between 8am-8.30am on the morning of your visit)

Email

Date of visit (a suitable date should be made first with Island Bookings 01656 724100).

Day Date

Name of local education authority:

Signature of leader: Date

Expected time of arrival at Martin's Haven: (IMPORTANT!!) Sailing time 10.30am
(The National Trust car park will need to know your approximate time of arrival) Return time: 3.30pm

Non refundable booking fee £5 per person Boat fare £5 per person **Total per person £10**

Numbers

Total in group **MAX 50..** (Adults Under 16s) Cost £.....
(Total x £10)

Landing tickets must be collected from Lockley Lodge by the leader of the group and should be shown to the boatman.

You will be invoiced after the trip for the boat fare and the booking fee. Any amendments to the number of visitors must be made at least 30 days before your sailing date. Any amendments made after the 30 days prior date will remain subject to the booking fee, and will be invoiced. Later, subsequent amendments to sailing numbers will still need to be advised to the booking office or Lockley Lodge if these change on the day of travel.

Please also advise of any upward change in numbers otherwise we cannot guarantee that all of your group will be able to cross to the island.

Purchase Order No
(if applicable)

Invoice address if different from above

Please send completed booking form to
Island Bookings, The Nature Centre, Fountain Road, Tondu, Bridgend CF32 0EH
Email: islands@welshwildlife.org

THE WILDLIFE TRUST OF SOUTH & WEST WALES

SKOMER ISLAND NATIONAL NATURE RESERVE

Details for school and college visits 2019

Skomer Island is owned by Natural Resources Wales, formerly the Countryside Council for Wales, and is managed for them by the Wildlife Trust of South & West Wales.

As an educational environment Skomer is without parallel in West Wales. A visit can be designed to illustrate elements of the National Curriculum in Science, History and Geography.

The Reserve covers 292 hectares and has a footpath system that takes you round most of the coastline and through the centre of the Island. It has been carefully designed to take visitors to all the best places to see the wildlife. Appropriate clothing should be taken in case of wet weather as little shelter is available. Please wear shoes suitable for rough island paths. There is a covered picnic area in the old farmhouse ruin.

Educational parties from schools and colleges may book for trips for up to **50 people on Wednesdays, Thursdays, Fridays and Sundays only, however, trips on Tuesdays and Saturdays are available during April, August and September.**

There is a non refundable booking fee of £5 per person (applicable to both children and adults) and a boat fare of £5 per person (*total £10 per person*). You will be invoiced after the trip for the boat fare and the booking fee. **Any amendments to the number of visitors must be made at least 30 days before your sailing date. Any amendments made after the 30 days prior date will remain subject to the booking fee, and this will be invoiced. Later, subsequent amendments to sailing numbers will still need to be advised to the booking office or Lockley Lodge if these change on the day of travel. All amendments must be made via this booking form.** If the sailing is cancelled due to prevailing weather conditions we will refund all payments made. **We are unable to take any bookings for school parties during the period 18th May – 10th June 2019.**

There is a ticketing system in place for visiting Skomer Island and educational groups are allocated the 10.30am sailing (return 3.30pm). We will hold places for you on this boat but if you are late we may not be able to transfer you to a later one. Boats are unable to wait for late arrivals due to the tight scheduling of multiple trips to the island. Please allow enough time to get to Martin's Haven, disembark and walk down to the landing stage. Landing tickets should be collected from Lockley Lodge by the leader of the group. Please show the landing tickets to the boatman.

The *Dale Princess* carries visitors to the Island from Martins Haven (two miles from Marloes on the B4327 from Haverfordwest) under contract to The Wildlife Trust of South & West Wales. The boat is licensed by the Department of Trade and Industry to carry a maximum of 50 passengers at any one time and is owned and run by Dale Sailing.

When parties arrive on the Island the Warden gives an introductory talk. It is best if you can split your group into parties with a maximum of 20 pupils in each (preferably less) to get the best from the Island. ***It is the responsibility of the group leaders to keep the party under control whilst on the Island;*** Skomer is a National Nature Reserve, and health & safety for both you and the wildlife is of prime importance. All island visitors should keep to the footpaths - some birds live in burrows and straying off the paths will cause damage to the burrows and injure or kill the birds inside.

The Skomer Island Guide is available at a cost of £2 and also a Guide to Skomer birds which costs £1. Both publications are bi-lingual and available on the island or in Lockley Lodge, our information centre at Martin's Haven.

It is suggested that you contact the office as soon as possible with your preferred date so that you are not disappointed. We reserve the right to change or refuse bookings.

Contact name: **Jon Cooper/Nicola Cornock/Jane Kokoch**

Tel: **01656 724100**

Send completed form to:

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