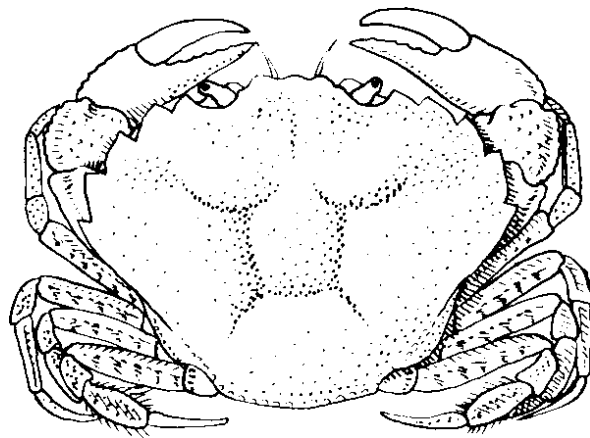


Seashore Site Guide



**A guide to sites suitable for
seashore activities from
North Berwick to the
Farne Islands**



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The site guide is in alphabetical order by the nearest town.

To help group leaders plan visits, sites have been given a star rating from 1* to 5*.

1* and 2* sites generally seashore areas that have been included for convenience of access when there is nothing better available in an area.

3* sites generally very good for activities but perhaps lack any other facilities and the lower rating reflects this.

4 * sites will often have facilities such as:

- parking
- toilets
- ranger led activities
- classroom facilities

5* sites may have additional facilities such as:

- visitor centre
- cafe/tearoom
- boat trips

Area: Cockburnspath (4* site)

Location Pease Bay O.S. Sheet 67 Grid Reference 79 71

Table with 4 columns: Type, Sea Cliffs, Town Seafront, Offshore Island, Sandy shore, Rockpool, Visitor Centre. Includes checkboxes with 'X' marks.

Brief description of the site Good access to rockpools and beach adjacent to large commercial caravan site. Best access for rockpools is to east end of beach below the red sandstone cliffs. Toilets at caravan site - ask at site shop.

Access Unrestricted Parking At Caravan site - visitors car park

Owner/Contact Name Pease Bay Caravan Site Address Pease Bay Cockburnspath Berwickshire Phone number 01368 830 206 Website/email information@peasebay.co.uk

Table with 2 columns: Suitable for (Seabird study, Minibeast study) and Facilities (Leaflet, Viewpoint, Parking, Toilets). Includes checkboxes with 'X' marks.

*ask at site shop for access to toilets.

Other Shop at caravan site

This site is particularly recommended for: Rockpool studies to show the distribution of minibeasts and seaweeds.

Safety Issues: All tidal areas are potentially hazardous. Check tide times in advance and do not attempt any rockpool studies until 3 hours before and up to 3 hours after low water. Access across the rocks can be very slippery. Avoid any activity near the sea if the sea is very rough. Wear suitable outdoor clothing and footwear.

Area: Coldingham (4* site)

Location: Coldingham Bay O.S. Sheet: 67 Grid Reference: 91 66

Type Sea Cliffs [] Town Seafront []
Offshore Island [] Sandy shore [X]
Rockpool [X] Visitor Centre []

Brief description of the site: Good access to rockpools and beach. Best access for rockpools is to the west end of the beach. St. Abbs and Eyemouth Marine Nature Reserve Ranger may be available to help with school visits.

Access Unrestricted [X] Parking: At beach
Contact Owner []
Owner/Contact Name: St. Abbs and Eyemouth Marine Nature Reserve Ranger
Address: Rangers Cottage, Northfield, St. Abbs, Berwickshire, TD14 5QF
Phone number: 01890 771 443
Website/email: lcole@nts.org.uk

Suitable for: Seabird study [] Facilities: Leaflet []
Minibeast study [X] Viewpoint []
Parking [X]
Toilets [X]

Other: Hotel above beach for snacks & drinks

This site is particularly recommended for: Rockpool studies to show the distribution of minibeasts and seaweeds.

Safety Issues: All tidal areas are potentially hazardous. Check tide times in advance and do not attempt any rockpool studies until 3 hours before and up to 3 hours after low water. Access across the rocks can be very slippery. Avoid any activity near the sea if the sea is very rough. Wear suitable outdoor clothing and footwear.

Area: Cove (3* site)

Location: Cove Harbour area O.S. Sheet: 67 Grid Reference: 78 71

Type Sea Cliffs [] Town Seafront []
Offshore Island [] Sandy shore []
Rockpool [X] Visitor Centre []

Brief description of the site: Good access to rockpools at two sites. Either below the access road - walk to harbour cottages and then back along the shore - or go through the tunnel, across harbour beach and access rockpools behind harbour breakwater.

Access Unrestricted [X] Parking: Car park at cliff top.
Contact Owner []

Owner/Contact Name: Not applicable
Address:
Phone number:
Website/email:

Suitable for: Seabird study [] Facilities: Leaflet []
Minibeast study [X] Viewpoint [X]
Parking [X]
Toilets []

Other:

This site is particularly recommended for: Rockpool studies to show the distribution of minibeasts and seaweeds.

Safety Issues: All tidal areas are potentially hazardous. Check tide times in advance and do not attempt any rockpool studies until 3 hours before and up to 3 hours after low water. Access across the rocks can be very slippery. Avoid any activity near the sea if the sea is very rough. Wear suitable outdoor clothing and footwear.

Area: **Eyemouth (2* site)**

Location..... **Eyemouth to Burnmouth (walk)** O.S. Sheet..... **67** Grid Reference..... **99 61**...

Type	Sea Cliffs	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Town Seafront	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Offshore Island	<input type="checkbox"/>	Sandy shore	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Rockpool	<input type="checkbox"/>	Visitor Centre	<input type="checkbox"/>

Brief description of the site..... Along the clifftop walk between Eyemouth and Burnmouth there are several seabird breeding colonies on the cliffs and skerries . Gulls, Fulmars, Kittiwakes, Auks (Razorbills and Guillimots) and Shag are all readily seen nesting. Best seen May to September.

Access Unrestricted Parking..... Ample parking at either Eyemouth or Burnmouth

 Contact Owner
 Owner/Contact Name Not applicable
 Address.....
 Phone number.....
 Website/email.....

Suitable for:	Seabird study	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Facilities:	Leaflet	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Minibeast study	<input type="checkbox"/>		Viewpoint	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
		Parking		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
		Toilets		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	

*public toilets at both Eyemouth & Burnmouth

Other.....

This site is particularly recommended for:..... Observation of nesting seabirds - behaviour and feeding methods. Also for observation of birds in flight.

Safety Issues:..... Extreme danger of falling from cliffs so group must be closely supervised at all times. Observation of the birds should only be done whilst sitting down. Never use binoculars whilst walking. Avoid cliff tops when grass is wet and slippery.
Wear suitable outdoor clothing and footwear.

Area: Eyemouth (2* site)

Location Eyemouth Harbour & Seafront O.S. Sheet 67 Grid Reference 947 645

Type Sea Cliffs [] Town Seafront [X]
Offshore Island [] Sandy shore [X]
Rockpool [] Visitor Centre []

Brief description of the site By following the Eye downstream past the harbour and along to the seafront it is possible to see a wide range of seabirds.

Access Unrestricted [X] Parking At Eyemouth Harbour or at Gunsgreen House
Contact Owner []

Owner/Contact Name Not applicable
Address
Phone number
Website/email

Suitable for: Seabird study [X] Minibeast study []
Facilities: Leaflet [] Viewpoint [] Parking [X] Toilets [X*]

*public toilets at Eyemouth

Other

This site is particularly recommended for: Close up views of seabirds such as Herring Gulls, Eider Ducks, Lesser Blackbacked Gulls, Shags and Cormorants as well as other water and woodland birds.

Safety Issues: Parts of the route are in built up areas so take due care of traffic. Wear suitable outdoor clothing and footwear.

Area: Eyemouth (3* site)

Location Killiedraughts Bay O.S. Sheet 67 Grid Reference 936 647

Type Sea Cliffs [] Town Seafront []
Offshore Island [] Sandy shore []
Rockpool [X] Visitor Centre []

Brief description of the site Rocky shore suitable for the study of intertidal and rockpool wildlife.

Access Unrestricted [X] Parking Parking available at Pocklaw Slap
Contact Owner []

Owner/Contact Name Not applicable
Address
Phone number
Website/email

Suitable for: Seabird study [] Facilities: Leaflet []
Minibeast study [X] Viewpoint []
Parking []
Toilets []

Other

This site is particularly recommended for: The study of rockpool minibeasts. A larger and cleaner site than Eyemouth, and perhaps less used by members of the public.

Safety Issues: All tidal areas are potentially hazardous. Check tide times in advance and do not attempt any rockpool studies until 3 hours before and up to 3 hours after low water. Access across the rocks can be very slippery. Avoid any activity near the sea if the sea is very rough. Wear suitable outdoor clothing and footwear.

Area: North Berwick (4* site)

Location: The Bass Rock O.S. Sheet: 67 Grid Reference: 60 87

Type Sea Cliffs [] Town Seafront []
Offshore Island [X] Sandy shore []
Rockpool [] Visitor Centre []

Brief description of the site: Boat trip (approx 2 hours) to an internationally recognised site for seabirds and in particular Gannets, which are readily seen during the nesting season from May and September. Landing on the island is not allowed but the boatmen are very knowledgeable. There is a cost for the boat trip. Book in advance. Contact Mr. Marr on 01620 892838

Access Unrestricted [] Parking: Ample car parking at North Berwick
Contact Owner [X*]
*visit organised by boatman
Owner/Contact Name: Not applicable
Address:
Phone number:
Website/email:

Suitable for: Seabird study [X] Facilities: Leaflet []
Minibeast study [] Viewpoint []
Parking [X]
Toilets [X]

*in North Berwick

Other: Cafes/shops in North Berwick

This site is particularly recommended for: Close observation of the largest Gannet colony in the East of Britain. Particularly interesting for observing nesting behaviour and feeding methods. Also for observation of birds in flight.

Safety Issues: In rough weather, the boat trip is at the discretion of the boatman. Boat trips can be wet and cold so wear suitable outdoor clothing and footwear.

Area: North Berwick (5* site)

Location: Scottish Seabird Centre O.S. Sheet: 66 Grid Reference: 554 856

Type Sea Cliffs [] Town Seafront []
Offshore Island [] Sandy shore []
Rockpool [] Visitor Centre [X]

Brief description of the site: The Scottish Seabird Centre is an award winning wildlife visitor centre overlooking the sea and islands of the Forth. Live cameras, telescope deck, interactives and wildlife theatre. Remote viewing from cameras on the islands beam back live panoramas and close-ups onto giant screens of such good quality that visitors can even read the rings on individual birds' feet!

Access Unrestricted [] Parking: Car parking at the centre
Contact Owner [X]

Owner/Contact Name: The Scottish Seabird Centre
Address: The Harbour, North Berwick, EH39 4SS
Phone number: 01620 890 202
Website/email: info@seabird.org

Suitable for: Seabird study [X] Minibeast study [X]
Facilities: Leaflet [X], Viewpoint [X], Parking [X], Toilets [X]

Other: Cafe

This site is particularly recommended for: Seabird study and close (remote) observation of the largest Gannet colony in the East of Britain. Particularly interesting for observing nesting behaviour and feeding methods.

Safety Issues: None

Area: Seahouses - The Farne Islands (5* site)

Location... The Farne Islands O.S. Sheet... 75. Grid Reference... 22 36...

Type	Sea Cliffs	<input type="checkbox"/>	Town Seafront	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Offshore Island	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Sandy shore	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Rockpool	<input type="checkbox"/>	Visitor Centre	<input type="checkbox"/>

Brief description of the site..... Boat trip (approx 3 hours if landing on the islands) to an internationally recognised site for seabirds which are all readily seen during the nesting season from May and September. There are full time wardens on the islands to help and the boatmen are very knowledgeable. There is a cost for the boat trip and an additional cost for landing on the islands. Book in advance. Contact Billy Shiel on 01665 774691

Access	Unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/>	Parking..... Ample (pay) car parks at Seahouses
	Contact Owner	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	

* Group NT/NTS membership reduces the cost

Owner/Contact	Name The National Trust
	Address Scots' Gap
	 Morpeth
	 Northumberland. NE61 4EG
	Phone number 01670 774691
	Website/email www.nationaltrust.org.uk

Suitable for:	Seabird study	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Facilities:	Leaflet	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Minibeast study	<input type="checkbox"/>		Viewpoint	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
			Parking	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
			Toilets	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	

*in Seahouses

Other..... Cafes/shops in Seahouses village.....

This site is particularly recommended for:..... Very close observation of nesting seabirds - behaviour and feeding methods. Also for observation of birds in flight.

Safety Issues:..... Landing on the islands can be slippy and is not recommended for those with walking difficulties. In rough weather, both the boat trip and subsequent landing is at the discretion of the boatman. Boat trips can be wet and cold so wear suitable outdoor clothing and footwear.

Area: St. Abbs (5* site)

Location St. Abbs Head Nature Reserve O.S. Sheet 67 Grid Reference 91 69

Table with 4 columns: Type, Feature, Input box, Feature, Input box. Includes Sea Cliffs, Town Seafront, Offshore Island, Sandy shore, Rockpool, Visitor Centre.

Brief description of the site Internationally recognised site for seabirds which are all readily seen during the nesting season from May and September. Visitor centre with interpretive section. An excellent cliff-top walk takes you from the visitor centre to the main bird viewing areas by the lighthouse. There is a full time ranger who will lead groups around the site. Book in advance with the Ranger for group visits.

Access Unrestricted X* Parking Three car parks - At Visitor Centre; Petticowick and by the Lighthouse Contact Owner X*

Owner/Contact Name St. Abbs Head Nature Reserve Address Rangers Cottage Northfield, St. Abbs Berwickshire, TD14 5QF Phone number 01890 771 443 Website/email lcole@nts.org.uk

* Inform the Ranger of group visits in advance

Table with 2 columns: Suitable for, Facilities. Includes Seabird study, Minibeast study, Leaflet, Viewpoint, Parking, Toilets.

Other Cafe and Interpretive centre on site

This site is particularly recommended for: Observation of nesting seabirds - behaviour and feeding methods. Also for observation of birds in flight.

Safety Issues: Extreme danger of falling from cliffs so groups must be closely supervised at all times. Observation of the birds should only be done whilst sitting down. Never use binoculars whilst walking. Avoid cliff tops when grass is wet and slippery. Wear suitable outdoor clothing and footwear.

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