

## Prior to arrival

You should book your car in at West Hook Farm. This is more secure than the National Trust car park which is not policed at night. Please ring the Thomas family on 01656 636424 a few days in advance of coming to Skomer. This is a working farm and the phone may not be answered immediately. They also have a camp site if you wish to camp here the night before going to Skomer. West Hook Farm is situated on the right hand side about a quarter of a mile before Martin's Haven. See separate instructions on the reverse of the letter.

## On arrival at Martin's Haven

Reservations will be made on the 10am sailing to Skomer for you. You should collect landing tickets at Lockley Lodge (the white building opposite the National Trust car park) and these should be shown to the boatman and then handed in to the Visitor Services Officer (VS) on the island. You should arrive at Martin's Haven by 9am to give you time to park your car and get your luggage and food to the jetty.

## On arrival at Skomer

On arrival at Skomer you disembark from the very front of the boat. There is a flight of steps but limited help will be available from the voluntary assistant wardens if you have problems carrying your belongings. There will be a tractor at the top of the steps to take your luggage to the farmhouse complex. We cannot guarantee the tractor if you decide to come on a later boat than 10am.

## On leaving Skomer

You may leave on any of the morning boats on the day of departure. Your luggage should be ready at 9am for the VSO to take it by tractor to the top of the steps for you. Please liaise with the VSO over your departure time. If the weather is not good you will be asked to leave at 10am (the first boat).

## Important!

In the event of extreme weather conditions and the boat being unable to cross to Skomer, the Trust is not able to provide alternative accommodation. If the weather is likely to disrupt the boat's departure the Visitor Services Officer will try and contact you the day before your visit. You are welcome to ring the VSO yourself to check on weather conditions.

As a guideline if there are strong north, north-westerly or north-easterly winds, then the boat will not be able to sail. In bad weather afternoon boats may not run and the boatman will only do one run in the morning if possible for overnight guests. The boatman makes the decision on whether the boat can go, not the Trust, and often this decision is taken at 8.30am on the day.

We hope you have an enjoyable stay on Skomer. If you would like to support our work on the islands and throughout West Wales please consider joining the Wildlife Trust of South & West Wales and/or the Friends of the Islands. Details are available in the lounge, at the landing area and at Lockley Lodge on the mainland.

**Island Bookings**  
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**Skomer Island**  
**Information for**  
**residential guests**

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## We provide

Kitchen utensils  
Crocery  
Washing up liquid  
Loo rolls  
Duvet and pillow for each bed



Please note utensils are shared so if you have a nut allergy or similar this may cause a problem for you.

## You need to bring

Undersheet, pillowcase and duvet cover **OR**  
Undersheet, pillowcase and sleeping bag  
Towel and toiletries (soap etc)  
Tea towels  
Torch and spare batteries  
Strong durable boots suitable for island paths  
Slippers or thick socks for indoor wear  
Waterproofs  
Spare clothing including warm coat  
Binoculars and camera

Please try to keep your luggage to a minimum!

***Please note there are no laundry or drying facilities on the island***



Kitchen for residential guests

## Food and Facilities

There is no shop or pub on the island. Bring what you want to eat (and drink!). Dried foods such as pasta and rice are easy to transport and light to carry along with pasta sauces in packets, as well as packet soups. Dried or UHT milk is best.

If you bring chilled foods and cannot access the accommodation immediately please inform the Visitor Services Officer (VSO) on arrival who will see that these foods are put in the fridge.

Cooking and refrigeration run on bottled gas – please do not leave cookers unattended when lit. Gas bottles should be changed by island staff only – see the VSO or Assistant Warden. Please note there is no microwave.

The refrigerator has to accommodate food for up to 16 people and you need to plan for an extra day in case you get stranded by the weather – it does happen occasionally!



Lounge

## Medication

Ensure you bring all medication that you need. If you have a specific condition please inform the VSO in case of emergency. If anything serious happens the coastguard and rescue helicopter can be called out.

## Sustainability

The staff, researchers and volunteers try to live a sustainable lifestyle as much as possible on Skomer. The sun and wind power the electricity and hot water so at times these items may be lacking a little. There is likely to be more hot water at the end of the day after a lot of sunshine rather than at the beginning of the day.

There is one electric socket in the kitchen and this has to be shared between all the residential guests.

Please charge up camera and phone batteries before coming. Please note there is no shaving socket. There are no electric sockets in the bedrooms.

## Water

Water is from a well and is treated. Tap water is drinkable. There is a large storage tank but please try not to waste water. Turn off taps when not in use.



Some of the panels providing hot water and electricity situated behind the buildings