

An opportunity to help us, and for you to enjoy Skomer Island

A week of volunteering on Skomer will enable you to help the work of the Wildlife Trust of South and West Wales.



You will gain experience of working outdoors and working in a team, and you will meet new people and have fun!

The work varies throughout the year. On days that the island is open you will mainly be helping overnight and day visitors on and off the island and looking after the visitor facilities.

When the island is closed to visitors you will be helping out on the reserve. This may include maintenance of buildings and control of vegetation.

You will also be involved in monitoring and recording of the island's wildlife by carrying out counts and watches both on land and at sea.



Voluntary Assistant Wardens

The Island is open to visitors from 1 April to 31 October but Voluntary Assistant Wardens are required from the middle of March onwards.

We take up to six Voluntary Assistant Wardens each week (Saturday to Saturday), to help with managing day visitors, assisting with overnight guests and their accommodation, conservation work including monitoring and surveys, and building maintenance.

The minimum age is 16 years. You will need to be able to walk several miles each day and to carry luggage up a steep, long, flight of steps several times a day. You need to enjoy working outside in all weather conditions including strong sunshine, heavy rain and strong winds.

You will need to be happy talking to members of the public, have a cheerful and customer friendly approach to sometimes difficult situations.

Demand is high, early booking is advisable

Visit the website to see when the booking line will open for next year's Voluntary Assistant Warden places, or phone for the current year's vacancies.

Please check the website for further information about volunteering and Skomer Island: www.welshwildlife.org

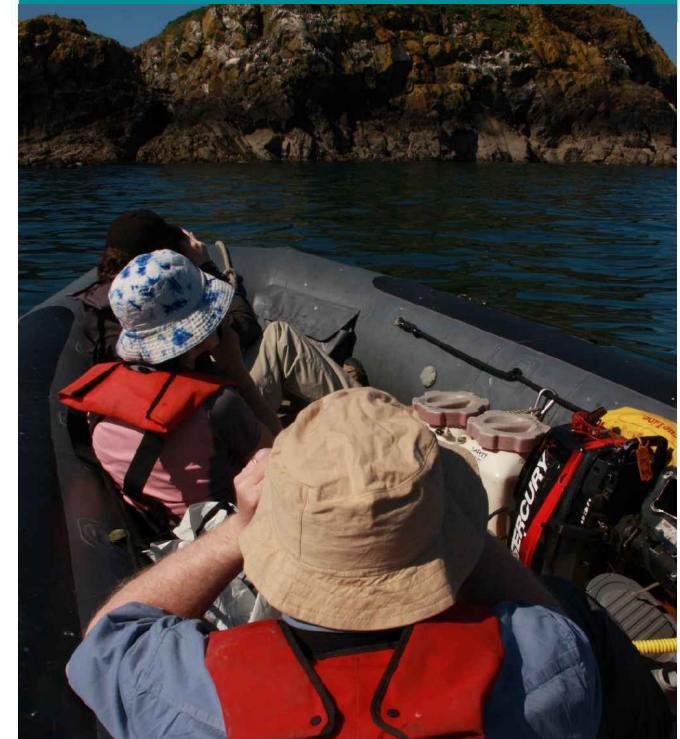
Our email address is:
islands@welshwildlife.org

To make a booking please telephone the Islands Booking Office on 01239 621600 or 01239 621212.

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Accommodation

The accommodation consists of two bunk-bedded rooms and one twin bedded room. There is a shared and fully equipped kitchen (but no microwave).

You need to bring food for the week, along with extra food should you be delayed leaving the island.

There are shared shower room and toilet facilities.

There is solar powered electricity for lighting and solar hot water but this, along with the water supply, is limited.

Duvets and pillows are provided but you need to bring a sheet and pillowcase and either a duvet cover or sleeping bag. A hot water bottle in colder months may be useful as there is no heating in the buildings.

There is a garden and barbecue area for the warmer evenings.

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



For more information about what is happening on Skomer and to get in touch with other volunteers via the Facebook pages, please visit our blog:

skomerisland.blogspot.com

Book your place as a Voluntary Assistant Warden

The cost of booking a week as a Voluntary Assistant Warden on Skomer Island is £35.00. There is free boat passage to and from the island and free landing on the island for all volunteers.



To book a week, telephone the Island Booking Office on 01239 621600 or 621212.

You then need to send your full payment along with your booking form within 10 working days otherwise we may cancel your booking. The form can be sent to you or you can download one from the Skomer Island pages of our website (www.welshwildlife.org).

All bookings will be confirmed by letter or email. If you wish to cancel after this point, then the fee, less a £15 administration charge, will be refunded providing your written or emailed cancellation reaches the Island Booking Office at Cilgerran 28 days before the start of your volunteering week.

You will be sent further information approximately 12 weeks before going to Skomer which will include what you will need to take with you, how to get to Martin's Haven for your boat, contact details, and some information about local accommodation, shops and some advice about car parking.

Bursary Scheme

A number of free places will be funded through the Skalmey Bursary for students, unemployed and those on low incomes. Applications will be accepted from individuals only.

You should book as normal, but attach a letter to the booking form explaining your reasons for applying for a bursary place, ensuring the form and letter is sent to us within 10 days of your telephone booking.

In addition:

Unemployed and low income applicants must provide proof of their status with their letter and booking form.

Student applicants should send us separately, but by 1 December, a letter from their course tutor giving the name of their college or university, the title of their course and the start and finish dates.

We shall inform the successful applicants in the first week of January. If you have been unsuccessful, you will be offered the week at the normal cost of £35, if you do not want to accept this, your week will be offered to someone else.

