

Finding your way around South Stack Cliffs nature reserve

THE TRAILS

Ellins Tower trail

Start this 0.3 mile trail at the visitor centre. Go to the corner of the car park and head down a few steep steps towards Ellins Tower. Continue to the viewpoint overlooking the lighthouse and cliffs. Don't forget to pop into the tower to see the birds up close with our live cameras, binoculars and telescopes in the spring and summer.

Heathland trail

This 0.6 mile trail starts at Ellins Tower car park and follows the wheelchair friendly path towards the Tower. Take a breather on one of the benches and admire the breathtaking sea views and look for stonechats, linnets and skylarks. At the tower viewpoint enjoy the wonderful sight of the seabirds crammed on the cliff and the lighthouse.

Coastal trail

Try this 1.5 mile trail if you have a head for heights. It follows the same route as the Ellins Tower trail to the tower, but then heads along the winding cliff path where you might see swaths of wild flowers and the dazzling acrobatics of choughs and ravens. On your way back to the visitor centre, you might even spot a basking adder.



Completed in 1809, the lighthouse still warns ships of the treacherous rocks.

South Stack island and lighthouse (not RSPB)

Main seabird colony

“I have had a very good time. The view was brilliant – I would love to come again.”
Shanice, 11 years old

Key:

- Sea
- Heather
- Private land
- Rock/cliffs
- Parking
- Disabled parking
- Visitor centre, café and shop

Did you know?

The solar panel on the roof of Ellins Tower provides power for our Live CCTV cameras.

See and hear the seabirds squabbling for space on the cliff ledges!

From the viewpoint on the Ellins Tower trail, watch gannets plunge diving for fish.

Discover the spathulate fleawort – this plant grows nowhere else on earth!

Look out for the rare chough feeding in the heathland and open fields

Look out for adders and lizards basking on a hot day!

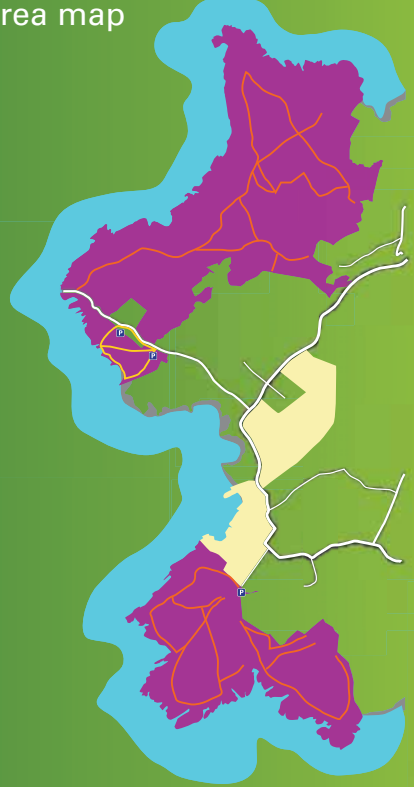
Don't miss the ancient hut circles at the end of the Heathland trail.

On the Coastal trail, scan the sea to spot inquisitive porpoise and seals.

To avoid rough terrain on the Coastal trail, head back from the viewpoint on this well-surfaced track.

Catch a glimpse of stonechats, linnets and skylarks on the heath.

South Stack area map



- #### Key:
- RSPB heath
 - South Stack trails
 - Recommended paths
 - RSPB pasture
 - Private land
 - Parking

Did you know?

Puffins have a rough tongue that helps them hold numerous fish while they catch more.



Look out for puffins floating on the sea.

Visitor centre car park

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