

BARDSEY ISLAND (YNYS ENLLI) BOAT TRIP INSTRUCTIONS

Day Before (Sun 12-May)

John will listen to the recorded message on Colin's phone (07971 769 895), after 18:30 Sunday and send Whatsapp to confirm the trip is on. If not we will do Day 2 walks Monday

You are advised to wear waterproofs for the crossing. Bring binoculars for the birds

Boat Times/Allocations

Boat #	Muster Porth Meudwy	Depart Porth Meudwy	Disembark	On Island	Embark	Return Porth Meudwy
1	10:20	10:30	11:00	4 hrs	15:00	15:30
2	11:20	11:30	12:00	4 hrs	16:00	16:30

Name	Time	Name	Time	Name	Time
John	10:30	Caroline	10:30	Di	10:30
Sue	10:30	Ed	10:30	Sarah	10:30
Juliet	10:30	Alice	10:30	Paula	10:30
Bernie	10:30	Chris	10:30	Ian	10:30
Miriam	11:30	Kate	11:30	Dave	11:30
Howard	11:30	Mary	11:30	Wendy	11:30
Jan	NA	Steve	NA		
Total for Holiday	20				
10:30 Boat	12				
11:30 Boat	6				
No Boat	2				
	20				

Directions to Porth Meudwy Car Park (for Boat):

Boat	1	2
Breakfast @ Woodlands	08:30	
Leave Woodlands (30 min drive)	09:20- 09:30	10:20
Arrive Car Park	10:00	11:00
Walk to Boat (10 mins)	10:05	11:05
Muster Porth Meudwy	10:20	11:20
Depart Porth Meudwy	10:30	11:30
Disembark	11:00	12:00
On Island	4 hrs	4 hrs
Embark	15:00	16:00
Return Porth Meudwy	15:30	16:30

PORTH MEUDWY SAT NAV LL53 8DA AND FOLLOW SIGNS (Warning: Sat-Nav will take you straight past!)



Car Park:
SH159259 (Marked 'A')
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Muster Point/Slipway:
SH163255 (10 min walk)

The boat trip follows the ancient pilgrim route, providing spectacular views of seabirds, seals, and porpoises amid stunning scenery. This was featured recently on the BBC 'Pilgrimage' programme. Unfortunately they didn't get to Bardsey due to the weather!

<https://www.bbc.com/mediacentre/2024/pilgrimage-north-wales>
<https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/b09w7lc0/episodes/player>

ON THE ISLAND

Generally 4 hours, with a ½ hour for the trip out and another ½ hour for the trip back additional to that. We like to slow down and look at seabirds, seals and porpoises if conditions allow, though we can cross in 12 minutes or so if we need to

"Despite its size there's too many things to do in one visit. Walking it's length from the Lighthouse to the top of the hill, to visiting it's shop and café, to photographing the seals & birds & the many flowers there, to enjoy the peaceful serenity

Welsh Marilyn (Mynydd Enlli – 165m ascent)

Suggested route (you are free to roam and enjoy yourself)

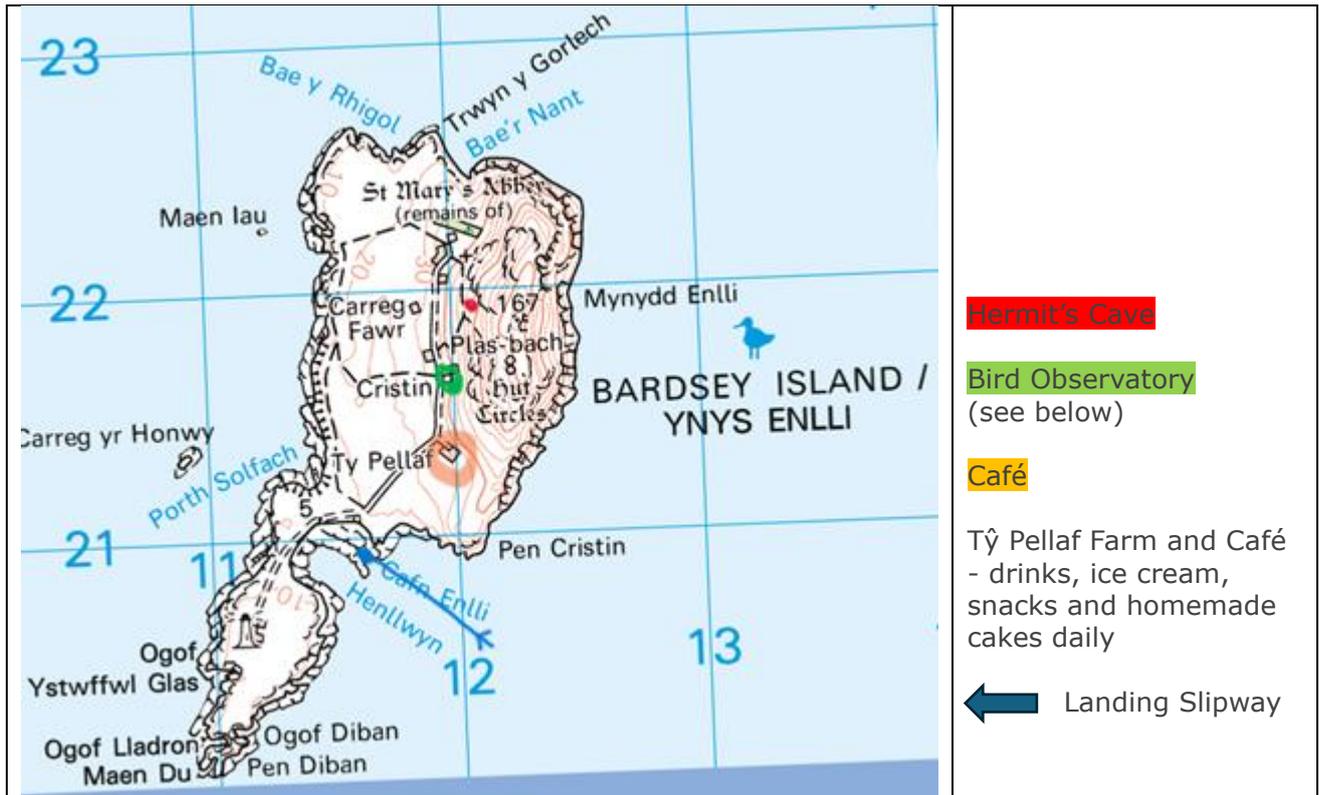
- slipway, ascend Mynydd Enlli, try to find Hermit's cave (best guess SH 12129 21981), return via abbey remains (4km approx)
- + lighthouse (at beginning or end) +1.5km + 20 mins
- + Porth Solfach Beach (optional)

Spring Migration

Spring migration starts in March and continues through to early June. Peak numbers are usually in April and May. Chiffchaff, Wheatear and Blackcap dominate in April while Sedge Warbler and Spotted Flycatcher peak in May

Mid-May through to mid-June is also the best time for rarities - although numbers of other migrants aren't always that large. In recent years spring rarities have included: Citrine Wagtail, Subalpine Warbler, Paddyfield Warbler and Blyth's Reed Warbler

Map



Bardsey Bird Observatory

<https://www.bbfo.org.uk/>

Guided wildlife walks. Join us on a guided walk and get to know the Island's birds and other wildlife. Walks last up to 3 hours. Cost: £10 per person. Contact a member of Observatory staff once on the island

Further Information

Bardsey is said to be the resting place of **20,000 saints**, who share this beautiful island with migratory birds, puffins and grey seals who bask on rocks. Pilgrims have travelled here since the 6th century, when **Saint Cadfan** established Bardsey's monastery. The island has been a literary retreat and inspiration for many writers and artists including: novelist and musician **Fflur Dafydd** (b. 1978), whose novel *Twenty Thousand Saints* is set here; poet and visual artist **Brenda Chamberlain**; poet **Christine Evans**; writer **Jon Gower**; and poet **RS Thomas**, who was a keen bird watcher here. In 1953, poet and Bardsey teacher **Dilys Cadwaladr** (1902-1979) became the first woman to win the National Eisteddfod Crown for her poem *Y Llen*. A National Nature Reserve tenanted by the RSPB. Keep an eye out for dolphins when you make the crossing

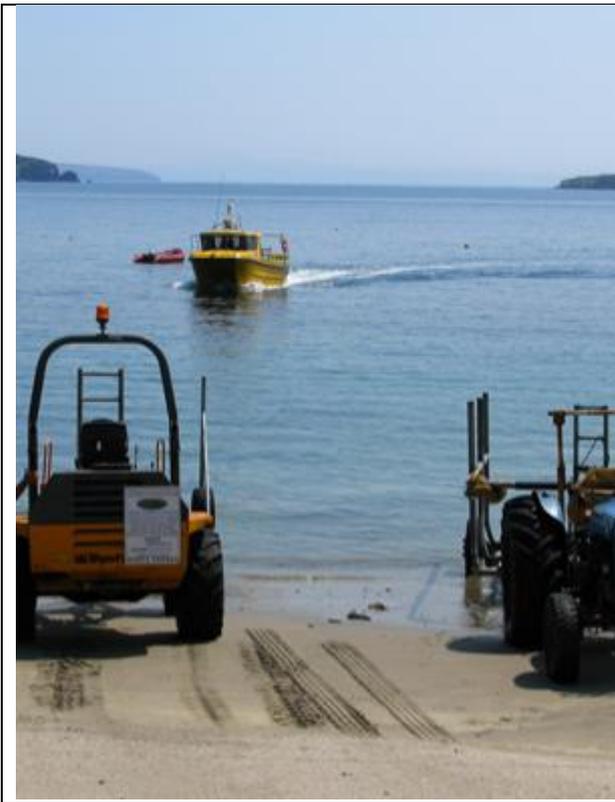
https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bardsey_Island

<https://www.bardsey.org/about>

Merlins (Elgar - 11th/12thC English hermit) Cave

<https://landofthefae.blogspot.com/2011/07/bardsey-island-merlins-cave.html>

St Mary's Abbey <https://www.megalithic.co.uk/article.php?sid=51112>



<https://www.bardseyboattrips.com/>

Youtube Videos

url	Description
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JeJTOQGC6zk	
https://player.vimeo.com/video/109948392	Boat Crossing
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0YVNN3A5vRI	
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TEjNOzRecLs	
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HKZYs0LWQg4	The Pilgrims Way - A Welsh Camino
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cLheD1XP8gc	I Live On An Island Of Four People