

Welcome to the Snorkel Safari at Gansey Point

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The Snorkel Trail

The trail commences from the gully in front of the car park. You can wade into the water to fit your fins.

Follow the rock line on your right. There are many gullies and overhangs to explore.

Towards the Danger Mark there is a patch of Eelgrass. This is a protected marine species. Please take care not to disturb it.

Further round the rockline you may find the remains of a concrete hulled yacht that was wrecked on here. The boat was called the Made of Crete.

The trail exits onto Chapel Beach and steps will take you back onto the Lower Promenade so you can return to the car park. Do not try to exit across the rocks.

This trail will take at least 30-40 minutes to complete. Please ensure you are wearing suitable exposure protection for this period of time.



BE SAFE

You have responsibility for your safety. You must consult a tide table and weather forecast before setting out on the trail.

This trail is available all year round but should not be used in bad weather, especially in strong NE to S winds, or after sunset.

Sea conditions can change quickly. Local water sports providers can advise, lead and provide equipment for trail users.

The sea at Gansey Point is tidal. Take account of the tidal flow when planning your trip.

The snorkel trail is not suitable for mechanised watercraft.

Appropriate personal buoyancy is essential for trail users.

You must let someone on the shore know where you are going and what time you will be back.

Prepare for the snorkel trail, stay within your limits and the limits of your equipment.

Travel in an appropriate group size according to your abilities and the conditions.



What to look out for..

Depending on the state of the tide and the time of year, you may see Beadlet and Snakelocks anemones, Limpets, Wrasse, Shoals of Sand Eels, Lions Mane Jellyfish, Shore and Edible Crabs and Lobster.

LEAVE NO TRACE

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Please don't kick the seabed.
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Welcome to the Snorkel Safari at Niarbyl

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The trail commences from the beach in front of the cottages. You can wade into the water to fit your fins.

Keep the rock promontory to your right at the start of the trail. There are many gullies and crevasses to explore.

This is ideal habitat for lobsters, and there are often lobster pots around the area. Watch out for ropes and please do not disturb the pots.

Many fish shoal around the promontory, with juvenile fish being found among the Thong weed closer into the rock line.

The trail exits back onto the beach and the path will take you back to the car park.

This trail will take at least 50-60 minutes to complete. Please ensure you are wearing suitable exposure protection for this period of time.



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Welcome to the Snorkel Safari at Port Soderick

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The trail commences from the concrete jetty. Walk to the water's edge and you avoid the boulders that make beach access difficult.

Keep the cliffs to your left at the start of the trail. There are many gullies and hidden beaches to explore.

This is ideal habitat for lobsters, and there are often lobster pots around the area. Watch out for ropes and please do not disturb the pots.

The rocks under water have been beautifully sculpted by the sea. Look out for Wrasse hiding in the gullies.

When you have used half your time, turn around and retrace your route back to the jetty. Please ensure you are wearing suitable exposure protection for the time you plan to be in the water.



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This trail is available all year round but should not be used in bad weather, especially in strong E to S winds, or after sunset.

Sea conditions can change quickly. Local water sports centres can advise, lead and provide equipment for trail users.

The sea at Port Soderick is tidal, but usually OK in the bay. Take account of the tidal flow when planning your trip. Low tides can make access difficult.

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What to look out for..

Depending on the state of the tide and the time of year, you may see Wrasse, jellyfish, thong weed, lobsters and edible crabs. Look out for the wonderfully sculpted underwater rocks too.

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The Snorkel Trail

The trail commences from the rock line next to the road onto St Michael's Island. Carry your kit carefully over the rocks and fit your fins at the water's edge.

Causeway gullet is one of the few *Zostera* (Eelgrass) beds around the Isle of Man. The sheltered location allows the Eelgrass to flourish.

Eelgrass is an important marine plant, and acts as a nursery for a number of juvenile fish. At low tide, the Eelgrass is about 2-3m from the surface.

Eelgrass is a protected species. Please fin carefully and do not grab or pull at the grass. Seahorses are often found in Eelgrass - but haven't been seen here before.

The trail exits back onto the rocky beach. Please take care as you climb over the rocks.

This trail will take around 45 minutes to complete. Please ensure you are wearing suitable exposure protection for this period of time.



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The sea at St Michael's Island is very tidal. Currents are less in the gully but do not go out of the sheltered gully. Take account of the tidal flow when planning your trip.

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What to look out for..

Depending on the state of the tide and the time of year, you may see Eelgrass. Snakelocks anemones are often seen living on the Eelgrass. Shoals of juvenile fish will be hiding in the Eelgrass and the seaweeds around the rock line.

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The trail commences from the beach in front of the car park. You can wade into the water to fit your fins. This is easier at high water when there are less boulders to scramble over.

Keep the rock cliffs to your right at the start of the trail. There are many gullies and overhangs to explore.

Part way along the coast is a beautiful rock archway which can only really be appreciated from the sea.

Seals are frequently spotted in this bay. They are curious creatures and will try to nibble your fins if they can.

This trail will take at least 50-60 minutes to complete. Retrace your route back to the beach. Please ensure you are wearing suitable exposure protection for this period of time.



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This trail is available all year round but should not be used in bad weather, especially in strong NW winds, or after sunset.

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The sea at Fleshwick is tidal, but current is less in the bay. Take account of the tidal flow when planning your trip. Low tides can make access difficult.

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Welcome to the Snorkel Safari at Port Grennaugh

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The trail commences from the beach. You can wade into the water to fit your fins. Avoid swimming in the path of the stream (the water will look cloudy as the fresh and sea water mix).

Keep the rock promontory to your right at the start of the trail. There are many gullies and crevasses to explore.

This bay is sheltered from the weather. In the middle is sand and you may find Dahlia anemones.

Many juvenile fish can be found among the seaweed closer into the rock line.

At the mouth of the bay, swim across to the western side and follow the rock line back to shore.

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The sea at Port Grennaugh is tidal, but currents are less in the bay. Take account of the tidal flow when planning your trip. Low tides can make access difficult.

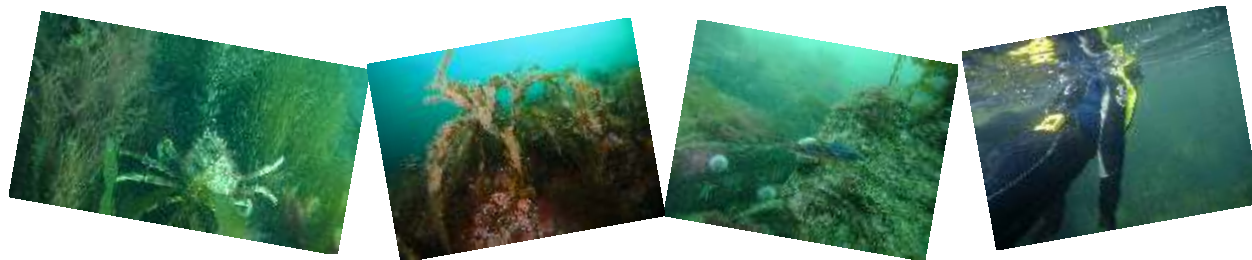
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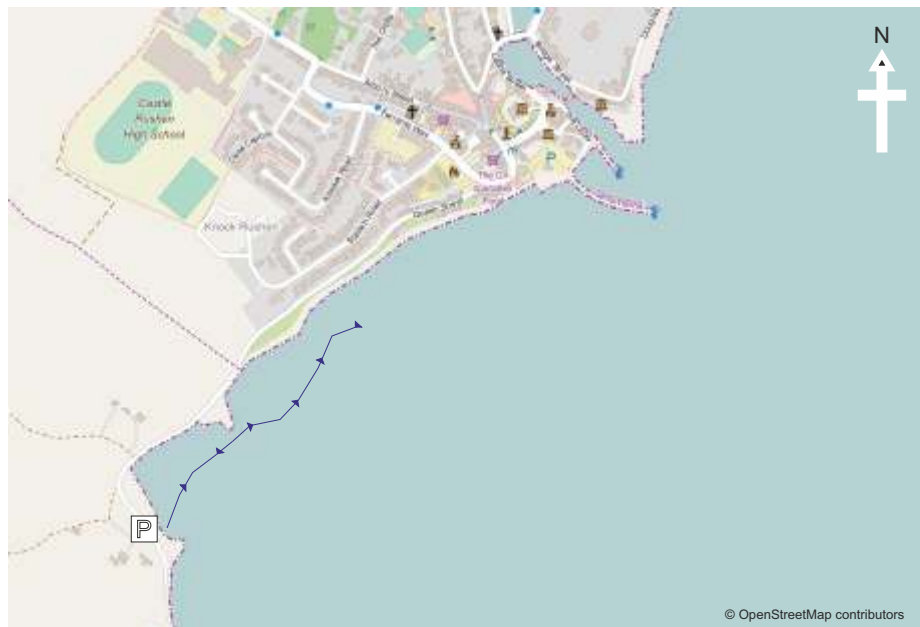
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The trail commences from the beach. You can wade into the water to fit your fins. Watch out for slippery rocks as you walk in, and try to get to thigh deep water before you put your fins on, then you can swim.

Keep the rock promontory to your left at the start of the trail. This trail is characterised by lots of little rock gullies and overhangs with a wide variety of marine life

This bay is sheltered from Northerly and Westerly weather. During the summer months, there will be lots of seaweed which floats up like an underwater garden. During winter months when there is less weed, you can see more of the rocks. Many juvenile fish can be found among the seaweed close into the rock line.

When you have used half your time, turn around with the shore to your right and retrace your route. This trail will take around 60 minutes if you swim up towards the houses and back. Please ensure you are wearing suitable exposure protection for this period of time.



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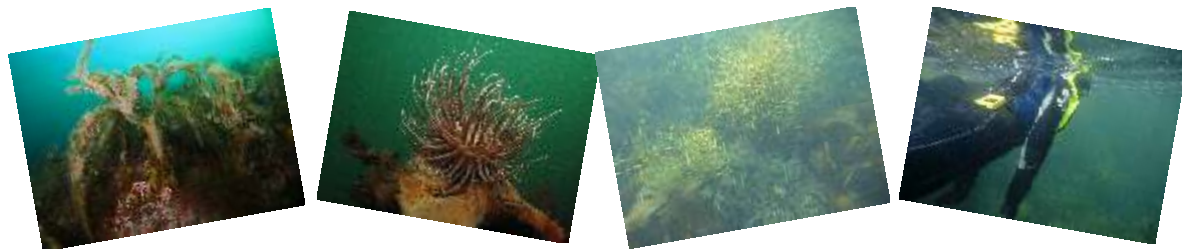
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