

Welcome to the

Snorkel Safari

at St Michael's Island

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MODERATE

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.



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 E 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 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.

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 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.

Snorkel Safari trails are located at several sites around the Isle of Man including Niarbly, Fleshwick, Gansey Point, Port Grennaugh, Port Soderick and St Michael's Isle. You can access information about all the trails at www.visitisleofman.com/snorkelsafari

LEAVE NO TRACE

This coastline is precious and home to a wide variety of marine species. We, as visitors to the marine world, have a responsibility to minimise our impact on the environment.

Please don't stand on the species that live on the rocks.
Please don't kick the seabed.
Spearfishing is not permitted anywhere on the Isle of Man.

Take nothing but photographs and memories, unless you want to clear away any marine litter. In which case please do!



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