

Welcome to the Snorkel Safari at Fleshwick



The Snorkel Trail

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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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 NW 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 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.

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. Look out for the rock archway on the eastern side of the bay.

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!

Snorkel Safari trails are located at several sites around the Isle of Man including Niarbyl, 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



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