

Outdoor property Access Statement – Farne Islands

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Introduction

The islands are only accessible by private boat companies that operate independently of the National Trust. The accessible islands are Inner Farne, Staple Island and Longstone Island. Only one boat company are currently licensed to land passengers on Longstone Island. Due to the very sensitive nature of the colony, no dogs (including assistance dogs) are allowed on any of the islands.

Inner Farne

The routes around the island are along a boardwalk and are suitable for the mildly infirm, though the paths between the jetty and the chapel, and part of the path between the chapel and lighthouse are relatively steep (50m in total). The chapel and visitor centre are also possible to visit. The circular walk around the island is around 600m in length. Toilets are available adjacent to the courtyard and Visitor Centre on Inner Farne. There are no disabled toilets on Inner Farne.

Staple Island

The island terrain is more rugged than Inner Farne and is only accessible to people able to walk up steep steps and across very unstable and rocky ground, and becomes inaccessible in wet weather. There are no toilets.

Longstone Island

The island is only accessible to people able to walk across very unstable and rocky ground, and becomes inaccessible in wet weather. Only the lighthouse, and not the wider island, are accessible.

Dogs are not allowed on any of the islands to minimise disturbance to breeding birds and breeding seals, though they are allowed to wait on boats – check with the boat companies prior to travel to ensure your dog can stay on the boat.

Arrival & Parking Facilities

Parking at Seahouses Harbour. Boats travel regularly to the islands between 1 April and 31 October, weather permitting.

Further information about the Farne Islands including opening times is available on our main website. <https://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/farne-islands>

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Map

Staple



Inner Farne

