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### Farne Islands Joining Instructions

#### HOW TO GET THERE

From the A1 take the turn off onto the B6347 Christon Bank, continue forward onto the B1340. Take the left onto the B1340 Seahouses, at the roundabout take the second exit onto Main Street (B1340). Follow the road until you reach a roundabout and take the second exit onto Seafield Road (B1430), the harbour car park will be on your right.

#### TIMES & PARKING

The boat will be leaving at 9.30am prompt and we advise all students to arrive at the meeting point at the harbour for 8.45am latest. You can park in the harbour car park (opposite the harbour) all day for £4. We will meet at Billy Shiels Booking Kiosk at 8.45am prompt, which is with the other boat tour operator kiosks to the left-hand side of the harbour when entering from the main road passing the Life Boat Museum on your left.

**Please note : This is a scheduled boat trip so if you are not there on time the boat will leave without you.**

#### REFRESHMENTS & TOILET FACILITIES

Please bring plenty to eat and drink for your day as the Farne Islands do not have cafes. Most boats do not have a toilet onboard. Toilets are available on Inner Farne Island in the afternoon. There are no toilets on Staple Island in the morning.

#### ATTIRE

Take waterproofs/windproofs/warm clothing and sensible footwear as the weather can turn pretty quickly, as well as something to kneel or lie on (optional). Take a hat to protect your head from the diving bombing terns! Plus sunscreen.

#### CAMERA KIT

Bring your usual camera equipment, tripod/monopod, body, lens wise medium to long zoom (70-200mm or 300mm+) and wide angle are fine. Spare battery, plenty of cards. Plastic bags for protecting camera and lenses. I usually use freezer bags, plus a black bin bag to pop over camera and tripod if raining. You will have to carry your bag all day so it's a personal judgement about how much to take.

#### NATIONAL TRUST FEE

National Trust members bring your card for free entry to the islands. If you are not a member of the National Trust there will be a landing fee to pay at the National Trust kiosk at Seahouses harbor which currently £27.30pp to land on both islands.

#### CANCELLATION DUE TO BAD WEATHER.

From experience it is unlikely that I will be able to give advance notice of cancellation until the day, except in extreme circumstances, as Billy Shiels will not make a decision about sailing until the day itself. If on the day of the course the sea conditions dictate that it is unsafe for the boat to leave the harbour for the Farne Islands then a full refund will be given. If we have set sail but on approaching the Islands the Skipper decides it is unsafe to land, then a refund of the course fee will be made minus the cost of the boat fee. For safety reasons landings are made at the boatman's discretion. Staple is a difficult island to land at especially with the current National Trust restrictions. In all cases of sailing and landing and whilst on board the boat the Skipper's decision is final.

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## INSURANCE & LIABILITY

It is advisable to have adequate insurance for all eventualities (cancellation, transport delays and loss or damage to personal belongings including photographic equipment), as Going Digital North East will not be held liable for any loss, damage or costs incurred during the Workshop. Going Digital North East has all relevant and necessary professional public liability insurance.

Going Digital North East reserves the right to change the itinerary of the Workshops for logistical reasons.

If Going Digital North East should cancel the course for any reason then the client will receive a full refund of the monies paid for the course and will have no further liability.

## CONTACT NUMBER.

Please supply a good contact number for yourself i.e mobile for use a couple of days prior to your course, if you have not supplied one with your booking details.

## CONTACT DETAILS

Please contact Bev Charlton on 07772 363064 for any further information.