

RSPB Seabird Cruises

All aboard for a unique wildlife adventure

Seabirds swoop and soar around; gannets cruise by, while puffins bob on the water. This exciting voyage of discovery on the famous *Yorkshire Belle* pleasure cruiser sails from Bridlington harbour to England's largest mainland seabird colony throughout the spring and summer and takes you to within inches of the cliffs, weather permitting. Have your camera at the ready.

Booking essential – early booking recommended. For full details, including dates and times, visit our website.



How to get here

By car: We are just 10 minutes from Bridlington and 30 minutes from Scarborough. Follow the brown signs, or put YO15 1JF into your sat nav. Please note: due to limited parking, we can't accommodate motorhomes needing more than one parking space.

By bus or train: The nearest bus stop and railway station are in Bempton village, just over a mile from the reserve. A rough footpath runs alongside the single track road from the village to the reserve.

By bike: We are a short detour from National Cycle Route 1. A cycle rack is available.

Opening times


The reserve is accessible year-round. The Seabird Centre is open 9.30am–5pm in summer and until 4pm in winter. Check our website for details.

Admission

Please visit our website for prices:
rspb.org.uk/bemptoncliffs

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Bempton Cliffs

nature reserve



Where there's a "wow" around every corner

Home to around half a million amazing seabirds

Six breathtaking cliff-top viewpoints

One of the UK's top wildlife spectacles



A spectacular encounter with nature high above the North Sea

Each year, Bempton's towering chalk cliffs come alive from March to October as nearly half a million seabirds flock to this stretch of stunning Heritage Coast. Gannets, puffins, kittiwakes, guillemots and razorbills pile onto precarious ledges to lay their eggs. The sight, sounds and smells of the UK's largest mainland seabird colony make for an unforgettable experience.

Inside the Seabird Centre you can enjoy drinks and snacks and get a bird's-eye view of the action, as our screens show live footage of nesting seabirds on the cliff face.

Every season brings something new. In summer, red campion blooms paint the cliffs in striking shades and brilliant butterflies waltz from flower to flower. The occasional orchid adds an extra splash of colour. In winter, mists may sweep the cliffs, with hunting barn and short-eared owls gliding silently out of it. This brief moment of peace and quiet makes exploring the cliff-top paths a great escape from it all.

Top things to do

Spring/summer

A busy time for nature and a great time for you to explore

- 1 Cliff-top viewing platforms give unrivalled, safe views of the action. Accessible paths, ramped access points and wheelchair bays mean everyone is welcome.
- 2 Don't miss the puffins. Everyone's favourite seabird is with us between April and July.
- 3 We're perfect for picnics. You can pick up all you need with our grab-and-go offer.
- 4 Indulge in a bit of retail therapy. Our well-stocked shop has everything from puffin souvenirs to binoculars.
- 5 Follow a nature trail or stroll the cliff-top path – feel the wind in your hair and forget the 9 to 5.

Autumn/winter

Five things to enjoy in the chillier months

- 1 Don't miss the awesome sight of the UK's largest seabird, the gannet.
- 2 Search for beautiful barn owls and short-eared owls skimming the fields in the late afternoon sun.
- 3 Keep your eyes peeled for migrant visitors like redwings and goldcrests – even rarities can drop in unannounced.
- 4 Go for a wild walk or check out our chirpy tree sparrows. Both will lift your spirits.
- 5 Warm up with hot chocolate or delicious soup then wander around the shop.

Take part with us

Chat to a viewpoint volunteer

We love sharing the secrets of the seabirds. Look out for our friendly volunteers who are happy to answer your questions and give you close-up views with our amazing telescopes.

Events and activities

There's something to do every day, from nature trails to guided walks. To find out what's happening on your visit, check our website: rspb.org.uk/bemptoncliffs or follow us on Facebook at RSPB Bempton Cliffs and N. Yorks.

Get involved

Fancy volunteering at Bempton Cliffs? Check our website for opportunities and to find out how to join our team.

