



Wednesday 3rd – Friday 12th April

The Programme

Welcome to the programme for Walk Scilly 2019. This spring-time festival is now very well established in our annual calendar of events and festivals on the Isles of Scilly. We hope you feel inspired by the programme to come and visit our very special islands at this wonderful “awakening” time of year.

This 10-day festival features 40 walks and boat trips across nine islands; the five inhabited islands and four of the uninhabited ones – Samson, St. Helen’s, Tean and Nornour. All are led by the very best of expert guides and local islanders to really bring the treasures and hidden gems of Scilly to life.

The walks are graded for all abilities – some full-day energetic coast to coast hikes; others gentle strolls to ease your way into Scillonian life and island culture. Some focus on wildlife, some look at the islands’ rich cultural and maritime history. Others are simply just great walks. All of them enable you to ask the guides about what it’s like to live on this tiny archipelago out in the Atlantic Ocean.

For those wishing to join the dark skies walks, you’ll be one of the first to experience the new observatory on St. Martin’s. We’re also hosting a special walk to Shipman Head on Bryher to hear about Scilly’s amazing Seabird Heritage. For those looking for hardy walks, they’ll be two pacey circumnavigation walks - around St. Mary’s and St. Martin’s.

Tresco Abbey Garden once again will host keen garden walkers looking to quiz those who toil the soil and nurture some of the 20,000 species on display. There’s a walk on St. Agnes that’ll heighten the aural senses, and a Sunday morning children’s Easter walk, egg hunt and picnic, and you’ll get the opportunity to head off on a night walk and turn bat detective.

All this, plus the usual lovely island Top to Toes, and walks that celebrate our islands’ cultural heritage and wildlife, including uninhabited island adventures, coastline foraging on Bryher and Tresco, a historic Hugh Town stroll, beachcombing for treasures and farm walks.

There is also an evening programme including a welcome party at On the Quay, acoustic folk nights at the Atlantic, a film night, island presentations about Scilly’s archaeology and wildlife, and a

fantastic strings and woodwind recital in the candlelit Old Town Church. Additionally, the Isles of Scilly Museum is offering discounted entry to all Walk Scilly goers throughout the entire festival.

Please note, our walks are graded easy, moderate and hard: at the end of this programme, these grades are explained in more details. You should note that the Isles of Scilly are low lying islands with no steep ascents or descents. However, there are beach landings, uneven woodland walks and some tricky coastal paths with slippery rocks on some of the walks. We recommend sensible footwear for all walks. No flip-flops!

Please browse the programme and come and join us for a fantastic festival on Scilly, hopefully full of spring sunshine!

To book your walks, call us on 01720 620601 or email events@visitislesofscilly.com and we will call you back. Payment for all walks will be taken at the time of booking.

Walk Scilly is brought to you by



(Please note, the price of the walks quoted does not include the cost of boat tickets)

Day: Wednesday 3rd April

St. Mary's – Welcome to Walk Scilly Walk

Join the Isles of Scilly leading ornithologist, naturalist, author and long-time Scilly resident Will Wagstaff for a leisurely welcome walk. You'll start at the Tourist Information Centre on Porthcressa Beach and stroll to Peninnis Head and the Lighthouse with extended views to St. Agnes, Gugh and beyond, before heading onto Old Town and the remains of the ancient Ennor Castle. Along the way, Will will no doubt point out the plethora of fauna and flora on route! Dogs on leads welcome.

Guide: Will Wagstaff

Time: 10am – 1pm

Meet: Tourist Information Centre, Porthcressa

Grade: Moderate

Cost: £8.50 per person

St. Agnes – Troytown Farm Walk, Talk & Tour

Take a stroll through the fields of England's most south-westerly farm on St. Agnes with owner, Tim Hicks and his son, Sam. View the livestock including its small dairy herd and the milking parlour, and hear first-hand about what it's like to farm on a remote island in the Atlantic Ocean. Dogs on leads welcome.

Guide: Tim & Sam Hicks

Start Time: 10.30am

Finish Time: 12.30pm

Meeting Point: St. Agnes Quay

Boat departs from St. Mary's: 10.15am

Boat departs for St. Mary's: 2.15pm or 4.30pm

Grade: Easy

Cost: £7.50 per person (Ice creams and other goodies are extra!)

St. Martin's - Beachcombing for Cowrie treasures

St. Martin's silversmith Fay Page, leads a beach walk from Lower Town to scour the powder white sands for cowrie shells and other treasures that have inspired Fay's gorgeous designs over the years. Meeting at Lower Town Quay you'll first head to her studio to see some traditional casting, before walking up to Old Quay (a good 30 minutes' walk) to see what treasures you can find.

Guide: Fay Page

Start Time: 10.45am

Finish Time: 1.30pm

Meeting Point: Lower Town Quay, St. Martin's

Boat departs from St. Mary's: 10.15 am (into Lower Town)

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Boat departs for St. Mary's: 2.30pm / 4.30pm (Higher Town)

Grade: Moderate

Cost: £7.50 per person

St. Agnes - Sea Safari

Join the Isles of Scilly Wildlife Trust on a boat trip (on Spirit of St. Agnes) to explore the Western Rocks. This isolated and rugged part of Scilly is home to much of our islands' marine life. Guides on board will point out and identify interesting marine life including seals, seabirds and possibly puffins. Please bring binoculars if you have them, and a coat! Seafaring dogs welcome.

Guide: Nikki Banfield from the Isles of Scilly Wildlife Trust

Start Time: 1.00pm

Finish Time: 3.00pm

Meeting Point: St. Agnes Quay (If you wish to join the safari from other islands please enquire about boating options at time of booking)

Cost: £18.50 per person (Proceeds to Isles of Scilly Wildlife Trust)

St. Mary's - Welcome to Walk Scilly Party

Come and join us at our Walk Scilly welcome party at On the Quay. Enjoy a complimentary drink and bite to eat. The informal and relaxed evening provides you with a chance to meet the guides and mingle with fellow walkers and enjoy fabulous views across the harbour.

[This event is free to anyone who is participating in Walk Scilly; complimentary tickets are available at the time of booking your walks.](#)

Start Time: 6.30pm

Finish Time: 8.00pm

Cost: Free to all. (Please ensure you tell us you're coming when you book your tickets)

Day: Thursday 4th April

St. Mary's – Circular Lighthouse Walk

Join Scilly's Lighthouse expert Jess Vian to walk the western fringes of St. Mary's on a stunning circular walk from, and back to, Juliet's Garden. She'll offer up absorbing historic stories and fascinating facts about the various lighthouses (and one light ship) that you will spot along the way across the archipelago – from Round Island, Bishop Rock, St. Agnes Lighthouse and Seven Stones. This walk also offers up splendid views of the entire archipelago from the Eastern Isles sweeping around to the Western Rocks via St. Martin's, Treasco, Bryher, Samson and St. Agnes (and the littlies in between!). End the walk in time for a spot of lunch on the terraces over-looking St. Mary's Harbour. Dogs on leads welcome.

Guide: Jess Vian

Start Time: 10.15am

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Finish Time: 12.30pm

Meeting Point: Juliet's Garden

Grade: Easy/Moderate

Cost: £7.50 per person (includes a voucher for complimentary soft drink at the end of the walk)

Tresco – Wildlife Walk

Join Will Wagstaff as he takes you on a wildlife walk of Tresco. Discover the waterfowl and flora around Great Pool and Abbey Pool in the morning, and after stopping for lunch near New Grimsby, you'll head across the island encountering a variety of flora and fauna in this little explored part of the island. Dogs on leads welcome.

Guide: Will Wagstaff

Start Time: 10.30am

Finish Time: 4.15pm

Meeting Point: Carn Near Quay, Tresco

Boat departs from St. Mary's: 10 / 10.15 am (into Carn Near)

Boat departs for St. Mary's: 4.30pm (New Grimsby Quay)

Grade: Moderate

Cost: £14.50 per person

Teän - Explore Uninhabited Teän

This is a perfect opportunity to visit the uninhabited island of Teän as well as do your bit for this precious place. Teän, like the rest of Scilly, is not immune to ocean plastics and Darren Hart from the Isles of Scilly Wildlife Trust, will first lead you on a #2MinuteBeachClean before guiding you across this wonderful tiny island, which has a great view on the top of Great Hill. Not only will this walk introduce you to the very local flora and fauna but you'll also see the ruins of the early mediaeval chapel and houses dating from the 17th and 18th Centuries. (Note: there are no facilities on Teän and good footwear is essential.)

Guide: Darren Hart

Start Time: 2.30 pm

Finish Time: 4.30pm

Meeting Point: St. Mary's Quay 1.45pm or landing point on Teän

Boat departs from St. Mary's: 2pm

Boat departs for St. Mary's: 4.45 pm

Grade: Moderate (but please note beach landing which can be tricky)

Cost: £9.50 per person (Proceeds to the Isles of Scilly Wildlife Trust)

St. Martin's - Captivating Dark Skies

Join the St. Martin's COSMOS group of amateur astronomers for a dark skies walk and an introduction to the brand new observatory, the perfect place to look up into unpolluted darkness and observe the universe. The evening will start at Higher Town Quay where you will walk to a spectacular west-facing vantage point to watch the sunset before you head off on a twilight walk to the site of the new observatory, on the hill behind

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the Community Hall. Then, torches off, marvel at the Milky Way, planets and stars in all their splendour through one of the telescopes available at the Hall before being guided on to Lower Town for your return boat! A light meal (soup/pasties) will be available at the Community Hall, but placing your order in advance is essential. Please enquire at the time of booking your walk.

Guide: Charlie Payne

Start Time: 7.30pm (for sunset at 8.01pm)

Finish Time: 10pm

Meet: Higher Town Quay

Boat departs from St. Mary's: 2pm or 6pm (into Higher Town)

Boat departs for St. Mary's: 10.30pm from Lower Town

Grade: Easy (please bring torches for night time walk to the quay)

Cost: £8.50 (Food not included.)

Live Folk Music at the Atlantic Inn

Enjoy live music from around 8.30pm at the Atlantic Inn, Hugh Town, St. Mary's. Local and visiting musicians come together every Thursday to play foot-tapping tunes and sing their favourite songs in a relaxed and informal Scilly way.

Time: 8.30 pm onwards

Cost: Free

Day: Friday 5th April

St. Mary's – Sunrise Walk & Guided Meditation

Get your day underway with an early, peaceful walk to Druid's Chair and Sun Rock on the eastern side of St. Mary's in time for a spectacular sunrise at 6.52am. Join Scillonian yoga leader Bryony Lishman as she leads the way to this spiritual spot and pauses on route for brief guided standing/centring meditation, walking the remainder in quiet reflection. You'll return via Higher Moors, Holy Vale and Rocky Hill and be back at your accommodation in time for breakfast. (Or pre-order a mini-brekkie at Mincarlo Guesthouse overlooking Town Beach.)

Guide: Bryony Lishman

Start Time: 5.45am

Finish Time: 8.15am

Meeting Point: Old Town Bay (Opp Old Town Café)

Grade: Moderate. Please bring (head) torch, water and something to sit on.

Cost: £7.50 per person (plus £5 for pre-ordered Mincarlo breakfast; must be ordered in advance)

St. Agnes - Top to Toe

This walk will be led by long-time Scilly resident guide Chas Wood. In the morning, you will walk across the sand bar to Gugh to see Obadiah's Barrow and the Old Man of Gugh, with beautiful views to Samson, the Norrard Rocks, Tresco and the Garrison. Returning to St. Agnes for lunch at the Turk's Head, you will then

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walk around the coast, visiting Troytown Farm (for ice cream), Troytown Maze and St. Warna's Well, enjoying the stunning views out to the Western Rocks and the Bishop Rock lighthouse along the way. Dogs on leads welcome.

Guide: Chas Wood

Start Time: 10.45am

Finish Time: 4.15pm

Meeting Point: The Turks Head, St. Agnes

Boat departs from St. Mary's: 10.15 am

Boat departs for St. Mary's: 4.30 pm

Grade: Moderate

Cost: £16.50 per person

Tresco – Insiders' Guide to the Abbey Garden

If gardening is your gift or plants are your passion, then this will be a real treat for you. Join the expert gardeners who work every day at the world famous Tresco Abbey Garden as they guide you through the 18 acres of exotic plants and trees from Africa, Asia and Oceania. Discover, close up, the 20,000 plants that thrive here and quiz the master horticulturalists on the gardening techniques that enable these plants to flourish. Dogs welcome on leads.

Guide: Head gardeners of Tresco Abbey Garden

Start Time: 11am

Finish Time: 1pm

Meeting Point: Abbey Garden Courtyard Entrance, Tresco

Boat departs from St. Mary's: 10am (into Carn Near)

Boat departs for St. Mary's: 2.15pm (Carn Near) or 4.30pm (New Grimsby)

Grade: Easy; and accessible to all

Cost: £15.00 per person (includes entrance to the Abbey Garden)

St. Mary's – Salakee Farm Tour & Taste

Join Dave Mumford and Kylie Carter on a walk through their 35-acre farm, where they rear grass-fed, mob-grazed Dexter beef and free range duck for both meat and eggs. Learn about how they are making the switch to more regenerative farming practices and take a look at their new "no dig" market garden that will be up and running this year to supply the local community. You can hear about the challenges and benefits of island farming on the Isles of Scilly, and you'll be treated to a taster of some of their produce at the end.

Guides: Kylie Carter & Dave Mumford

Time: 2pm – 4pm

Meet: Salakee Farm, St Mary's

Grade: Easy

Cost: £7.50 including some simple duck tasters. (Duck will also be available to buy.)

St. Mary's – Candlelit Recital with Duo Prospero

Duo Prospero are back for the 2019 concert season! Islanders Debby Crane and Piers Lewin perform an innovative programme of classical and world music for violin and woodwind in the atmospheric surroundings

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of Old Town Church. Drink in this ancient and intimate building and let its beautiful acoustics transport you from the present.

Location: Old Town Church

Time: 8.15pm – 9.15pm

Cost: Free, but donations welcome

Day: Saturday 6th April

St. Mary's – Energetic Coastal Hike

A popular new addition to the programme in 2018, this coastal walk is a hardy circumnavigation of St. Mary's covering the 9 - 10 mile coastline of the entire island, including the Garrison. Led by trail runner and yoga leader, Bryony Lishman, it is aimed at those walkers who enjoy striding out at a reasonably good pace. The walk will first take in the Garrison before coming back into Hugh Town and on to Old Town, via Peninnis Head, for a cuppa. The walk will continue anti-clockwise around to the north and west of the island, finishing at Juliet's Garden (for tea and cake, if desired!). Bryony will leave the walk at this stage, but will take any walkers not wishing to break at Juliet's back into Hugh Town. Dogs on leads welcome.

Guide: Bryony Lishman

Start Time: 9.30am

Finish Time: 3.30 / 4pm

Meeting Point: Holgate's Green

Grade: Hard. Please wear sturdy comfortable footwear. Bring snacks and water.

Cost: £14.50 per person (refreshments not included)

St. Martin's – Through the Eyes of an Islander

Whilst islanders might debate this issue at length, most visitors would agree that St. Martin's reigns supreme when it comes to showcasing has the best beaches in Scilly. So why not join St. Martin's islander Anna Browne (who also runs Scilly Seal Snorkelling), who'll gladly show you her island home including some of her favourite sandy spots. The morning will be spent exploring the top of the island around to Great Bay and after lunch you'll get to explore the lower shores along Lawrence's Brow. Dogs on leads welcome. There will be a lunch stop at the Seven Stones Inn.

Guide: Anna Browne

Start Time: 10.45am

Finish Time: 4.15pm

Meeting Point: Lower Town Quay, St. Martin's

Boat departs from St. Mary's: 10.15am

Boat departs for St. Mary's: 4.30pm Higher Town

Grade: Moderate/Hard

Cost: £14.50 per person

St. Agnes – An Island Captured in Music

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Scilly is a place that inspires musicians to write beautiful music: the landscape, the ocean, the wildlife, the birdsong. This wonderful walk, led by well-known island musician and composer, Piers Lewin from the Rough Island Band, takes you on a multi-media stroll around the magical landscapes of St. Agnes. He'll introduce you to island sounds and experiences that inspired the music for his fourth album, "This Island of Yours...", embellishing them with some fascinating tales of this tiny, vibrant community. The ticket price includes a digital EP of original island music to download to your MP3 player/smartphone in advance, as the walk will include the chance to listen to this music in situ. Please bring headphones.

Guide: Piers Lewin

Start Time: 1.30pm

Finish Time: 4pm (at the Island Hall, St Agnes)

Meeting Point: St. Agnes Quay

Boat departs from St. Mary's: 10am / 12.30pm

Boat departs for St. Mary's: 4.30pm

Grade: Moderate

Cost: £7.50 per person

St. Mary's - Wildlife on Scilly Slide Show

Come and listen to resident naturalist Will Wagstaff give his regularly updated talk about the islands' magnificent wildlife including birds, flowers, seals and lots more.

Guide: Will Wagstaff

Start Time: 8.15 pm (Doors open at 7.45 pm)

Finish Time: 9.30 pm

Meeting Point: Church Hall (next to museum)

Cost: £5.00 Please purchase tickets on the door.

Day: Sunday 7th April

Tresco - A Mediterranean Stroll

Enjoy a day out on Tresco, starting in the morning with a gentle walk from New Grimsby through "Dolphin Town" to Old Grimsby. Then you'll walk south towards Pentle Bay and explore the ruined Blockhouse and beautiful landscapes on route. After a break for lunch, the walk continues on to the world famous Tresco Abbey Garden for a leisurely guided stroll along the terraces before returning to New Grimsby where you began. Dogs on leads welcome.

Guide: George Teideman

Start Time: 10.30am

Meeting Point: Tourist Information Centre 9.30am (or 10.30am New Grimsby Quay)

Finish Time: 4.15pm (New Grimsby)

Boat departs from St. Mary's: 10am (into New Grimsby)

Boat departs for St. Mary's: 4.30pm (New Grimsby)

Grade: Easy/Moderate

Cost: £22.50 per person (includes entry to the Abbey Garden)

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St. Agnes – The Island Past and Present

Join St. Agnes resident, Chris Simmonds as he takes you on a leisurely walk around his island home imparting stories of living and working on England's wild and most south-westerly island. He'll take you across the sandbar to Gugh to view the breeding sites of the Manx Shearwaters, Kittiwakes, and Black-back Gulls, and to hear of the extraordinary success of the Seabird Recovery Project - a world first for St. Agnes. You'll then walk on to Wingletang Down and Castella Down finishing up at the working farms and artists' studios that dot this remote Atlantic outpost. Learn of shipwrecks, survivors' rescues and burial grounds, and how the Turks Head came to be named so. A lunch stop will be included, but feel free to bring a picnic. Dogs welcome on leads.

Guide: Chris Simmonds

Start Time: 10.45am

Finish Time: 4pm

Meeting Point: St. Agnes Quay

Boat departs from St. Mary's: 10.15 am

Boat departs for St. Mary's: 4.30pm

Grade: Moderate

Cost: £14.50 per person

Bryher - Top to Toe

Join local artist, fireman, water technician, gig coxswain and all-round islander, Chris Potterton to celebrate the colour and contrast of his Bryher home, with a route taking you to see – everything! This walk will include sites of historical and geological significance as well as a lunch stop at Hell Bay Hotel. Dogs welcome on leads.

Guide: Chris Potterton

Start Time: 10.45am

Finish Time: 4.15pm

Meeting Point: Anna Quay (Bar), Bryher

Boat departs from St. Mary's: 10.15am

Boat departs for St. Mary's: 4.30pm (from Church Quay)

Grade: Hard

Cost: £14.50 per person

St. Mary's – Children's Walk and Treasure Trail

Calling all children on Scilly who are looking forward to Easter! Hot on the heels of last year's fantastic family walk, Meriel King and husband Andrew have a treat in store for this year's Sunday family stroll and picnic lunch. This year, you'll be heading off to The Garrison for a special Easter-themed Treasure Trail. The stroll will start at the Star Castle and take in the cannons at Steval and Woolpack Point – look out for the Golden Eggs - before finishing up at Morning Point for a picnic and some party games amongst the magnificent historic field guns and views.

(Note: children must be accompanied by a responsible adult; picnic lunch not included. In case of inclement weather, picnic will be moved indoors.)

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Guide: Meriel King

Start Time: 11am

Finish Time: 1.30pm

Meeting Point: Star Castle entrance

Finishes: Morning Point

Grade: Easy – for all the family – off-road-buggy friendly

Cost: £6 per child; £2 for adults; U3s free. Or £20 per family ticket.

(All proceeds SANDS, the UK-based stillbirth and neonatal death charity.)

St. Mary's - Island Cinema shows "A Star is Born"

New to the Isles of Scilly in 2018, come along to the pop-up Island Cinema for a viewing of "A Star is Born" (Cert 15) on St. Mary's. Beer and wine, popcorn, snacks, teas and coffees will be on sale. You can buy your tickets on sale at the Tourist Information Centre.

Location: Town Hall, St. Mary's

Time: Doors at 7.30pm for 8pm start

Cost: £8 for adults; £6 for U16s (15 year olds)

Day: Monday 8th April

St. Mary's – A Walk on the Quiet Side

Join George Tiedeman for a morning stroll on the quieter side of St. Mary's. Starting from Longstone Lodge you'll head first to the peaceful Carreg Dhu community garden before walking up towards Salakee Farm and on to Porth Hellick to view the famous Camel Rock and Sir Cloudesley Shovell memorial stone. Then you'll double back via Higher Moors passed the bird hides and on through the lovely elm tree wood at Holy Vale before heading across to Rocky Hill and back to Hugh Town via Harry's Walls. Dogs on leads welcome.

Guide: George Tiedeman

Start Time: 10am

Finish Time: 1pm

Meeting Point: Longstone Lodge

Grade: Moderate / Hard

Cost: £8.50 per person

Tresco – Top to Toe

Discover the length and breadth of Tresco on this day-long walk with Tom Matthews. This will be a relatively pacy walk – but with plenty of stops to enjoy the views. It will cover the stunning, rugged north including the historic King Charles' and Cromwell's Castles and, if conditions allow, the natural phenomenon that is Piper's Hole, as well as the Blockhouse and Tresco Abbey. Tom is quick to point out he's no historian, but he's a great guide and loves Tresco – so much so that he works on the island - so you can expect a fun day that'll also shed light on what it's like to live and work on Scilly. There'll be a scheduled lunch stop at the New Inn, or bring a packed lunch if you'd rather. Dogs on leads welcome.

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Guide: Tom Matthews
Start Time: 10.45am
Finish Time: 4.15pm
Meeting Point: New Grimsby Quay, Tresco
Boat departs from St. Mary's: 10/10.15am (into New Grimsby)
Boat departs for St. Mary's: 4.30pm Carn Near
Grade: Hard
Cost: £12.50 per person

Bryher – Hillside Farm Walk, Talk & Tour

Head to Bryher and meet Graham Eggins from Hillside Farm. He'll walk you from the entrance to the farm up through the fields and show you around their traditional working island farm which they took over in 2015. Meet the cutie Saddleback pigs, chickens and North Devon cows, and find out how Graham and his family are living the island dream having made Bryher their home after years of family holidays! Dogs on leads welcome.

Guide: Graham Eggins
Start Time: 11am
Finish Time: 1pm
Meeting Point: Hillside Farm entrance
Boat departs from St. Mary's: 10.15 am (into Anna Quay)
Boat departs for St. Mary's: 4.30pm (Anna Quay)
Grade: Easy
Cost: £7.50 per person

Samson – Discover Uninhabited Samson

Enjoy a rare opportunity to take a guided walk to an uninhabited island. Chas Wood will take you for a walk around this pretty little island, which was abandoned by inhabitants in 1855. You will visit a number of Bronze Age sites and the ruins of post-medieval buildings as well as look out for the wonderful plants and wildlife found on Samson. Please note there are no facilities on the island. Good footwear essential. Dogs on leads welcome.

Guide: Chas Wood
Start Time: 2.30 pm
Meeting Point: St. Mary's Quay 1.45 pm (or landing beach Samson, 2.20pm)
Finish Time: 4.30 pm
Boat departs from St. Mary's: 2pm
Boat departs for St. Mary's: 4.45pm
Grade: Moderate/Hard (note beach landing)
Cost: £9.50 per person

St. Mary's - 'Scilly through the Ages' Presentation

'Scilly through the Ages' is an informative presentation taking a closer look at sights of archaeological and historical significance dating back to the Bronze Age across the Islands. Find out more about our ancestors on Scilly.

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Guide: Dr. Katharine Sawyer

Start Time: 8.15 pm (Doors open at 7.45 pm)

Finish Time: 9.30 pm

Meeting Point: Methodist Hall

Cost: £5.00 Adults & £2.50 for children 10 and over. Please purchase tickets on the door.

Day: Tuesday 9th April

St. Martin's – Daymark & Ridge Walk

From Higher Town Quay you'll head off across Chapel Down to St. Martin's iconic red and white Daymark before enjoying a delightful ridge walk along the island's backbone with simply breath-taking ocean views. You'll finish up in Lower Town in time for a visit to Fay Page's studio. Your guide will be St. Martin's island flower farmer, Zoe Julian who will also share her stories of making a living on St. Martin's whilst living the island dream! Dogs on leads welcome. Please bring a packed lunch; alternatively you'll be passing the Island Bakery on route so you can pick up some lunch there.

Guide: Zoe Julian

Start Time: 10.45 am

Finish Time: 3.15 pm

Meeting Point: Higher Town Quay, St. Martin's

Boat departs from St. Mary's: 10.15am

Boat departs for St. Mary's: 4.30pm (Lower Town)

Grade: Moderate

Cost: £12.50 per person (proceeds to Isles of Scilly Wildlife Trust)

Bryher – My Island Home

Bred and brought up on Bryher, award-winning fisherman Mark Pender comes from a very long line of Scillonians. Allow Mark to show you around his island home – and his favourite hideaways - whilst imparting entertaining tales of growing up on this tiny, beautiful island. On your travels, you'll also discover the origins of Hangman Island, and how Anneka Rice once came to the island's aid; how Bad Place Hill got its name, and climb Gweal Hill to enjoy some spectacular views as you look yonder towards America. Dogs on leads welcome.

Guide: Mark Pender

Start Time: 10.45am

Finish Time: 1.15pm at Hell Bay hotel

Meeting Point: Church Quay, Bryher

Boat departs from St. Mary's: 10.15am

Boat departs for St. Mary's: 4.30pm Anna Quay (Bar)

Grade: Moderate

Cost: £8.50 per person

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Tresco – Island Forage & Tasters

Join celebrated forager and author, Rachel Lambert and discover the diversity of Tresco's mouth-watering wild food flavours through this hands-on foraging experience and enlightening walk. You'll be introduced to the identification, taste and culinary potential of many wild foods growing on Tresco before heading to the Flying Boat Bar & Bistro for a some wild gourmet tasters prepared by head chef, Jack Stephens.

Guide: Rachel Lambert

Start Time: 10.45am

Finish Time: 1.30pm

Meeting Point: New Grimsby Quay

Boat departs from St. Mary's: 10.15am

Boat departs for St. Mary's: 4.30pm Carn Near

Grade: Moderate

Cost: £21.50 per person (including tasters)

St. Mary's – Beachcombing Craft Walk

Join Vickie Heaney, print maker based at Phoenix Craft Studios for an afternoon of beachcombing on Scilly's very own "Treasure Beach". Limited to just 10 people, you'll meet Vickie at the Tourist Information Centre from where she'll lead you on a walk to "Treasure Beach" near Old Town Bay to look for beach flotsam and jetsam booty. Then she'll take you back to the Phoenix Studios via the lovely Lower Moors to create some fun craft projects with your finds.

Guides: Vickie Heaney

Start Time: 1pm

Finish Time: 4pm

Meet: Tourist Information Centre, St. Mary's

Grade: Easy

Price: £10 (to cover walk and all materials)

MAX – 10 people

St. Mary's – inTune Choir in Concert

Enjoy live music at the Parish Church, St. Mary's, where the modern ladies' choir from Cornwall, inTune, will sing a wide range of songs from their repertoire at this short, informal concert.

Location: St. Mary's Parish Church

Time: 8pm – 9pm

Cost: Free (but there will be a collection in aid of the Isles of Scilly Wildlife Trust)

Day: Wednesday 10th April

Nornour and the Eastern Isles

Back by popular demand, this Cruise in the Past combines a boat trip with Joe Pender to seek out Atlantic Grey seals and seabirds around the Eastern Isles, with a landing on the uninhabited island of Nornour with Dr. Katharine Sawyer to visit the fascinating pre-historic settlement and Romano-British shrine site.

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Guide: Dr Katharine Sawyer & Joe Pender

Start Time: 10am

Finish Time: 1pm

Meeting Point: St. Mary's Quay, 9.45am

Grade: Easy/Moderate (Note, however, beach landing on Nornour which can be tricky)

Cost: £20.00 per person (this price INCLUDES boat fare)

St. Martin's - Energetic Coastal Hike

New for 2019, this coastal walk is a hardy 7km circumnavigation of St. Martin's from Higher Town to Lower Town the long way around! Led by trail runner and yoga leader, Bryony Lishman, it is aimed at those walkers who enjoy striding out at a reasonably good pace. Once beyond Higher Town Bay, this walk will stick to the coastal path past Brandy Point, up towards St. Martin's Head and the Daymark and on to Bread & Cheese Cove and Burnt Point, along the wonderful Great Bay and Little Bay to Butter Porth and Tinklers' Hill. The views will be magnificent, and the birds and wildlife astonishing so enjoy! Please bring a packed lunch – there may be an option for tea and cake at Karma St. Martin's at the end of the walk if there's time. Dogs on leads welcome.

Guide: Bryony Lishman

Start Time: 10.45am

Finish Time: 4.15pm

Meeting Point: Higher Town Quay

Boat departs from St. Mary's: 10.15am

Boat departs for St. Mary's: 4.30pm Lower Town

Grade: Hard. Please wear sturdy comfortable footwear. Bring a picnic lunch and water.

Cost: £14.50 per person

St. Agnes - Sea Safari

Rest your legs and join the Isles of Scilly Wildlife Trust on a boat trip to explore the Western Rocks. This isolated and rugged part of Scilly is home to much of our islands' marine life. Guides will point out and identify interesting marine life including seals, seabirds and possibly puffins. Please bring binoculars if you have them, and a coat! Seafaring dogs welcome.

Guide: Nikki Banfield from the Isles of Scilly Wildlife Trust

Start Time: 1pm

Finish Time: 3pm

Meeting Point: St. Agnes Quay (If you are coming from other islands please enquire about options at time of booking)

Cost: £18.50 per person (Proceeds to the Isles of Scilly Wildlife Trust)

Bryher - Seaweed Forage & Tasters

Expect an interesting and intriguing foray on the shores of Tresco with expert forager and author Rachel Lambert, and discover a range of edible seaweeds on offer across Scilly. Be guided through tastes, textures,

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recipes and nutritional benefits of seaweed before heading to the award-winning Hell Bay hotel where Head Chef Richard Kearsley will prepare you a small selection of foraged tasters to try.

Guide: Rachel Lambert

Start Time: 1pm

Finish Time: 4pm

Boat departs from St. Mary's: 10.15am

Boat departs for St. Mary's: 4.30pm (Bar)

Meeting Point: Hell Bay Hotel

Grade: Moderate

Cost: £21.50 per person (including tasters)

St. Mary's – Ancient St. Mary's (Pelistry to Old Town)

This is a wonderful opportunity to walk along the eastern and southern coasts of St. Mary's with island archaeologist Dr Katharine Sawyer. The walk starts at Pelistry from where you will cross to tidal Toll's Island to visit the prehistoric structures, Civil War battery and post-mediaeval kelp pits. Then you will return to 'mainland' St. Mary's and follow the coast to Old Town. On the way, you will see the Mount Todden watch house, the Bronze Age entrance graves on Normandy Down, Porth Hellick Down and Salakee Down, the Iron Age promontory fort of Giant's Castle and the mediaeval quay, castle and church at Old Town, before returning to Hugh Town. Dogs welcome on leads.

Guides: Dr. Katharine Sawyer

Time: 2pm – 5pm

Meet: 1.45pm at Holgate's Green to take bus/taxi to Pelistry (or 2pm at Pelistry Beach)

Grade: Moderate (but the clamber across the rocks to Toll Island is hard).

Price: £9.50 (Plus £2 bus/taxi fare Pelistry if required).

Tresco – inTune Choir in Concert

Enjoy live music at the Parish Church on Tresco where the modern ladies' choir from Cornwall, inTune, will sing a wide range of songs from their repertoire at this short, informal concert.

Location: St. Nicholas's Church, Tresco

Boat departs from St. Mary's: 6pm

Boat departs for St. Mary's: 9pm (New Grimsby)

Time: 7pm – 8pm

Cost: Free (but there will be a collection in aid of the Isles of Scilly Wildlife Trust)

Day: Thursday 11th April

St. Mary's - Maritime Scilly: The islands' long association with the sea

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Join expert local historian Richard Larn OBE to discover the islands' incredibly rich maritime history from 900 AD through to the present day. This lovely walk of Hugh Town will be a fantastic voyage of discovery - of the Old Quay and Harbour, the three lifeboat stations and two customs houses, of the shipbuilding industry, ships agents and consuls and of the many, many pubs and water stations that were once so active and plentiful on St. Mary's. Scilly was a major stop off point for literally thousands of ship and almost everyone here lived off the sea. Dogs on leads welcome.

Guide: Richard Larn OBE

Start Time: 10am

Finish Time: 12.30pm

Meeting Point: Tourist Information Centre, Porthcressa

Grade: Easy; wheelchair and pushchair friendly

Cost: £8.50 per person (Children £5; Family ticket £20.00)

Bryher – Shearwaters at Shipman Head

Join local Seabird Ecologist Vickie Heaney for a walk on Bryher to see and hear about the Scilly's internationally important seabird heritage. She'll take you to the exposed, northern tip of Bryher at Shipman Head to learn about the nocturnal shearwaters incubating their eggs right beneath your feet. The walk is tricky – up and down relatively steep tracks - and limited to just 15 people. If there's time at the end, Vickie will take you to the Hell Bay hotel for an optional cuppa!

Guide: Vickie Heaney

Start Time: 10.30am

Finish Time: 1pm (Anna Quay)

Meeting Point: Church Quay

Boat departs from St. Mary's: 10am

Boat departs for St. Mary's: 1pm (from Anna Quay)

Grade: Hard

Cost: £8.50 per person

St. Agnes – Wild St. Agnes & Gugh

Enjoy a full day's walk discovering the natural beauty and wildlife of St. Agnes & Gugh with Will Wagstaff. First you'll head west on St. Agnes to explore the beaches and some of the small fields in search of migrants and waders on the shore. After stopping for lunch, you'll head over the sand bar to the island of Gugh, enjoying this rugged landscape and a stunning variety of birds and wildlife. Dogs on leads welcome.

Guide: Will Wagstaff

Start Time: 10.45am

Finish Time: 4.15pm

Meeting Point: St. Agnes Quay

Boat departs from St. Mary's: 10.15am

Boat departs for St. Mary's: 2.15pm / 4.30pm

Grade: Moderate/Hard

Cost: £14.50 per person (£8.50 for half day)

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St. Helen's - Discover Uninhabited St. Helen's

This walk around the uninhabited island of St. Helen's offers a unique opportunity to visit its two main historical sites - the early medieval 8th – 12th Century hermitage and the 18th Century 'Pest House' or quarantine establishment. Led by local guide Chas Wood, the trip starts with a landing on the rocky coast. Good footwear essential. There are no facilities on St. Helen's. Dogs on leads welcome, but they also need to be able to cope with a beach landing!

Guide: Chas Wood

Start Time: 2.30pm

Finish Time: 4.30pm

Meeting Point: St. Mary's Quay 1.45PM or landing point on St. Helen's

Boat departs from St. Mary's: 2pm

Boat departs for St. Mary's: 4.45pm

Grade: Hard (beach landing)

Cost: £9.50 per person

St. Mary's – inTune Choir in Concert

Enjoy live music at "On the Quay" on St. Mary's where the modern ladies' choir from Cornwall, inTune, will sing a wide range of songs from their repertoire at this short, informal concert.

Location: On the Quay, St. Mary's

Time: 3pm

Cost: Free (but there will be a collection in aid of the Isles of Scilly Wildlife Trust)

Live Folk music at the Atlantic Inn

Enjoy live music from 8.30pm at the Atlantic Inn, Hugh Town, St. Mary's. Local and visiting musicians come together every Thursday to play foot-tapping tunes and sing their favourite songs in a relaxed and informal Scilly way.

Time: 8.30 pm onwards

Cost: Free

Day: Friday 12th April

St. Mary's - Fins, Flippers & Feathers around the Archipelago

Join skipper and wildlife photographer Joe Pender, and birder and environment academic Dr. Rob Lambert (plus Bella the boat dog) aboard MV Sapphire on a marine meander around the archipelago in search of seabirds, wading birds, sea ducks, divers, grey seals and dolphins. As well as taking a close up look at coastal nooks and crannies, islets and bays around the islands, this trip will also include a short run offshore to hopefully pick up pods of bow-riding common dolphins. Please bring binoculars, camera and a warm jacket.

Guides: Joe Pender & Dr Rob Lambert

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Time: 10.30am – 1.30pm
Meet: St. Mary's Quay
Grade: Easy, as on a boat
Cost: £20 (this price INCLUDES boat fare)

NB: This trip is weather dependent. A decision will be made in the morning as to whether the trip will run.

Teän – The History of Teän

Teän has a long history of occupation and this walk, with island archaeologist Dr. Katharine Sawyer, will take in sites from the prehistoric period to the 20th Century. You will see a Bronze Age burial chamber, the early mediaeval chapel and cemetery and houses from the 17th and 18th Centuries. The view from the top of Great Hill is not to be missed!

Guide: Dr. Katharine Sawyer
Start Time: 2.30pm
Finish Time: 4.30pm
Meeting Point: St. Mary's Quay 1.45pm or landing point on Tean
Boat departs from St. Mary's: 2pm
Boat departs for St. Mary's: 4.45pm
Grade: Hard (beach landing)
Cost: £9.50 per person

St. Martin's - Captivating Dark Skies

Another opportunity to join the St. Martin's COSMOS group of amateur astronomers for a dark skies walk and an introduction to the brand new observatory - the perfect place to look up into unpolluted darkness and observe the universe. The evening will start at Lower Town to watch the sunset before you head off on a twilight walk to the site of what will be the new observatory, on the hill behind the Community Hall. Then, torches off, marvel at the Milky Way, planets and stars in all their splendour through one of the telescopes before being guided on to Higher Town for your return boat. A light meal (soup/pasties) will be available at the Community Hall, but placing your order in advance is essential. Please enquire at the time of booking your walk. Alternatively, why not book into Karma St. Martin's or the Seven Stones Inn for an early, pre-walk supper?

Guide: Anna Browne
Start Time: 7.30pm (for sunset at 8.14pm)
Finish Time: 10pm
Meet: Lower Town Quay
Boat departs from St. Mary's: 2pm or 6pm (into Lower Town)
Boat departs for St. Mary's: 10.30pm from Higher Town
Grade: Easy (but it will be very dark, so please bring torches for night time walk to the quay)
Cost: £8.50 (Food not included.)

St. Mary's - Evening Bat Detective Walk

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Starting just after sundown, it's time to turn bat detective! Described as "brilliant" and "absolute magic" by the Bald Hiker, Scilly's experts Mike and Anne Gurr will take you on a fun night walk to the Elm trees at Rose Hill before heading back towards Porthmellon and through Doily Wood to "Nowhere". Listen out for bat calls using your very own bat detector kit (supplied) and try to spot as many pipistrelles as you can as they venture out after dark.

Guides: Anne & Mike Gurr

Time: 8.15pm – 9.45pm (approx.)

Meet: Holgate's Green, St Mary's (Please bring torches, and wrap up warm.)

Grade: Easy

Price: £7.50 (U16s free, but must be accompanied by an adult.) Proceeds to the Isles of Scilly Bat Group funds.

Please note, this walk is weather dependent. It will be cancelled if wet or too windy.

WALKING GRADES:

EASY

- Easy stroll on road and path, generally level walking, no hills.

MODERATE

- Fairly easy walk on paths but some will be uneven and narrow. There will also be some inclines; or some walking on beaches.

HARD

- Fairly strenuous, several inclines/some hills and uneven, narrow paths (or when there is a beach landing off a boat); walking at a slightly faster pace.

We estimate that most of the all-day walks (roughly 10.30am – 4.30pm with a lunch stop) are probably in the region of 5 or 6 miles. Half-day walks will be around 2.5 – 3 miles. The longest walk is the St. Mary's Hike – about 9-10 miles and this will be walked at a reasonably fast pace. Tresco Top to Toe will also be slightly more strenuous. All the walks are guided, so you will be stopping at vantage points and places of interest.

If you have particular mobility issues, please contact the Visit Isles of Scilly events team or the Tourist Information Centre and they will be happy to advise further.

TO BOOK YOUR WALKS:

Call: 01720 620601 or email events@visitislesofscilly.com and we will call you back.

All tickets must be paid for at time of booking (by card) and no refunds will be given unless the walk is cancelled for any reason.

Your Walk Scilly Welcome Pack including tickets will be ready for collection from the Tourist Information Centre when you arrive on Scilly, or at your accommodation if you are staying off-island.

Lunch/refreshments are not included in the price of walks, unless stated otherwise. Walkers are welcome to bring along their own snacks and pack lunches, and we recommend everyone carries water.

Programme booklets are being printed and will be available soon.

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Boating to off-islands and off island boating

Please note that for off-island walks, boats leave St. Mary's Quay promptly at 10am or 10.15am in the mornings. We advise you to be on the quay by 9.45am. Sorry, but we cannot take responsibility if you miss your walk due to missing your boat to an off-island. You can check boat times by calling into the TIC or following St. Mary's Boatmen's Association on Twitter @scillyboating

For anyone staying on Tresco, St. Martin's and Bryher who wishes to attend any Walk Scilly walk on any of the islands, Tresco Boats and St. Mary's Boating will provide a boating service. (The exception may be the evening walks – please enquire at the time of booking.) Costs may vary. Tresco Boats: Tel 01720 423373.

For anyone staying on St. Agnes and wishing to attend Walk Scilly walks on any of the other islands, please contact St. Agnes Boating skipper John Peacock to discuss your options before you purchase your walking tickets. stagnesboating.co.uk or Tel: 07990 742982.

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We're delighted to be supported by the Isles of Scilly Wildlife Trust, On the Quay, Isles of Scilly Travel and the St. Mary's Boatman's Association.

Isles of Scilly Wildlife Trust, Scilly's only local independent conservation charity, is supporting Walk Scilly through a series of guided walks and by protecting Scilly's pristine natural environment as well as keeping the permissive paths so pristine for us all to enjoy!

Isles of Scilly Travel is offering a **10% discount on travel** throughout Walk Scilly, on both Scillonian III and on Skybus flights from Land's End. This is not an online offer - you must call to book – 01736 334220 and quote **WALK2019**. Valid for travel between 1st and 15th April 2019.

St. Mary's Boatmen's Association is offering **discounted boating tickets** when purchased in advance at the same time as walking tickets. (They also provide excellent discounts for "Books of 10" tickets.)

On the Quay will host the **Walk Scilly Welcome Party** on Wednesday 3rd April, free to all walkers who have purchased tickets for any of the guided walks.

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BIRDS ON SCILLY – BREEDING SEASON

A word from the Isles of Scilly Wildlife Trust:

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Scilly is regionally, nationally and in some cases internationally important for breeding sea and coastal birds; from Manx shearwater to Storm petrel, Puffin to the Lesser black-backed gull; many return to their breeding grounds on our Islands year after year. As a result of this, and to give our sea and coastal birds the best possible chance of rearing young, a number of our uninhabited Islands are closed all year around and others, both uninhabited and inhabited, have areas of restricted access during breeding season (between April and September). Please respect these restrictions, and if you are walking a dog near these areas please ensure that you keep it under control. For more details (including a map & signs to look out for) please refer to the "Birds of Scilly" leaflet which is included in your Welcome to Walk Scilly pack.

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