

NIARBYL

Meaning 'tail of rocks' for the crocodile-like reef that juts out of the bay, Niarbyl is one of the classic and most dramatic sections of coastline on the Isle of Man. With a captivating south-west outlook, this was once a much-loved holiday resort. Unspoilt by human habitation, it makes an exceptional place for stargazing and wildlife-spotting.

This coastline is a dedicated Area of Special Scientific Interest called Dalby Coast ASSI, encompassing a matrix of an important geological site, as well as being home to a great variety of sea birds and wildflowers.



UNDER THE WATER



Grading: Blue - Moderate. The snorkel safari commences from the beach in front of the cottages. There are many gullies and crevasses to explore and this is ideal habitat for lobsters and fish shoal around the promontory. This trail will take at least 50-60 minutes to complete. 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.



Remember: Always inform someone of where you are going and what time you intend to return. Always check weather, sea conditions and tide time before venturing out as some areas of the coastline can be cut off by the tide.



Wildlife Safety: Be aware of seasonal restrictions such as bird nesting between April and July, and seal pupping between September and December. Always keep 50m away from seals and DO NOT approach seal pups or basking sharks.

ON THE WATER



From Niarbyl, you can either kayak north along the coast to Peel or south to White Beach and Fleshwick Bay where you will find mini-waterfalls, hidden caves and possible sightings of seals and basking sharks.

ON LAND



Raad ny Foillan: Follow the coastal route north to Glen Maye with its famous waterfall and beach. Or travel south past one of the most interesting of the Island's early Christian chapels Lag ny Keeilley onwards to Bradda Head at Port Erin.

The rocks on the northern bay are 480 million years old. A major fault line across

the beach marks the contact between the rocks from two ancient continents that were once on opposite sides of the world, and the closure of the Iapetus Ocean that once separated them.

Niarbyl is also the perfect place to go rock pooling along the rocky shore with plenty of plants and creatures to discover. It's a popular place for angling for Pollack, Wrasse and Conger Eel.

BIRD-WATCHING: Fulmar, Herring Gull, Peregrine Falcon, Chough, Gannet, Shag



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Respect the rights of all users & leave no trace.

Please don't stand on the species that live on the rocks or kick the seabed.

Please refer to the Coastal Code & Angling Guide

For information on guided trips, experiences or equipment hire you can book on the Niarbyl Blueway see

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