

The importance of Tory Island to wildlife

In recent years Tory has seen increasing numbers of visitors and, while this is a welcome development, there are implications for the wildlife, for which the island is renowned.

Tory has been designated under European law as a Special Protection Area for birds, while its coastline has been designated as a Special Area of Conservation.

The island currently supports the largest concentration of Corncrakes in Ireland. It also has a nationally important seabird colony, as well as important populations of breeding waders, Little Tern and Chough. Many of these birds nest on the ground, making them particularly vulnerable to disturbance by walkers, dogs, quad bikes, campers and even birdwatchers.

Great care should be taken when walking in an area where birds are nesting - and in Tory this means almost everywhere!

We hope visitors will be happy to follow these guidelines

- Keep your dog on a lead at all
- Stay on the footpaths as much as possible. If you do leave them, please be careful where you put your feet
- Stay back from the cliff edges, many of them are eroding
- Don't get too close to nesting birds. If your approach causes a bird to run away or to fly up, move back
- · When birdwatching or taking photographs in the villages, please respect the islanders' privacy
- Keep Tory tidy please put any litter in the bins provided or, even better, take it home with you

Getting to Tory

Tory can be reached by ferry from Bunbeg during the winter months, with extra services running from Magheraroarty during the summer.

Contacts

- Donegal Coastal Cruises (Turasmara Teo) 074953132 0/31340
- Toraigh na dTonn 0749135920/0868108411

Accommodation on Tory

Tory offers a variety of accommodation - a hotel, a hostel, holiday apartments and several B&Bs.

For information on accommodation or on any of the services or facilities, contact: Comharchumann Thoraí Teo (Tory Island Co-op) on 0749135502

Other information

Boat trips: Toraigh na dTonn -0749135920 / 0868108411

Bicycle hire: Rothair ar Cíos, 0749165614

Minibus hire (14-seater): Síob Teo Island Tours, 0876748449

Diving: Dive Tory (Toraigh Faoi Tonn), 0749135613



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