

East Lothian Antiquarian & Field Naturalists' Society

Field naturalist visit to St Abbs Head on Saturday 6th June 2026, 2.00 PM



Cliffs at St Abbs Head

The Society is delighted to offer Members an opportunity for a field naturalist visit to St Abbs Head on Saturday 6th June, 2026, 2.00 PM.

St Abbs Head

The spectacular cliffs at St Abbs Head are owned by the National Trust for Scotland and designated as a National Nature Reserve. The lighthouse, whilst on NTS ground, is owned and managed by the Northern Lighthouse Board. The cliffs provide for great views of over 60,000 nesting seabirds of ten different species. The fresh water Mire Loch and grassland provide additional bird and botanical interest.

The visit will be guided by the Society's Field Naturalist advisor John Hunt.

Those coming are asked to be at the NTS visitor centre car park (500 metres before the village) not later than 2 PM and we will then proceed in convoy using the minimum number of cars along a private road to the lighthouse, this avoid the otherwise lengthy walk to reach the cliffs. The Society has been given special permission by NTS to use this private road. See map overleaf.

Those not in the convoy are asked to park at the NTS car park: there is a charge of £5, all day, NTS members free.

Please do not drive to the lighthouse independently.

A cafe and potters studio - "Borders Pottery" is close to the car park and will be open from 10.00 AM to 4:00 PM. So if you wish a refreshment after the visit bringing a "flask" would be necessary.

Bring binoculars. Walking boots or robust shoes recommended.

Booking is not essential but it would be appreciated if you could advise your intention to attend to Elaine Whewell at info@eastlothianantiquarians.org.uk

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Directions

Take the A1 towards Berwick upon Tweed. Go past Torness Power Station and 7 km further on take the A1107 to Coldingham. Turn left on B6438 for St Abbs. Continue for 2 km, the NTS visitor car park is on the left (signposted).



Open Street Map