

GROUP VISITS

RUSHEN ABBEY

Welcome to the group visitor information for Rushen Abbey. Here you will find everything you need to plan a visit.



Rushen Abbey was gifted by King Olaf I for use as a monastery in 1134. Today the remains for the Abbey sit in the tranquil surroundings of the Abbey Gardens. The Interpretation Centre tells its story from medieval times through to the present day.

Don't miss:

- Stories of the famous strawberry and cream tea dances
- School mistress Miss Bell Anne Stowell
- The Chronicles of Mann, the earliest written account of the Isle of Man
- Hands on fun like dressing up as a monk or having a go at archaeology
- A walk to the 14th century Monks' Bridge in Silverdale Glen
- Delicious food in the Abbey Restaurant – n.b. advisable to book in advance



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Opening hours 2019

1 Apr to 24 May, 10am – 4pm
25 May to 1 Sept, 10am – 5pm
2 Sept to 3 Nov, 10am – 4pm

Opening hours 2020

1 Apr to 29 May, 10am – 4pm
30 May to 6 Sept, 10am – 5pm
7 Sept to 1 Nov, 10am – 4pm

Timing your visit

A typical visit lasts between 1 to 1½ hours.

We recommend that a visit to Rushen Abbey is timed to coincide with other attractions in the area:

- Castle Rushen, one of the world's best preserved medieval castles
- The Nautical Museum, where you can discover the story of the late Captain George Quayle, his eccentric boathouse and his most significant surviving creation the Peggy. The Peggy has temporarily been removed to a specialist building for a long-term programme of stabilisation, conservation and study
- The Old Grammar School where rows of benches and desks are a reminder of early Victorian school days. This site can be opened for pre-booked groups by special request
- The Old House of Keys, the former home of the Manx Parliament

Admission prices 2019/2020

Pre-booked group £6 per adult*

*To qualify for the pre-booked group rate, groups must consist of at least 15 people and be booked 7 days in advance.

Holiday Passes providing multi-site admission can be purchased in at least a week in advance at a discounted group rate of £22 per adult and are also available at the standard price of £25 from all Manx National Heritage sites. Valid passes must be shown on entry to each site.

A combined Go Heritage Explore card is also available to groups of 20 or more which offers, during normal operating times, unlimited access to Manx National Heritage sites and unlimited travel on the heritage railways, buses and Douglas horse trams for up to 5 days. The group rate for the **2019** Go Explore Heritage card is £58.50 per person.

Manx National Heritage has reciprocal agreements with a number of heritage organisations such as the National Trust, English Heritage and CADW amongst others, providing free or reduced admission on presentation of a valid membership card. Refunds are not available for tickets purchased.



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Coach parking & travel information

Coaches may drop off or collect visitors at the entrance to Rushen Abbey and free coach parking is available at the adjacent Abbey Restaurant.

Access information

Rushen Abbey is fully accessible to wheelchair users.

Detailed access information is available at:

<https://manxnationalheritage.im/visit/getting-about/accessibility-information/>

Catering

The Abbey Restaurant is located next to Rushen Abbey, on the banks of the Silverburn River. This stunning restaurant opened in August 2010 and quickly established itself as one of the best eating experiences on the Island.

For further information please see:

<http://www.theabbey.im>

Visitor information

- Gift shop
- Toilets
- Photography and filming (for personal use only) and use of mobile phones are permitted.

