

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 stroll through the beautiful gardens
- A walk to the 14th century Monks' Bridge in Silverdale Glen
- Delicious food in the Abbey Restaurant – n.b. advisable to book in advance (tel: 01624 822393)

Opening hours 2024

28th March – 3rd November 2024, Thursday to Monday from 12pm to 4pm. Last entry 3.30pm

Closed Tuesday and Wednesday

Timing your visit

A typical visit lasts between 1 to 1½ hours.

Admission prices 2024

Pre-booked group* £7.70 per adult

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

Holiday passes providing multi-site admission can be booked in advance at a discounted group rate of £30 per adult and are also available at the standard price of £35 per adult from all Manx National Heritage sites. Holiday Pass admission is only permitted on production of a valid card. Cards are valid for the named person and are not transferable. ID may also be requested. Free access is for 14 days from the first day of use on a Holiday.

A combined Go Explore Heritage 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.

Free admission is available to children under 18 years of age, persons accompanying a disabled visitor, Members of the Friends of Manx National Heritage and organisations holding an agreement with Manx National Heritage. Entry available to the named member only on presentation of a valid membership card. Restrictions may apply. For details on our reciprocal arrangements, please consult your membership handbook.

Coach drivers and guides accompanying a group receive free admission to all Manx National Heritage sites.

Booking your visit

Pre-booking is advised and achieves a number of benefits for your group including a substantial discount on the standard admission price and speedy, hassle-free entry to the site.

To book your group visit please contact the group bookings office on +44 (0)1624 648017 or enquiries@mnh.im Payment is due no later than 7 days in advance and refunds are not given once the booking and group numbers are confirmed. On receipt of payment, a group bookings permit or passes will be issued to you for presentation at the site entrance on the day of your visit.

Find us at

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Tel: 01624 827413



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How to get there

Rushen Abbey is situated in Ballasalla.

By Coach or road: Access from the A7 Ballasalla/Port Erin Road. Mill road is situated on the right hand side immediately as you go over the bridge.

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

By bus: from Douglas, Castletown and Port Erin. For timetables please see www.iombusandrail.im

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

Access information

Rushen Abbey is fully accessible to wheelchair users. Detailed access information is available at: <https://manxnationalheritage.im/visit-2/families-2/facilities-for-families-2-2/>

