



Book your place to join us for a
nature walk on the Ayres NNR as
part of Manx Wildlife Week

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Low tide bird watch and short walk, Rue Point, Ayres NNR

Date: Saturday, 26th April 2025 **Time:** 16:30 to 17:30

Meeting location: Beach gate at Smeale NX 41322 03294 W3W respectfully.overdrive.ovens

Wear: Walking shoes **Bring:** Binoculars (if you have them) **Dogs:** Sorry no dogs.

Access: Walking 2km (1.25 miles) on shingle beach and dune grassland. Flat, easy walking but the ground may be uneven in places. Unfortunately, this walk is not suitable for wheelchair users. Children are welcome but must be accompanied by a parent/guardian (children are the responsibility of the parent/guardian for the duration of the event).

Information about the walk

An opportunity to see sandwich tern and potentially little tern that should just be arriving on the NNR from their wintering grounds. April is also a good time to see passage waders stopping off on the NNR to refuel before heading further north. Rue Point is the most rapidly growing section of Manx coastline; find out why this is so special for wildlife. A short walk back through the dune grassland looking out for passage wheatear, resident curlew, stonechat, skylark and meadow pipits.

The walk will be led by Louise Samson, Biodiversity Warden, DEFA.

Numbers limited to 15, please book a free place by emailing ecopolicy@gov.im

This event will be cancelled if rain or strong winds are forecast.

High tide bird watch and walk, Ballaghennie, Ayres NNR

Date: Saturday, 3rd May 2025 **Time:** 14:45 to 16:45

Meeting location: Manx Wildlife Trust, Ayres NNR Nature Discovery Centre NX 43515 03830 W3W
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Wear: Walking shoes **Bring:** Binoculars (if you have them) **Dogs:** Sorry no dogs.

Access: Walking approximately 2.5km (1.5 miles) on shingle beach and dune grassland. Flat, easy walking but the ground may be uneven in places. Unfortunately, this walk is not suitable for wheelchair users. Children are welcome but must be accompanied by a parent/guardian (children are the responsibility of the parent/guardian for the duration of the event).

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