



**Morecambe  
Bay**  
Partnership

# Explore Piel Island with us on Saturday 25 July

Join us for a walk crossing the sands from Snab Point, Walney Island, to Piel Island and discover the Castle, rich history & nature of this special place



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## **Morecambe Bay Partnership**

has been connecting people with the nature, heritage and culture of Morecambe Bay for over 25 years

**We're delighted to run a fundraising walk to Piel Island led by expert guides John Irving and John Murphy who will give you a very warm welcome and a wonderful introduction to the very special area of Piel Island.**

**Date: Saturday 25 July, 2026  
Event Registration: 12:30pm  
End time: 4pm (approx)**

**Tickets:  
£10 adults  
£5 children (6 to 16 years)**

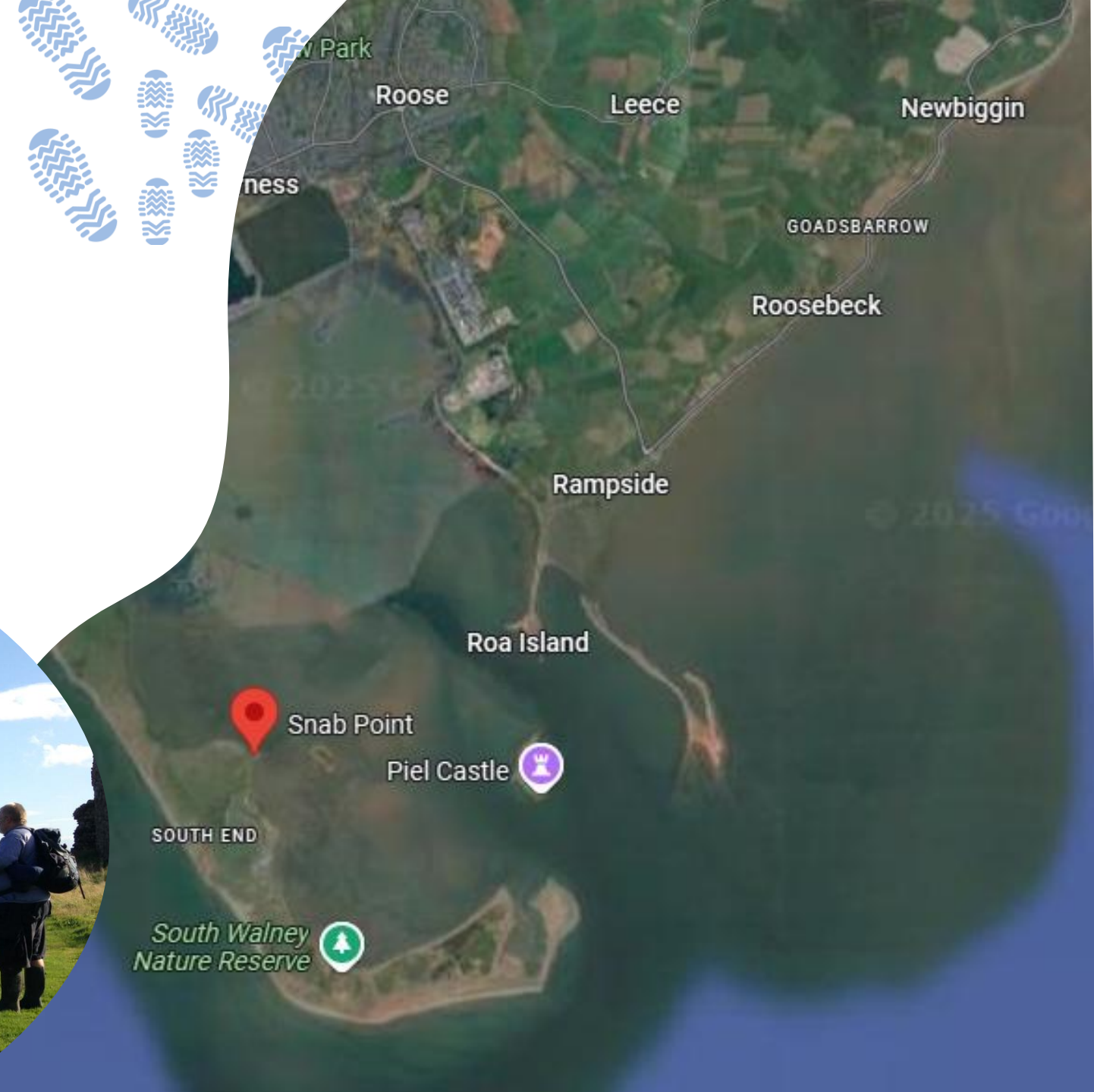
**Please note that dogs are not permitted.**

## Where and what is Piel Island?

Piel Island is situated on the tip of the Furness Peninsula and juts into Morecambe Bay.

At only fifty acres, this small island off the coast of Barrow in Furness can be accessed by guided walks across the sands at low tide (and via passenger ferry from Roa Island).

Although the island is small it boasts a rich and fascinating history along with its own King, Castle and Pub.





## Your Guides for the day are John Irving and John Murphy

John Murphy (pictured left) has been connecting people to the nature, heritage and landscapes of the area for over forty years.

John is a warm, knowledgeable and passionate guide offering insights into the special flora and fauna of the island, the history of Piel Castle, the island's connection to monks and trade, and much more.

As well as a fascinating overview of Piel Island, John Murphy, John Irving and their team of marshals are on hand to guide you safely across the sands and around the island itself.



## Our walking route

**Duration:** The walk to and back from Piel Island takes approximately 45 minutes to 1 hour each way.

**Route:** The exact route, distance and duration of the walk will be governed by tides, channels and the sands expertly and safely navigated by our trusted Guides.

**Terrain:** The walk will cover a variety of terrain from rock, mud, sand, water to possible slippery conditions. The first part of the walk (300m) is very slippery so please wear appropriate footwear. Following this, the sands will be wet and we will be walking through some low gullies.

**Safety:** Children under 16 must be supervised at all times by a responsible adult.

### A Note from the Guides!

*“Thank you for reserving a place on the Piel Island Walk. We are looking forward to this walk and we can’t wait to give you a warm welcome and a day out you won’t forget, following in the steps of Chris Packham to his favourite location in the UK, our hidden gem.*

*The one thing we cannot control is the great British weather 🌧️. The walk will be cancelled if we believe it is not safe and we do not apologise for this.*

*Please bring water. Once on the island the pub is open for refreshments and the KING is expecting you! Please note if you wish to pre-order food from the pub on the Island, please EMAIL AARON AT [shipinpiel@gmail.com](mailto:shipinpiel@gmail.com)*

*We are looking forward to taking you safely over the sands.”*



## The Event Timetable

The event itself begins with registration from 12:30 and we ask all walkers to arrive in good time to park, and then register attendance with us, Morecambe Bay Partnership. Once all vehicles have been parked safely with clearance for emergency vehicle access, a safety briefing will be given by our Guides at 1pm.

**Where:** Snab Point, (Grid Ref SD208639, What Three Words goats.scarves.waltz) Mawflat Lane, Biggar, Walney Island, Barrow, Cumbria

**12:15:** From this time onwards you can begin to arrive and park at Snab Point. Marshals will guide and manage parking arrangements.

**12:30pm:** Registration begins at 12:30 and we ask ALL walkers to begin assembling from this time onwards ready for a **mandatory safety briefing at 1pm.**

**Duration:** 3/4 hours approximately

**End:** The walk will end where it started at Snab Point at approximately 4/4.30pm

**Safety on the Walk** - To ensure everyone's safety, the route across the sands is checked by our fully insured guides. Once the walk begins, all walkers **must follow the instructions of the Guides** and all walkers must move as a group. Any pauses or stops in the walk are determined by the Guides only and made on their expert judgement. Volunteer marshals also join the walk. **Please follow all directions given to you by marshals** who will be introduced to you at the briefing. At least one marshal will be first aid trained.

**What to expect** - Our walking **terrain** will be mixed. You'll need suitable sturdy footwear for the beginning of the walk - which can be uneven and slippery - and for exploring the island. Once we step into the Bay, you will navigate sand, mudflats, gullies and water. Barefoot is often the best option for walking the sands.

**You can expect to get wet** (sometimes up to the knees or over). The Bay is exposed and can offer up heavy rain, hot sun, dense cloud, mist and winds so we recommend you **plan for all eventualities.** You'll need waterproofs, layers, a hat and sun block! And if you have binoculars, do bring them with you for spotting birds and wildlife!

**Fitness to walk** - Walking the sands is extraordinary, and an adventure. While the Bay's sands are reasonably flat, the rippling terrain can be demanding underfoot and you may navigate some water channels. All walkers must be fit enough to tackle uneven terrain and walk at a leisurely pace for the duration of the walk (approx. 45 minutes to 1 hour in both directions). Once we set off with the Guides we move together as a group with any pauses or stops determined by the Guides only.

**PLEASE NOTE - No Dogs** - Please note, we have chosen not to permit dogs on this walk due to the sensitive nature of the area and sands around Piel Island. This measure is to preserve the safe and tranquil nature of the sands around the island for birds and other wildlife.

**Photography** - Please note that Morecambe Bay Partnership and Piel Island Walks (who are the Guides and marshals) will record the event by taking photographs and filming. If you do not wish to be photographed or filmed on the day, please talk to us.



**Parking and arriving by car** - There is some **parking at Snab Point**, arranged by the Guides. On the day of the walk itself, Guides plus their marshals will be on hand to help and direct vehicles. If you are travelling in a group, you may prefer **to rendez-vous near The Roundhouse Café** (Biggar Bank Road, Barrow-in-Furness LA14 3YE) **and car share down to the Point** to help minimise parking congestion.

**Public Transport** - please note that the nearest bus stop to the start of the walk is 3+ miles away. [Bus service No.1](#), run by [Stagecoach Cumbria](#), stops near the Roundhouse Café and from there it is a 3+ mile walk to Snab Point. Alternatively, you could arrange a private taxi to take you to Snab Point.

**Toilets** - **Please note there are NO toilet facilities at Snab Point. There are toilets at The Ship Inn once we reach Piel Island.**

Nearest public toilets:

<https://www.westmorlandandfurness.gov.uk/your-environment/find-public-toilet>

The nearest café to the start of the walk is over 3 miles away - [The Roundhouse](#) (Biggar Bank Road, Barrow-in-Furness LA14 3YE).

**Food, snacks and water** - Please bring water to stay hydrated. You can also bring snacks. If you want to bring your own lunch or picnic, that's fine. You can also pre-order food from The Ship Inn - the only pub on Piel Island - by emailing *Aaron at [shipinpiel@gmail.com](mailto:shipinpiel@gmail.com)*

**Cancellation** - Due to the ever-changing nature of the Bay, it is possible that the walk may be postponed or cancelled. Our guides will be monitoring conditions and if we are unhappily forced to cancel for safety reasons, you will be contacted by email.

# How will your ticket help to raise money for Morecambe Bay?

This walk is one of many vital fundraising events for 2026. The cost of each ticket is as follows:

## Tickets

£ 10.00 per adult

£ 5.00 per child (6 to 16 years)

In order to run this walk safely and responsibly, we pay the Guides for their excellent services. For each walker we pay the Guides roughly £4.40.

In addition, the booking platform, Trybooking, charge a fee to handle your payment and to process every ticket. This includes a fee of 5% per booking + 15p on every ticket. These costs are covered by our Charity.

To create maximum support for Morecambe Bay and the Charity we invite you to make a one-off donation of £5.00 on top of each ticket to Morecambe Bay Partnership.

This donation will help to cover the fee we pay to the Guides and towards ticketing costs. More of your contribution to the walk will then go towards caring for Morecambe Bay.

Thank you so much for considering a donation at the time of booking.

Your ticket and your support is helping:

- NATURE which is under great threat
- COMMUNITIES facing poverty & inequality
- YOUNG PEOPLE to improve skills & life chances
- ACCESS FOR ALL to the Bay's coast and countryside

If you would like to find out more about what we do, please see our [current projects](#), [impact](#) and our [short \(2 min\) film](#) on our home page.

We use your money responsibly and accountably – making sure that ticket sales and donations support the Bay's nature, heritage and culture.

We don't spend money on event 'freebies' as we're committed to running low carbon events that are financially sound. Producing single use items can create waste which comes at financial cost to the Charity and at a cost to the environment. **So instead, why not consider supporting Morecambe Bay via our sustainable shop (details overleaf).**

**Please note** that all tickets are **non-refundable and non-transferable**. We cannot issue refunds in the event of transport issues such as train strikes. However, **if the Guide cancels the walk for safety reasons you will be offered a refund.**



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Inspired by the Bay, all our charity merchandise is made sustainably in the UK, to order, using renewable energy and without plastics.

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# Seldom Seen Maps

Have you seen the 'Seldom Seen' maps? These wonderful maps uncover the secrets of the islands and peninsulas of Morecambe Bay.

Your map will reveal the remarkable hidden areas of the Bay's history, wildlife, industry, culture plus the lesser known places to go and things to see and do.

Choose from five maps:

1. The Islands of Barrow
2. The Furness Peninsula
3. The Cartmel Peninsula
4. Arnside & Silverdale
5. Morecambe & Heysham

OR choose the 'Seldom Seen' Box Set which includes all five maps:





## Excellent level of detail

We liked the first set we bought so much we gave it to friends as a Christmas present, and so we are buying another for ourselves. We find the level of detail is a cut above anything else we have used locally – the maps are very informative and easy to follow.

John Wilkinson | Carnforth | January 2023

**Individual ‘Seldom Seen’ maps are available from the Coast Office in Arnside**

**Box sets of five maps are stocked by Striding Edge Publications**

### Literary Connections

Lindeth Tower, a belvedere erected by Henry Fleetwood in 1842. He was a relative of Sir Peter Hesketh Fleetwood of Rossall Hall: founder of Fleetwood.

Mrs Gaskell (novelist) regularly stayed & wrote here from 1850 - ‘Cranford’ being the early name for Carnforth. Silverdale appears in ‘Ruth’ under the pseudonym Abermouth.

**Iron ore**-bearing limestone underlies the surface soil across the Silverdale area in all but the mosses. This was extensively mined during the Industrial Revolution. The mosses did not escape the extraction of peat, however, which was cut & removed for fuel from Leighton Moss.

Jenny Brown's

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