



Wild Coastal Trail Slighe Cladaich Fhiadhlaich

The Wild Coastal Trail Project highlights the best places to see cetaceans and other coastal wildlife around the Highland coast. There are interpretive panels in numerous locations near the coast and a booklet is available at local Highland Council service points or you can download from the leisure and tourism page at www.highland.gov.uk/wildcoastaltrail

Sedrifi Visitor Centre is one of the sites highlighted and is an ideal place to visit for information on coastal wildlife.



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Enjoy Scotland's outdoors responsibly!

For more information visit
www.outdooraccess-scotland.com



As well as being a Visitor Centre, Sedrifi is used as a base for The Highland Council Countryside Rangers. They manage a number of sites in the countryside and organise public guided walks, outdoor events and also activities for schools. You can find us at the north end of Dunnet Sands (by the caravan site) about 1 mile from Dunnet Village.

Opening times:

May-June and September 2.00-5.00pm
(Mon, Tues, Wed, Fri and Sun)

July-August 10.30am-5.00pm
(Mon, Tues, Wed, Fri and Sun)

Please note, opening times may vary due to unforeseen circumstances.

You can check with the Countryside Ranger;
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The Visitor Centre where
land meets sea and sky
Ionad Luchd-tadhail far
a bheil am muir's adhar
a' coinneachadh

Season by Season Ràith an dèidh ràith

Seadrift introduces you to life around Dunnet Bay and beyond, season by season. Plan time to visit standing stones, Iron Age brochs and crofting villages. Puffins, terns, butterflies, otters, seals etc, and cetaceans (whales, dolphins and porpoises) and wild flowers such as Scottish primrose are just some of the things you can see.



Common Blue butterfly
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Rush of two mighty oceans Sruth o dhà chuan mhòr

The Pentland Firth is one of the world's wildest stretches of water. Two tides a day surge through its 27km length from the Atlantic to the North Sea and back. Reefs, island, headlands, wind and tide create whirlpools and walls of water. These sweeping tides carry food for thousands of different marine organisms, from tiny shrimps to killer whales.



Pilot whale skull

Young at heart Cridhe òg

How do you measure up? Did you know a roe deer is 1.1 metre high and the wingspan of a gannet is 1.8 metres wide? Come to Seadrift and see what creature is the same size as you.



What weighs more than you? Dè tha nas truime na thu fhèin?

Did you know that the legendary mermaid who lives in a cave under Dunnet Head weighs 35kgs and a harbour porpoise weighs about 60kgs? Step on the scales and see how much you weigh. The chart tells you which animal weighs the same as you. Ask your friends to get on the scales with you then see which animal weighs the same.



Rock of Caithness Creag Ghallaibh

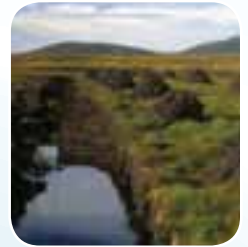
For centuries farmers have overcome the challenges of strong winds and hard underlying Caithness Sandstone. In the early 19th century the common land of Dunnet, where crofters grazed their cattle was turned into three farms. Large fields were created, drained and fenced with flagstones. The land is still farmed today.



Caithness landscape

Moor and peat Mòinteach is mòine

The peatlands of Caithness and Sutherland contain the largest and most intact area of blanket bog in the world. On Dunnet Head you can see the old peat banks which indicate how widely peat was used for fuel in the area.



Peat stacks
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Life on the ledge Beò air an oir

Each spring thousands of seabirds return to rear their chicks on the cliffs around Holborn Head, Dunnet Head and Duncansby Head. The action of water on the layered flagstone has created streets in these vertical seabird cities. Different bird species inhabit different streets, some couples returning to the same spot every year.



Fulmars