

LUNDY CLIMBING & SCRAMBLING RESTRICTIONS

Lundy has long been known for its breeding seabirds, the name itself is Norse for “Puffin Island”. The island’s seabird population has recovered since the island became rat free in 2006 and is one of the most important seabird breeding colonies in South West England.

A number of species including Puffins and Guillemots are **protected under the island’s Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI)** therefore during the breeding season cliff access is restricted to ensure that these and other cliff-nesting birds have every chance of success.

The map shows the **restricted cliffs**, which are closed for the breeding season.



Areas highlighted with well spaced hatching are closed **31st March – 14th August**

Please note! There are a very small number of crags & buttresses which are closed **31st March – 15th September** for Fulmar. These are noted in the following section of this document along with details on where to find these sites in the Climbers Guide.

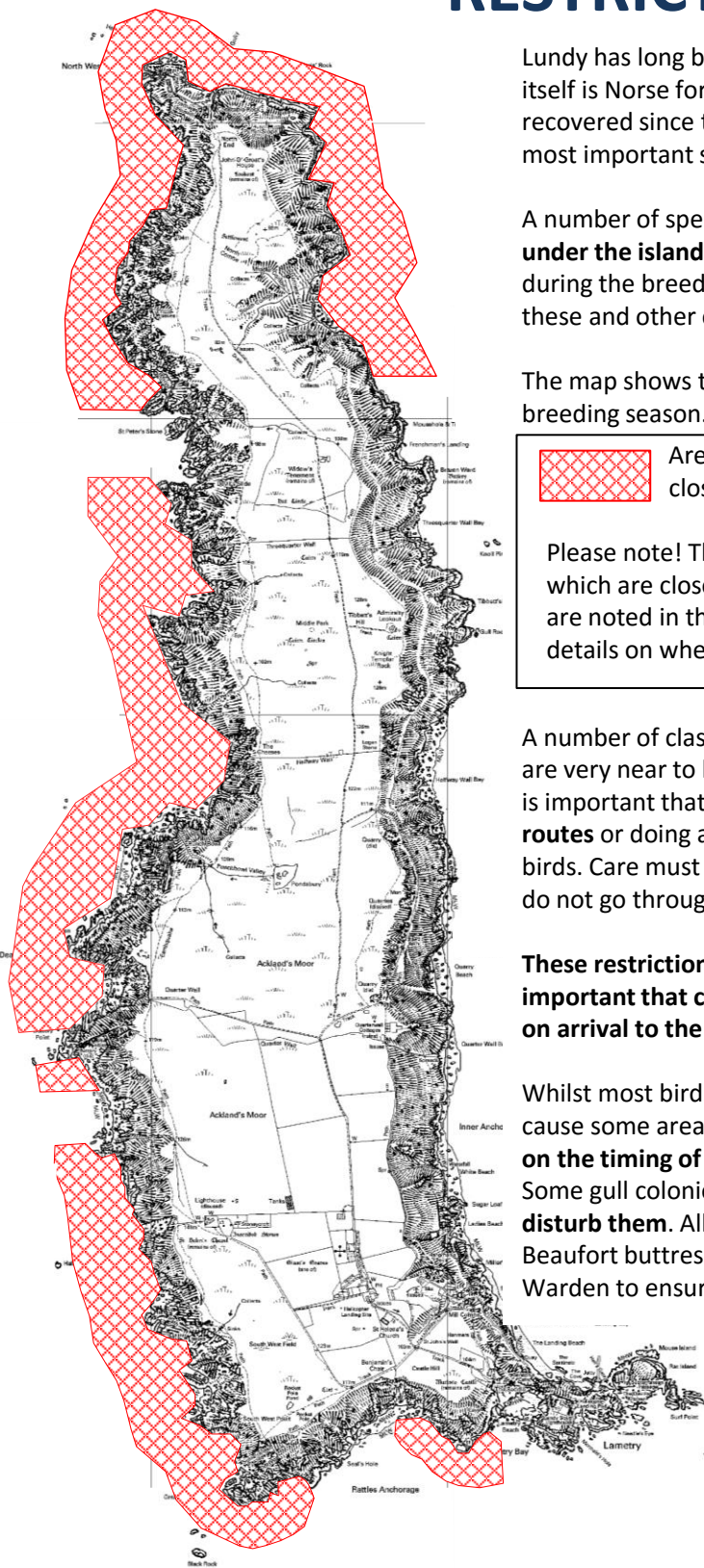
A number of classic climbs have been left open even though they are very near to bird colonies. If these climbs are to remain open it is important that there is **no encroaching onto nearby restricted routes** or doing anything else that causes disturbance to breeding birds. Care must be taken to see that access routes to open climbs do not go through restricted areas.

These restrictions are subject to constant review and it is important that climbers contact the Warden before their visit or on arrival to the Island.

Whilst most birds will have flown by mid-August, late fledging can cause some areas to remain closed for longer. **To note: depending on the timing of breeding, restrictions can also be lifted early.** Some gull colonies are close to the open buttresses, **please do not disturb them.** All inland buttresses other than Gannets’ and Beaufort buttresses are normally open but again please consult the Warden to ensure this is the case.

Information on Lundy’s rock climbs and access routes to those cliffs that are open are shown in **Lundy – a climbers guide by Paul Harrison**. This is for sale in the shop.

Many thanks for your cooperation
Dean Woodfin Jones
Lundy Warden



List of Restrictions

From the SW corner of the island moving clockwise. (Page numbers refer to the first page of each crag from the CC Lundy [2008] guidebook):

Unrestricted (Year round access)

Damocles Buttress (pg 29)

Sunset Wall (pg 81)

Landing Craft Bay: First Buttress South (pg 102), First Buttress North (pg 105) & Second Buttress North (pg 111)

Flying Buttress Main Cliff: from *The Exorcist* (pg 128) to *Flying Dutchman* (pg 136) inclusive. **Access to this area must be via the steps down to the Battery. Do not walk direct across the slope above Battery Cliff/St Patrick's Buttress. Please also take care to stay close to the edge on the easy way down to ensure nesting sea birds are not disturbed.**

The Earthquake (pg 153)

The Devil's Slide Area: Narrow Zawn (pg 243) to The Fortress (pg 278)

Torrey Canyon Cliff: *Penitence* (pg 289) to *Blow Out* (pg 290) inclusive. **During nesting season, access only directly down the rocky ridge and abseil directly into the routes, to avoid disturbing nesting birds on the guidebook approach.**

Headline Promontory: *The Column* (pg 316) *Margin* (pg 321) inclusive. **During nesting season, access only directly down the rocky ridge and abseil directly into the routes, to avoid disturbing nesting birds on the guidebook approach.**

The East Coast Quarries (pg 354-359)

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Kistvaen Buttress (pg 29) to Sunset Promontory (pg 97) inclusive

St Patrick's Buttress (pg 112) to Battery Cliff (pg 124) inclusive

Flying Buttress from *Prenumbra* (pg 136) to St James's Stone (pg 241) inclusive

St John's Stone (pg 282) to Gannet's Buttress (pg 360) and Gannet's Rock (pg 362) inclusive

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Black Jack Zawn, Lifeboat Buttress & Jemima Buttress (pg 125)

Flying Buttress: *Prenumbra* to *The Black Pig* inclusive (pg 136 – 138)

Devil's Tower area (pg 162), Big Zawn (pg 208) ,

Cormorant Zawn (pg 335)

Storm Zawn (pg 336) & North Light Channel (pg 327)

Gannets' Rock & Gannets' Buttress (pg 354)

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