

Coll Bird Festival 2020 Events Outline

Friday May 8th	Saturday May 9th	Sunday May 10th
AM	AM	AM
<p>9am – 3pm Visit An Cridhe where staff and volunteers will be on hand with your package tickets/to take bookings and discuss any other requirements</p> <p>9am – 12noon Drop into Totronald RSPB information centre/look for corncrakes at the viewing platform/RSPB staff on hand if you have any questions about the reserve.</p>	<p>5.30am Dawn Watch at Totronald Led by: Ben Jones (croissants and hot drinks) Cost: £5 (£3 RSPB members)</p> <p>8.30am Hen Harrier watch Led by: Mark Mitchell Start at: 8.30am Cost: £5 (£3 RSPB members) children free</p> <p>9.30am – 1.00pm Boat trip to Lunga Led by: John Bowler</p> <p>10.00 to 12 - “Wild Things” nature-themed activities for children aged 4 - 14 @ An Cridhe Led by: Sarah Smith Cost: £2 per child</p>	<p>9.30am – 1.00pm Boat trip to Lunga Led by: David Palmar</p> <p>10.00am Looking at and listening to birds around Arinagour Start at: An Cridhe (different route to Saturday) Led by: Greg Smith Cost: £5.00 (£3.00 RSPB members) children free</p>
PM	PM	PM
<p>12.30pm ‘Off the Beaten Track 1’ - guided wildlife and bird watching walk. Takes 3 – 4 hours. Start at: Crossapol parking area Led by: Ben Jones (helper Greg Smith) Cost: £10</p> <p>1.30pm ‘Off the Beaten Track 2’ - guided wildlife and bird watching walk. Takes 3 – 4 hours. Start at: Crossapol parking area Led by: Mark (helper John Bowler) Cost: £10</p>	<p>1.00pm – 4.30pm Boat trip to Lunga Booking essential Led by: Mark Mitchell</p> <p>2.30pm Looking at and listening to birds around Arinagour Start at: An Cridhe Led by: John Bowler Cost: £5.00 (£3.00 RSPB members) children free</p>	<p>If other boat trips are full and there is enough interest 1.00pm – 4.30pm Boat trip to Lunga</p> <p>1.00pm Beach clean, barbecue and bird watching at Breachacha Barbecue: Food provided Cost: None Bags for rubbish and gloves will be provided</p>
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<p>7.15pm Evening of talks 1 Where: An Cridhe Cost: £5 (£3 RSPB members) children free Talk by John Bowler “The Birds of Coll and Tiree” Talk by Professor Rhys Green: "Living dangerously: how do corncrakes survive?"</p>	<p>Social evening at An Cridhe 5pm: Bar opens and RSPB film “The Eagle Odyssey” (49 mins) starts Cost: Free.</p> <p>6pm to 7pm talk by Professor Rhys Green "Is it too late to save the spoon-billed sandpiper?" Cost: £5 (£3 RSPB members) children free</p> <p>7pm Buffet Cost: £12 pp please book in advance</p> <p>8pm Ceilidh Dance with bar Cost: £10.00 per adult, £5.00 children 5 - 16yrs, family ticket (2 adults and 2 children) £25</p>	<p>Extra idea for the Sunday evening (not part of the main programme).</p> <p>Book a trip to the Cairns of Coll with IsleGo. Bookings to be made through IsleGo. Email: ahoy@lseygo.co.uk, Tel: 07867804573</p>



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A few ideas of other things to do on Coll

For those arriving earlier in the week: if you are able to extend your time on Coll it is possible to:

Travel to Coll on a Tuesday evening – the one and only ‘late ferry out of Oban’. Means no overnight stay in Oban and extra time to explore Coll’s wildlife.

Take a Wednesday day trip to Tiree – Visit the Calmac website for more information <https://www.calmac.co.uk/>. To find out more about Tiree’s birdlife follow this link <http://www.isleoftiree.com/out-about/birds/>

An Acarsaid gift and craft shop, located in the post office where a variety of items, some locally made, can be purchased. Cycle hire is available here too. Open Mon to Sat 9.00 – 13.00.

Lighthouse Gallery where the work of local artist Kip Poulson can be viewed or purchased; open daily.

Old Hall Second-hand Shop Open 11.00 -13.00 Saturdays run by the local recycling group.

Saturday Stalls locally made produce and crafts. 9.00 – 12.00 every Saturday morning, An Cridhe

Guided tours around the island

Juliet Conway Tel: 01879 230520 or 07437594994 (please note bookings must be for two or more people)

Lighthouse Tours Tel: 01879 230479 or 07713582051

Meals out and light snacks available at:

The Island Cafe Tel: 01879 230262 and

Coll Hotel <http://collhotel.com/> Tel: 01879 230334

Groceries and other essential items available at:

Island Stores general store

And **T.E.S.Coll** for organic/Fair Trade and more

The **Post Office** open Mon – Sat 9.00 to 13.00 has cash withdrawal facilities.

IsleGo boat trips offer a range of services from whale watching day trips to charters for travel and leisure <https://islego.co.uk/> , email ahoy@IsleGo.co.uk or <tel:07867804573>.

IsleGo will be our transport to Lunga and are offering a trip to the Cairns of Coll on the evening of Sunday May 10th. Book through IsleGo.