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Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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**RETURN COMPLETED FORM TO:  
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The Gatehouse, The Lodge,  
Sandy, Beds, SG19 2DL, UK**

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This helps us keep our administration costs down. Either download the form from our website or set up your own using the following details: **Falklands Conservation**, Barclays Bank, King George Street, Yeovil, Somerset BA20 1PX. Sort code: 20-99-40 / Account Number 90442542

You can also purchase securely online at [www.falklandsconservation.com/our-shop](http://www.falklandsconservation.com/our-shop)

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Please use this form for both Penguin Adoption and Membership purchase, completing the relevant sections.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Postcode \_\_\_\_\_ Tel. \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Please tick this box if you would like to receive updates by email

**PURCHASE INFORMATION**

**Penguin adoption for a year - £25 / \$40**

**Membership fee payable**   
(see overleaf for categories)

**\*Please indicate £ sterling or US\$**      **Donation**

**Please make cheques payable to Falklands Conservation.**      **Total**

I wish to pay by Visa/Mastercard (please tick)

My card number is

Expiry date  /

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Cardholder's name \_\_\_\_\_

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**Bird checklist for Gypsy Cove**



Long-tailed meadowlark



Falkland grass wren

- Magellanic penguin
- Rock cormorant
- Black-crowned night-heron
- Kelp goose
- Upland goose
- Ruddy-headed goose
- Falkland steamer duck
- Crested duck
- Turkey vulture
- Variable hawk
- Peregrine falcon
- Two-banded plover
- Magellanic oystercatcher
- Blackish oystercatcher
- Rufous-chested dotterel
- Magellanic snipe
- Dolphin gull
- Kelp gull
- Dark-faced ground-tyrant
- Falkland pipit
- Falkland thrush
- Falkland grass wren
- Long-tailed meadowlark
- White-bridled finch

**OUT TO SEA:**

- Southern giant petrel
- King cormorant
- South American tern

To prevent the spread of invasive species and diseases, you are asked to comply with a few simple measures when travelling around the islands: make sure all of your clothing, equipment and luggage is free from soil, animal faeces, seeds, insects and rodents, and scrub your footwear before each visit to a new wildlife site or seabird colony. If you have any questions about biosecurity, or wish to report diseased wildlife, please speak to the landowners or call the Department of Agriculture 27355 / Falklands Conservation 22247 for advice.

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**GYPSY COVE**

Best wildlife site close to Stanley



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# GYPSY COVE



The Falkland Islands archipelago lies 350 km (280 miles) to the east of the South American continent. It consists of two large islands, East and West Falkland, and more than 750 small islands and islets.

**Gypsy Cove** is 11 km (6.8 miles) from Stanley, to the north-west of Yorke Bay. You may arrive here by taxi or on a coach trip as part of a cruise ship visit.

The walk from Stanley takes approximately an hour and a half. Take the road to Stanley Airport, go over the Boxer Bridge, and then follow signs to Gypsy Cove.

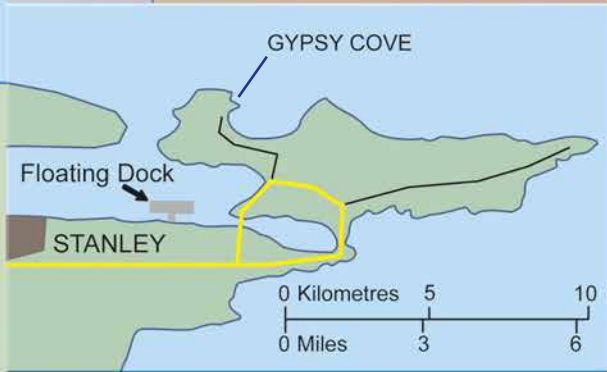
There is an easy-to-follow trail around the site.

On busy summer days, a warden is likely to be present to ensure there is no undue disturbance to wildlife and that visitors are aware of the Falkland Islands Countryside Code. Yorke Bay and parts of Gypsy Cove are fenced off to prevent access to minefields.

These areas must not be entered under any circumstances.

Be especially alert to the danger of fire. Please do not smoke. In summer the heathland can become very dry and is particularly at risk from discarded cigarettes.

Public toilets are located in the car park.



## The Wildlife of Gypsy Cove

The heathland area contains many typical Falkland birds such as the **Falkland grass wren**, **dark-faced ground tyrant**, **Falkland thrush** and **white-bridled finch**, all endemic subspecies. On the beaches you can see both **Magellanic** and **blackish oystercatchers**, **white-rumped sandpipers**, **two-banded plovers**, **kelp geese**, and the endemic (unique to these Islands) **Falkland flightless steamer duck** (known locally as the logger duck).

Watch out for **South American terns** that nest on the offshore islet. The cliffs provide a good vantage point to spot other seabirds such as **Falkland skuas**, **southern giant petrels**, **king** and **rock cormorants**. The Cove is frequented by the occasional **sea lion**, on the look out for a meal of penguins or fish.

Inland much of the area is covered with dwarf shrub heath, dominated by **diddle-dee**, a small shrub whose red berries are eaten in huge quantities by birds and are locally made into jam, jellies and tarts. **Gorse**, introduced from Europe, can be seen on the sand dunes behind the beach where there are also patches of rare native **boxwood**, which used to be much more common in the wild than it is today. Stands of **tall fern** can be seen between the car park and the north end of Yorke Bay. Around Ordnance Point look out for **balsam bog** – large, hard and very pale green mounds of densely packed rosettes.

There are plenty of wildflowers including **pale maiden**, the Falkland national flower. **Almond flower**, **Christmas bush**, **Falkland lavender**, **scurvy grass** (once collected and eaten by sailors because of its high vitamin C content), endemic **woolly daisy** and **vanilla daisy** can be found here in summertime.

Magellanic (left) and blackish (right) oystercatchers



Top to bottom:  
King cormorant;  
White-bridled finch;  
Diddle-dee; Balsam bog;  
Woolly ragwort



### PENGUIN ADOPTION FORM

- Adopt a king penguin at the remote colony of **Volunteer Point** in the Falkland Islands for **£25/ US\$40 for 12 months**.
- Help conservation efforts to protect the penguins of the Falklands.
- Receive a personalised adoption certificate, king penguin photo and penguin pin badge.
- Receive updates from Falklands Conservation.

**Yes, I would like to Adopt a Penguin!** (payment form overleaf)

You may wish to Adopt a Penguin as a gift or on behalf of someone else, if so just let us know the details.

**I would like the adoption pack to be sent to:**  
PLEASE WRITE IN BLOCK CAPITALS

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Postcode \_\_\_\_\_ Tel. \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Penguin Name \_\_\_\_\_

### MEMBERSHIP

- Join Falklands Conservation and help to protect the spectacular wildlife of the Falkland Islands.
- Receive a joining pack and membership badge.
- Receive regular updates from the Islands and two magazines a year.

**I would like to become a member of Falklands Conservation** (payment form overleaf)

**Membership category** (please tick)

- |  |                |
|--|----------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Individual (UK, EU or FI) | £30/\$50       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Individual (overseas)     | £50/\$80       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Household/family          | £50/\$80       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Gold                      | £100/\$170     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Life (one-off payment)    | £1,000/\$1,700 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Student                   | £15/\$20       |



To either adopt a penguin and/or become a member please complete both sides of this form

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# About Gypsy Cove

Gypsy Cove forms part of the Stanley Common/Cape Pembroke peninsula, which is a National Nature Reserve owned by the Falkland Islands Government.

The Cove is one of the best sites in the Stanley area for seeing typical Falklands wildlife and contains the nearest penguin colony to the Islands' capital.

It is a small bay with a crescent of white sand, sheltered from prevailing winds.

The beach is backed by dry heathland with patches of **tussac grass**, **cinnamon grass**, and dune.

**Tussac grass** can grow up to 3 m (10ft) tall and is particularly important for wildlife in the Falklands – a land without any native trees. Before the introduction of sheep and cattle tussac used to be more widespread than it is today.

Much of the tussac along this strip of coast has re-established as a result of fencing to protect it from grazing.

Adjacent to the Cove is the larger picturesque area of Yorke Bay, a favoured feeding ground for **waders**, **wildfowl** and **gulls**. In the other direction, towards Ordnance Point, there are low cliffs where **rock cormorants** and **black-crowned night herons** nest.

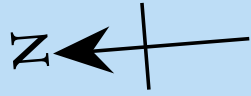
On the prominent ground behind the Point are the remains of World War II guns. These were used to defend Port William, the outer harbour on the approach to Stanley. It was one of 14 outposts manned by men of the Falkland Islands Defence Force.



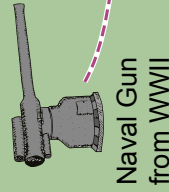
Gypsy Cove

# GYPSY COVE

## PORT WILLIAM



Rock cormorants  
Ordnance Point



Key	
	Path
	Kelp
	Rocks
	Tussac grass
	Fence

Rock cormorants  
Black-crowned night-herons



**WARNING**  
Please keep noise levels down

Viewing platform



### Please follow the guidelines

**MAINTAIN A DISTANCE**  
of 6m (20ft) between you and any wildlife at all times.



**WILDLIFE HAVE RIGHT OF WAY AT ALL TIMES.** Do not block wildlife from returning or entering the sea.



**TAKE CARE** on steep slopes and slippery rocks.

**LEAVE GATES** as you find them.

**BE AWARE** of biosecurity. Do not introduce invasive species to the area.

**BE CAREFUL** not to trample the burrows of nesting seabirds, particularly those of Magellanic penguins. Avoid walking across areas of high burrow density.

Magellanic penguins



**WARNING**  
Magellanic penguin burrows – mind your step



Viewing platform

**WARNING**  
Please take care on gravel pathway



## GYPSY COVE

Magellanic penguins



Commerson's dolphins



**WARNING**  
Do not enter minefield under any circumstances

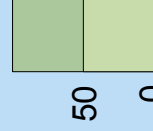
Magellanic penguins



To Stanley  
11 km  
6.8 miles



## YORKE BAY



Height in feet above sea level

Metres

0 50 100 150

Yards

0 50 100 150

# Magellanic penguins

**Magellanic penguins** can only be seen at Gypsy Cove in the spring and summer months. They arrive in September, but have left by April to travel hundreds of miles north, sometimes as far as Brazil. This area supports an estimated breeding population of a few hundred pairs.

Magellanic penguins are known as jackass penguins in the Falklands because of their loud, mournful, braying call. They nest in underground burrows, mostly in the tussac grass area north of the Cove. The burrows are up to 2 m (6ft) long in soft, peaty soil. Please be careful not to stand on these when walking around the area because they can easily collapse. The birds will defend their burrows, vigorously turning their heads from side to side. Their stout hooked bill can inflict a nasty wound. Two white eggs are laid in November, with chicks hatching a few weeks later. When rearing

chicks one parent will leave the colony early in the morning in search of food at sea, returning later the same day or next day. Diet consists of small crustaceans, small fish and squid. Towards the end of the summer in February and March large groups of penguins congregate on beaches to moult prior to migration. They are unable to feed during this time and should not be approached or disturbed.

The Falkland Islands are thought to hold about 10% of the world population of this species, which is widely distributed around the extensive coastline, and particularly on offshore tussac islands. They are also found all around the coasts of southern South America. There are concerns that accidental oil spills, discharge of waste by vessels offshore, disturbance when nesting and shortage of food in some years are causing a decline in numbers.



Magellanic penguins