

## Mull Eagle Watch 2017 – open from 11<sup>th</sup> April

Mull Eagle Watch will be running daily trips to view White-tailed eagles from two viewing hides on land owned by the local communities.

### Glen Seilisdeir Viewing Hide – Tiroran Community Forest (South West Mull & Iona Development Trust)

- Home to Iona and Fingal, stars of the series 'The Hebrides' and Mull Eagle Watch eagles since 2011.

### West Ardhu Viewing Hide – North West Mull Community Woodland

- Home to Star and Hope, first viewed by Mull Eagle Watch in 2016

The Mull and Iona Community Trust Seasonal Eagle Ranger, Rachel French and the RSPB Community and Information Officer, Meryl Varty are both on hand share their knowledge and provide an exceptional experience.

Mull Eagle Watch is a unique partnership organisation between Forestry Commission Scotland, RSPB, Scottish Natural Heritage, Mull and Iona Community Trust and Police Scotland, along with both of the community owned woodlands.

## Visiting Mull Eagle Hide

### Booking information

Ranger led trips will run seven days a week between the two viewing hides.

Booking is essential.

**Booking is through the Visit Scotland Information Centre at Craignure on 01680 812556.**

Trips usually run twice daily at 10am and 1pm, lasting around 2 hours.

## **Prices**

Adults: £10 (including RSPB members); Children: £5; Family (2A 2C): £25

A discount is available for those visiting both viewing hides

Payment is taken on the day and we accept cash or cheque (cheques made payable to Mull and Iona Community Trust).

## **Meeting points**

### **Glen Seilisdeir Viewing Hide**

Location changes regularly, so please double check you know where to go when booking. The meeting point is just off the B8035 road in Glen Seilisdeir. You can travel via the scenic Salen route or head round from Craignure.

*PLEASE NOTE: From Tuesday 18 April to the end of June 2017 the route to the Mull Eagle Hide in Tiroran Community Forest will be affected by the closure to traffic of Knock Bridge on the B8035 Loch na Keal route. From that date until further notice the access to Tiroran will be via the A849 Craignure to Kinloch Junction and then the B8035 to the Mull Eagle Watch road signs and meeting point. Please allow extra time for your journey. Drive times from Craignure to Tiroran would be about one hour.*

Grid Reference: NM 480 302; OS Landranger 48 or Explorer 373 and 375 maps.

### **West Ardhru (Dervaig, NW Mull)**

Turn off the B8073 Dervaig–Calgary road at the sign for The Old Byre/Torloisk and keep on that road until you see the signs for Mull Eagle watch.

Grid Reference is NM 428 505; OS Landranger 47 or Explorer 374 maps.

When approaching both sites, please look out for Mull Eagle Watch signage and wait for rangers to instruct you further. Nest area protection measures will be in place—please follow any instructions carefully.

### **Anything else I need to know?**

The visit will include short walks on gravel tracks and time spent standing in our viewing area.

Please let us know any specific requirements you may have, and closer access can be arranged.

We don't currently have toilet facilities on site.

Well behaved dogs are welcome and we'd much rather they come to say hello than stay in your car.

### **What can I hope to see?**

April: Adults sitting on eggs

May–July: Chicks in the nest

August onwards: Chicks fledged but in the area

### **Please bring...**

We recommend you bring waterproofs, just in case! Midge repellent can be handy too. Bring binoculars if you have them—we have good quality telescopes for you to use.