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The Farne Islands, off the coast of Northumberland, is a National Nature Reserve, a Site of Special Scientific Interest, a Special Protection Area and a Special Area of Conservation. So it's a pretty special – and delicate – ecosystem for wildlife. You'll find flocks of seabirds including puffins, Arctic terns, cormorants and razorbills – as well as flocks of photographers – here.



3 views of THE FARNE ISLANDS

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The island is managed by the National Trust and they have pretty strict biosecurity rules to adhere to before you come onshore. To keep the island free of invasive species, they ask you to brush off any traces of seeds/burrs on your clothing or shoes and ensure food you're bringing is in a sealed container.



You're also asked to keep to the boardwalk in case you disturb ground nesting birds. The welfare of the subject is always more important than the photograph. This keeps the island safe for the 200,000+ seabirds who nest here every year – like these puffins.



The most important rule of wildlife photography is to let the creatures come to you. In the Farne Islands, the Arctic terns really take that to heart and you're also advised to wear a hat in case they decide it's you they'll dive-bomb.