

# St. Mary's Lighthouse and Visitor Centre

Reached between the tides via a short causeway, St. Mary's has all the fascination of a miniature, part-time island. The Lighthouse, completed in 1898 on a hazardous coast for shipping, remained operational until 1984 when it was superseded by modern navigational techniques. Since then the Lighthouse and former keepers' cottages have been operated as a visitor centre by North Tyneside Council. The surrounding Nature Reserve contains an area of rockpools, clifftop grassland, and wetland habitats.

Climb the 137 steps to the top of the Lighthouse for the most spectacular views of the North East coast. If you cannot manage the steps, a video facility allows you to experience the same views, live and in colour, at ground level. Other exhibits explain the history of the Lighthouse and give an insight into the wildlife of St. Mary's Nature Reserve.

Our shop can be visited without having to pay the Lighthouse admission charge. We have an extensive and unusual range of gifts, souvenirs, books, toys and cards and sell hot drinks and refreshments.

Please contact us for admission times and charges.



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### Services

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Gift Shop

Education Service

Wedding Ceremonies

## **Events**

No Events

# Activities

No Activities

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