

Nash Point Lighthouse



You can't miss spotting Nash Point Lighthouse...

and that's the whole point of it! The lighthouse was built to warn passing ships of the Nash Sandbanks – big piles of sand just out to sea, which lie hidden beneath the waves and can be dangerous to ships if they crash into them. It was built in 1832 after a ship called 'Frolic' crashed into the sandbanks and many people lost their lives.

Nash Point was the last lighthouse in Wales to be operated by a lighthouse keeper, whose job it was to switch on the light at night and sound the horn during foggy weather. The brightness of the light is the same as 134,000 candles! It can be seen nearly 25 miles away.

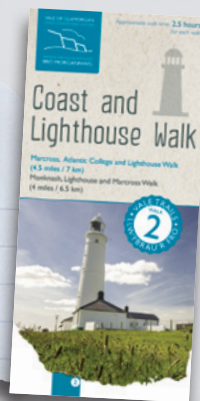
The lighthouse is open to visitors with guided tours on Saturday and Sunday between 2–5pm (*admission fees apply*). Each tour lasts approximately one hour. Please note that for safety reasons you are not allowed to wear open-toed shoes, like sandals, inside the lighthouse.

How tall is the lighthouse? Work it out for yourself... all you need is an adult volunteer!

Try using this old method to work out the height of the lighthouse:

- Ask one of the adults in your group to walk with you away from the lighthouse. Try to guess when you're as far away from the lighthouse as it is tall.
- When you think you're far enough away, ask the adult to look between their legs until they can just see the top of the lighthouse. If they can't, move a little further away until they can.
- Once they can see the top of the lighthouse, turn around and walk back to the lighthouse taking big, long strides. Count each step you take.
- The number of steps should be close to the height of the lighthouse (in metres). (*The answer is on the diagram*).

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