

Sunday 21st August, 1.30pm-3.30pm

Junior Lighthouse Keeper Day

Ever wondered what it might be like to be a lighthouse keeper? Come along and learn the many skills that were used to keep the lighthouse operating and protecting the ships at sea. Part of International Lighthouse and Lightship Weekend.

Suitable for 5 to 12 year olds, £3.00 per child.

Booking essential.

Thursday 1st September, 10am-3pm

Kite Making

Build your own kite and watch it soar in the winds around the island.

For 5 to 12 year olds, £2.00 per child. A drop in event booking not required.

Wednesday 28th September and
Monday 10th October, 10.30am-11.30am

Coffee, Stories and Rhymes

Bring the little ones to enjoy some stories and songs while you relax with a cup of tea or coffee.

Suitable for under fives, 50p per child, £1 for tea or coffee. Booking essential.

Saturday 22nd October, 10am-2pm

Halloween Stranding Party

Ghostly games, creepy crafts and tales of the islands spooky past. Are you brave enough to strand yourself on the island? Children (and adults) welcome to come in fancy dress.

Suitable for 7 to 12 year olds, £5.00 per child.

Booking essential.



How To Find The Island



By Coach/Car:

The Lighthouse is a major landmark situated just north of Whitley Bay, Tyne & Wear. Follow the brown tourist signs from the Whitley Bay turn-off on the A19 or from the end of the A1058 out of Newcastle.

Parking:

There are large car parks on the mainland for which there is a pay and display charge.

By Public Transport:

The Metro system can take you as far as Whitley Bay, where you will need to take a short walk from the Metro Station to Park Avenue.

The 308 and 309 bus travels every 15 minutes from here, and you should alight at Whitley Bay cemetery for the Island.

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Events Programme 2011



Wednesday 20th April, 1.30pm-3pm

Easter Egg Drop Challenge

Take part in the biggest challenge this Easter! Using only waste materials, design and build a capsule to protect an egg from breaking when dropped from the stairs inside the lighthouse. There is a prize for every egg that survives the drop unbroken. (Eggs are provided).

Suitable for 5 to 12 year olds, £3.50 per child.

Booking essential.

Easter Egg Hunt

Search St.Mary's Island and Lighthouse and follow the secret trail of Easter eggs.

Complete the trail and win a prize.

£1.00 per person. Drop in between any of the times below.

Booking not required.

Friday 22nd April: 10am to 4pm

Saturday 23rd April: 10.30am to 4.30pm

Sunday 24th April: 11am to 4.30pm

Monday 25th April: 12 noon to 4.30pm



Wednesday 27th April, 10am-2pm

Easter Stranding Party

Whilst stranded on the island the children will enjoy Easter games, crafts and stories including egg painting, bonnet building and a grand egg hunt.

£5.00 per child. Booking essential.

Saturday 21st May, 10am-4pm

Biodiversity Day

Help celebrate the International Day for Biodiversity at St.Mary's Island as we attempt to put together the largest list of flora and fauna ever found in the area in one day. Our wardens will be spread around the numerous habitats in the area offering the chance to rock pool, pond dip, mini-beast hunt and bird watch. Anything you find will be reported to a nerve centre in the lighthouse who with your help will be creating a giant collage to celebrate the biodiversity of St.Mary's Island.

A free drop in event suitable for all ages.

Booking not required.

Sunday 5th June, 10am-3.30pm

World Oceans Day

Learn more about the seas and oceans, the wealth of services they provide us and how you can help protect them for the future. Activities will include rock pool rambles, aquarium sessions, crafts and exhibitions.

A free drop in event suitable for all ages.

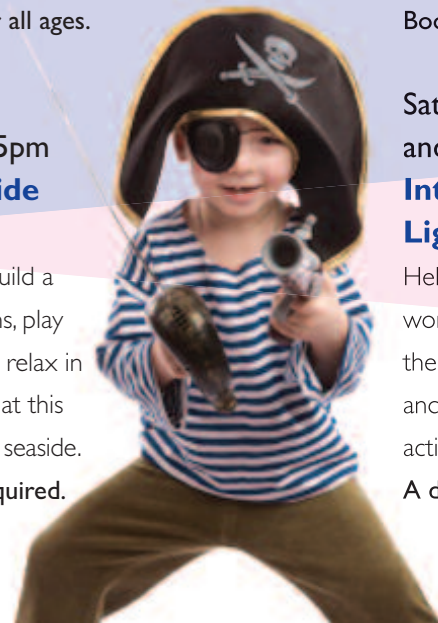
Booking not required.

Sunday 24th July, 12 noon-5pm

The Great British Seaside Event

Take in a Punch and Judy show, build a giant sand castle with the wardens, play some traditional games or simply relax in a deck chair and enjoy the views at this event celebrating the great British seaside.

A drop in event booking not required.



Monday 25th July, 1.30pm-3.30pm

Pirate School

Calling all budding pirates! For some years now Captain Raggy Beard has been entertaining crowds at St.Mary's with tales of his adventures. Now he looks to pass on all he knows to the next generation to become the scourge of the seas!

Suitable for 5 to 12 year olds, £3.00 per child.

Booking essential

Monday 1st August, 10.30am-12.30pm

Land Art

Join the wardens and help create a gigantic piece of art using only objects found lying on the beach.

Suitable for all ages, £1.50 per child. Booking essential.

Wednesday 17th August, 10.30am-12.30pm

Fossil Frolics

Hunt for fossils on the beaches of St.Mary's and learn more about its prehistoric past.

Suitable for 5 to 12 year olds, £3.00 per child.

Booking essential.

Saturday 20th August, 10.30am-5.30pm

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International Lighthouse and Lightship Weekend

Held every year at lighthouses and lightships all over the world this event aims to promote public awareness of the need for their protection. Help us mark the occasion and join in with guided tours, exhibitions, crafts and activities.

A drop in event booking not required.

