



Merchant Seamen on a visit to Hartlepool Historic Fish Quay

Further maritime collections in the region

Throughout history the sea has played an integral part of life in the North East. There are numerous places of interest open to visit throughout the region that reflects this relationship.

The map in this publication contains just a few suggestions for visits and further study. There are numerous museums, heritage centres and galleries that have maritime collections.

- Tyne & Wear Museums venues such as Discovery Museum, South Shields Museum and Sunderland Museum & Winter Gardens have a range of exhibits and displays covering ship building, ship repair, fishing and traditional boats.
- The Regional Museums Store at Beamish has a Doxford Engine on display.
- Souter Lighthouse is open to the public from April to October. There are a range of exhibits documenting the workings of the lighthouse and the routine and living conditions of the Lighthouse Keeper. There are numerous events throughout the year.
- As well as museums you can also see examples of cobs and other traditional fishing vessels in many of the fishing villages along the North East Coast.
- North Shields Fish Quay is still a working fish market and fishing boats can still be seen landing their catch.
- There are also numerous RNLI and Volunteer Life Brigades located along the coast. Some, like the Tynemouth Volunteer Life Brigade, have collections that are open to public access.



Map of key locations of accessible maritime collections