

National Maritime Museum Cornwall:

Preparing for your visit



Welcome!

The National Maritime Museum Cornwall is a museum about the sea and Cornwall.

Getting here

You can arrive by car, bus, train, boat or ferry.
The car park is a short walk from the museum.



This is the car park



This is the walk to the museum
from the car park

Entrance



When you arrive you will go through a glass sliding door that opens automatically when you are close to it.

Front Desk — This is where you get your tickets



There is a ticket desk; if it is busy you may need to wait.
It can be noisy in the museum, if you would like ear defenders you can collect them here. There are also sensory bags with interesting things in.

The gift shop is located next to the entrance. Usually people visit the gift shop at the end of their visit.

Welcome Desk



You will be welcomed by a volunteer at the welcome desk.
You will see volunteers throughout the museum; you can ask anyone wearing this uniform for help during your visit.

Toilets

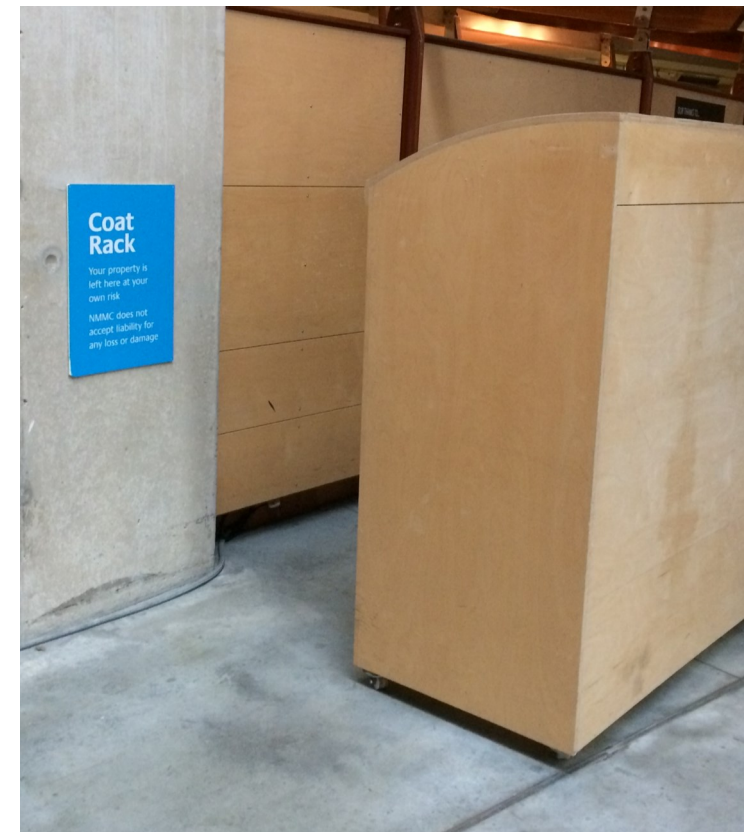
There are accessible toilets located on the first and second floors which can be accessed via the lift or stairs and ramps. There are also toilets in the Learning Centre on Level 2 and in the Library on the ground floor.



The toilets have hand dryers which can be quite loud.
You are welcome to borrow ear defenders from the Front Desk.

Main Hall

The first room you will see is very big. There are lots of boats, some hanging from the ceiling. They will not fall down.



You can put your coat away on the racks provided.

Boat Pool — where you can sail a model boat

You can sail models of boats in this pool. You can adjust the sails and steer them through the water, they do not have motors.



You will need £1 for a token which will give you 4.5 minutes to sail a boat.
If it is busy you might have to wait your turn.
This pool is not for swimming.

What you might see...

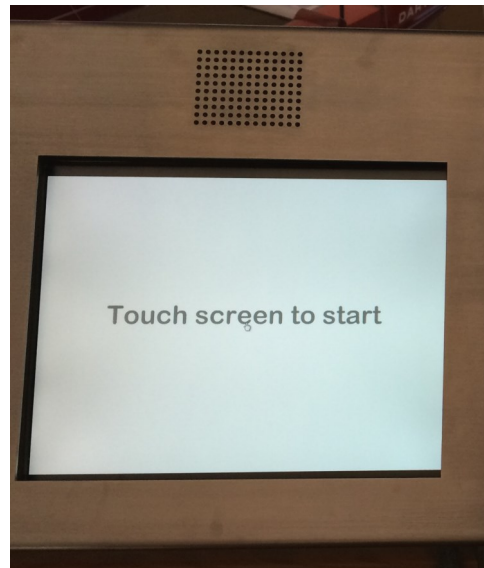
Boats



Change boxes where you can put a coin in and watch it spin around.



Touch screens



Objects in cases



Paintings



Other things about the museum...

- There is a workshop where boats are often made which can be noisy.
- You can go to the bottom of the tower under the water. There is a large spiral staircase with rocks by the side of the stairs or a small lift for access - it is not quick to exit.
- You can go to the top of the tower and Nav Station on Level 2 - these areas are not quick to exit.
- You may see wet floor signs, if you do be careful not to slip.



Other things about the museum...

- You can climb inside a life raft, lifeboat and Jet Ski.
- There is rope making, but don't put the ropes around your neck.
- There are some challenging pictures in the Cornwall Gallery.
- There are stuffed animals (taxidermy not soft toys) in the Curiosity Shop in the Falmouth Packet Ships gallery.
- If you need some time out you can ask a volunteer or someone wearing a name badge. There is a quiet area available during relaxed sessions.
- There is a café.
- There is a play area with climbing frames - this is suitable for children aged 8 and under.
- You might like some areas more than others—that's ok!



We hope you enjoy your visit!