

# Arbroath Signal Tower Museum

## What is the Museum?

Beside Arbroath's harbour, on the sea front, stands an elegant complex of regency buildings. Now the Burgh's museum, the buildings were built in 1813. Until 1955 these buildings formed the shore station and family living quarters for the light keepers on the Bell Rock Lighthouse which lies 11.5 miles out from Arbroath on a dangerous semi-sunken reef.

## What to see

At the Signal Tower you can find out about the fascinating history of the Bell Rock Lighthouse designed by the famous engineer Robert Stevenson (1772 -1850), The visitor can visit the outhouse to see the massive lens of the last manually operated lamp and hear the keeper talk about his day. In addition the museum displays reflect the past lives of the keepers' families and the wider community of Arbroath and district. Other displays tell the story of Arbroath's fishing heritage and of its great Industries of textiles and engineering.



The museum also displays the wildlife of the cliffs around the town. Arbroath's civic treasures and souvenirs of the Burgh's great trading days complete the tour of the museum.

## When to Visit

Mon to Sat 10.00-17.00, During July and Aug also open Sun 14.00-17.00  
Closed 25-26 Dec and 1-2 Jan

Sales area, WC, limited disabled access  
No entrance charges

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### Every Object Tells a Story...

This model of the Bell Rock Lighthouse was made from the rock from the reef on which the Lighthouse stands. It was presented by Robert Stevenson to his daughter in 1811 on completion of the lighthouse. The model returned to Arbroath and the Signal Tower Museum in 2009



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