



# Nash Point Lighthouse

## *Wedding & Civil Partnerships*

A truly unique wedding venue



Trinity House

# History of Nash Point Lighthouse

Trinity House is the General Lighthouse Authority for England, Wales and the Channel Islands.

Nash Point Lighthouse was designed and built by Joseph Nelson being completed in 1832 to mark the hazardous sandbanks off Nash Point, overlooking the Bristol Channel. This followed the wrecking of the passenger steamer Frolic on these sands in 1831, with a heavy loss of life.

Two circular towers were built, each with massive walls and a stone gallery. The eastern, or high lighthouse being 37 metres high and the western or low lighthouse 25 metres high. Placed 302 metres apart they provided leading lights to indicate safe passage past the sandbanks. The high light was painted with black and white stripes and the low light was white. In those days both towers showed a fixed light which was either red or white depending on the direction from which a vessel approached. The red sector marked the Nash Sands.

The low light was abandoned circa 1925 and the high light was modernised and painted white. In place of the fixed light a new first order catadioptric lens was installed which gave a white and red group flashing, this was removed in the automation of the station and replaced with a rotating optic. Nash Point Lighthouse was the last manned lighthouse in Wales. It was automated in 1998 with the keepers leaving for the last time on the 5 August. The lighthouse is now monitored and controlled from the Planning Centre at Trinity House in Harwich, Essex.



## Quick Facts

Established	1832
Height of Tower	37 metres
Electrified	1968
Automated	1998
Optic	360mm Rotating with red sector shades
Lamp	150w Metal Halide
Character	Flashes white and red twice every 15 seconds
Intensity	134,000 Candela (white); 17,000 Candela (Red)
Range of Light	21/16 nautical miles



# Wedding and Civil Partnership Ceremonies

Nash Point Lighthouse holds a licence under the Marriage Act 1949. It is an ideal venue for small, intimate ceremonies with up to 25 guests arranged over two floors. Please note that the maximum numbers include the wedding couple, Registrar and Photographer.

## Booking Information

Trinity House charges from £995.00 in low season to £1095.00 in high season for the use of Nash Point as a wedding venue. The cost includes the services of the local Lighthouse Attendant as the responsible person for the ceremony. The wedding floors are available for decoration by the wedding party prior to the special day. Decorations are available however you are more than welcome to decorate the venue to your own taste.

A £200 non-refundable deposit is payable on booking. Registrar's fees are not determined by, nor payable to, Trinity House. These fees and arrangements with the registrar are the responsibility of the wedding couple.

If you wish to make a booking and find out more about this unique venue see the contact details on the reverse of the brochure.

Prices From  
**£995**



## Accommodation at the Lighthouse

Why not treat yourselves or your guests to stay at the former lighthouse keepers cottage as part of the wedding celebrations.

In association with Trinity House, Rural Retreats is pleased to present two refurbished former lighthouse keepers' cottages.

Nash Point Lighthouse is situated within the Vale of Glamorgan Heritage Coast. This spectacular coastline is 28 miles long and covers an area from Penarth to Porthcawl and is ideal for both walking and cycling. There are wonderful safe beaches, many of which have been awarded the coveted blue flag. The beaches, in particular at Ogmore-by-Sea (just over four miles away), Barry Island, Southerndown and Porthcawl are particularly good for windsurfing. For children, the area is particularly well served with Barry Island Pleasure Park within a 20-minute drive. St Donats Art Centre offers exhibitions, cinema, dance, theatre, music and children's events. The Museum of Welsh Life at St Fagans is also 20 minutes away.





Cowbridge offers a good range of shops with small boutiques, craft and art galleries, excellent restaurants and pubs. Further along the coast is the famous Gower peninsula and walking on the Mumbles.

The perimeter of the holiday site is fully fenced and gated but once outside this area, it is very dangerous for children. Please ensure children are supervised at all times.

## Accommodation Features

**Gas central heating**  
**Electric effect wood burner**  
**Electric cooker**  
**Microwave**  
**Fridge/freezer**  
**Washer/dryer**  
**Dishwasher**  
**TV and DVD**  
**CD Player**  
**Fully enclosed garden with garden furniture**

*Smoking is prohibited in cottages.*



Sitting room, dining room, kitchen, double bedroom with 5' bed, twin bedroom, single bedroom, bathroom with shower over bath and separate WC.

Accommodation can be booked via  
Rural Retreats  
Draycott Business Park,  
Draycott, Moreton-in-Marsh,  
Gloucestershire,  
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**between 9am and 8pm Mon–Fri,  
9am and 5.30pm Sat–Sun**





## Location

Nash Point lighthouse is located in South Wales on the magnificent Vale of Glamorgan Heritage Coastline and the Wales Coast Path, which runs the entire length of the Welsh coast, passes through the grounds of the Lighthouse. It is approximately one mile from the small village of Marcross, three miles west of Llantwit Major.

The lighthouse is sited within a Site of Special Scientific Interest and is notable for its variety of plant and birdlife including the rare tuberous thistle (*cirsium tuberosus*).

The stretch of coastline is rugged directly below the lighthouse though clean sandy beaches are close by. There are breathtaking coastal views of the Bristol Channel, North Somerset and Devon and as far as the southernmost point of the Gower Peninsula.

The cottages at the lighthouse are within easy reach of the beautiful hills and valleys for which South Wales is so well known and many tourist areas, such as Gower, Brecon Beacons and Wales' capital city, Cardiff.

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# Contacts

## Visit the Venue

A preliminary visit to view the venue and its facilities can be made.

## Bookings and General Enquiries

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