Nash Point Lighthouse
(Vale of Glamorgan in South Wales)

History
Nash Lighthouse was designed by James Walker, the Engineer-in-Chief to Trinity House, in 1832 to mark the sandbanks off the point at the entrance to the Bristol Channel. The decision to build it followed a public outcry after the passenger steamer FROLIC was wrecked with heavy loss of life in 1830.

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 early this century and the high light was modernized and painted white. In place of the fixed light a new first order catadioptric lens was installed which gives a white and red group flashing.

Nash is one of those lighthouses scattered around our coast that has no claim to fame. For over 160 years its light has done its job as a sign to mariners to keep them clear of danger, its sole distinction is the discovery in 1977 of the tuberous thistle (Cirsium Tuberosum), a rare plant, which was found growing around the lighthouse.

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<td>Height Of Tower</td>
<td>37 Metres</td>
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<td>Height Of Light Above Mean High Water</td>
<td>56 Metres</td>
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<td>Automated</td>
<td>July 1998</td>
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<td>Electrified</td>
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<td>Lamp</td>
<td>1500 Watt</td>
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<td>Optic</td>
<td>1st Order 920 Mm Catadioptric, Fixed Lens, 2 Reinforcing Panels For Red Sectors</td>
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<td>Character</td>
<td>White And Red Group Flashing Twice Every 15 Seconds</td>
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<td>Intensity</td>
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<td>Range Of Light</td>
<td>21 nautical miles (White Sectors)</td>
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Visitor Centre

For 175 years Nash Point lighthouse, designed by James Walker, the Engineer-in-Chief to Trinity House, has been keeping the mariner safe of Nash Sands, the sandbanks off the point at the entrance to the Bristol Channel.

In 1977 a rare plant, the tuberous thistle (Cirsium Tuberosum), was found growing around the lighthouse.

Nash Point was the last manned lighthouse in Wales. The lighthouse keepers left on 5 August 1998.

Nash Point formally opened its doors to the public in 2007 so why not come along and see this wonderful lighthouse and the stunning scenery around it from a new perspective.

Fog Signal

The fog signal is sounded at 14.00 on the first Saturday and third Sunday of each month, weather conditions permitting.

Tours of Nash Point are organised under license from the Corporation of Trinity House.
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Nash Point is situated on the beautiful Glamorgan Heritage Coastline. Visitors can either join a guided tour or, with the aid of a guidance booklet, explore at their own pace. Find out about the history of this striking Lighthouse and life as a Lighthouse Keeper whilst taking in the panoramic views of the Bristol Channel from the top of the tower.

Nash Point Lighthouse is also licensed for Marriages/Civil Ceremonies.

Tour duration: approx 1 hour
Visits to the Lighthouse are organised by the Attendant, Chris Williams, under licence from Trinity House.
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Location: Off the B4265, nr Llantwit Major, Vale of Glamorgan.
Position: 51° 24.00 N, 03° 33.13 W (WGS 84 datum)
Holiday cottages are available at this site.

Holiday Cottages
Nash Point Lighthouse, situated within the Vale of Glamorgan Heritage Coast, Wales has 2 former lighthouse keepers’ cottages - Ariel and Stella.

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An ideal location for an outdoor break the holiday cottages are situated close to the coastal path and the spectacular coastline which is 28 miles long and covers an area from Penarth to Porthcawl, 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 4 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 and the Quasar Centre both 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 Fagan’s 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.

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