



NEEDLES PLEASURE CRUISES



FAST FACTS

"Short boat ride to the world-famous Needles rocks and lighthouse, with detailed live commentary"



1 hour
Including walking time



Low Cost



Picnic Space
Beach or Needles park



Snack Bar
Cafe at Needles park



Parking On Site
FREE coach parking



No Resources

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Up Close and Personal

Get up close and personal with the world-famous Needles rock stacks and lighthouse!

This short boat ride (around 20 minutes) includes a live commentary, which can be adapted to suit your age group or topic of interest.

The Needles

The Needles are a row of three stacks of chalk that rise 30m out of the sea, with the Needles Lighthouse, built in 1859, standing at the outer, western end of the formation.

The Needles are named after a fourth stack which collapsed in a storm in 1764. The remaining rocks are not at all needle-like, but the name stuck!

Geology

The rocks' pointed shape is a consequence of their unusual geology, with strata so heavily folded that the chalk is near vertical. This outcrop runs the length of the Isle of Wight from Culver Cliff near Sandown through the Needles and then under the sea to the Dorset.

Shipwrecks

Just off the end of the Needles is

the Shingles - a shifting shoal of pebbles just beneath the waves, approximately three miles in length. Many ships have been wrecked on the Shingles, as well as three vessels on the actual Needles themselves - HMS Assurance (18th century), HMS Pomone (19th century) and SS Varvassi (20th century).

Accessing the Jetty

The jetty is in Alum Bay, at the foot of the cliffs from the Needles Landmark Attraction, where you can park and use the toilet.

Steps down to the beach take 10-15 minutes to walk, or pay to use the iconic chairlift (height restrictions apply).

FUN

80%

LEARNING

80%

