

Dunston Staiths: a remarkable survivor

This is the last of the great wooden coal staiths that once lined the Tyne. Today it is a treasured landmark for the local community and a haven for wildlife. You are welcome to visit the Staiths whenever the gates are open.

A bird's eye view of the Tyne

Follow in the footsteps of the teamers and trimmers who loaded the coal onto the ships. Enjoy spectacular views over the Tyne. Look out for birds roosting on the top and seals on the mudflats below. Stroll beside the river and explore the Saltmarsh Garden. Join us for one of our regular events and activities. Find out more at www.dunstonstaiths.org.uk

How to get to Dunston Staiths
Dunston Staiths is on the south bank of the River Tyne at Dunston, Gateshead, Tyne & Wear.

Parking at Staiths Road, Dunston, in front of The Excelsior Club.

For SatNav use postcode NE11 9DR.
Travel by foot or bike along The Keelman's Way.
To visit by bus or train, use www.travelinortheast.info.



DUNSTON STAITHS

The Tyne's last great wooden coal staith



The largest wooden structure in Europe

It took 3,000 tons of pitch pine to build the Staiths in 1893. It is said to be the largest wooden structure in Europe. Millions of tons of coal were loaded onto ships at the Staiths and carried around the world. Visit today to find out more about its incredible history.

Opening times

Dunston Staiths is usually open on Wednesdays, Saturdays, Sundays and Bank Holidays between Easter and the end of September, and for special events.

Visit www.dunstonstaiths.org.uk for details of dates and times. Please note that Dunston Staiths may be closed in high winds.

TWBPT is supported by Staiths Friends, local residents who volunteer to open the structure to the public.

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Dunston Staiths is a remarkable monument to the lost industries of the Tyne. It was built in 1893 for loading coal onto ships. You are welcome to visit whenever the gates are open.



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Fuelling the world

Dunston Staiths was built in 1893 to load ships with coal. The coal arrived in wagons from the Durham pits. Millions of tons of coal left the Staiths each year to be delivered around Britain and across the world.



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Teemers and trimmers

These were the men who loaded the ships. Teemers operated the coal wagons on the top of the Staiths. Trimmers levelled the coal down in the ships' holds. It was dirty and dangerous work. Walk out onto the Staiths and imagine being part of the team loading the ships.



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A second chance

The Staiths closed in 1980 when the coal industry went into decline. Ten years later the structure was the star of the Gateshead Garden Festival. Today new homes have replaced the factories and shipyards. The Staiths are being restored for the nation by Tyne & Wear Building Preservation Trust, celebrating the past and future of Dunston.

A wildlife haven

The peaceful Staiths are a great place to watch wildlife. The structure is a popular roost for lapwings, cormorants and herons. Wading birds gather to feed on the mudflats around the Staiths. Spot woodland birds, wildflowers and butterflies in the Saltmarsh Garden beside the River Team. Look out for swans, seals and otters too.



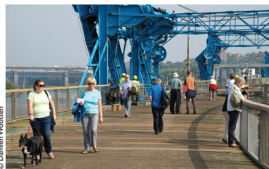
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Fantastic fact

Dunston began as a tiny village but became one of the country's most important industrial ports.



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A riverside highlight

The Staiths is the perfect destination for a riverside stroll or cycle ride. You are also welcome onto the structure whenever the gates are open. There are panoramic views from the top.

Activities and adventures at the Staiths

Come along to one of our open days or events at the Staiths. Check local noticeboards and www.dunstonstaiths.org.uk to see what's on.

Be part of the Staiths community

We are always pleased to welcome new and old friends at the Staiths. We also appreciate your support for our work there. Find out how to make a donation towards the restoration or become a Staiths Friend at www.dunstonstaiths.org.uk