



Walton Harbour Lighthouse June 2025 Credit: NSLPS

If you visit Walton Harbour Lighthouse this summer, you will be surprised to see a wooden gazebo where the lighthouse once stood. What happened? The cliff nearby is made of sandstone, a material that is quite porous and erodes easily. As the distance from the original site of the lighthouse to the edge of the cliff got smaller and smaller, it was time to move the lighthouse to a safer spot. The lighthouse was turned 180 degrees and put on a new foundation next to the mini-museum that has info-boards about the barite and gypsum mining in the area. Ships were used once to transport these minerals, one reason for Walton Harbour Lighthouse being built in 1873. Moving the lighthouse provided the opportunity to build a proper ramp for users of walkers and wheelchairs to access the ground floor of the lighthouse. An hour from Dartmouth, the lighthouse is open daily from 8am to 8pm, has picnic tables and flush toilets. Well worth the drive!



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