

# Welcome

... to one of the most spectacular bus rides in all England, an open-top tour with spectacular views that will simply take your breath away.

And there's the dizzy climb from Alum Bay up to the Needles Battery, where the views out to sea all around are intoxicating.

There are plenty of other great places to go and things to do. And, as your ticket lasts all day, you get off wherever takes your fancy and jump on another breezer later on.

Children will love the Needles Park with its fairground rides and chairlift down to the beach, or there's Dimbola Lodge, where the photographer Julia Margaret Cameron once lived and worked. Today it has thought-provoking exhibitions and a great restaurant.

There are beautiful beaches and some magnificent walks across Tennyson Down.

Welcome aboard!

## fares

£10 adult

£5 under 19s and over 60s

£20 family up to any 5 people

Your ticket lasts 24 hours from the time of purchase and allows travel on any of our buses or Breezer tours - hop on and hop off as often as you like.

You can buy your ticket from the driver of the first bus you get on, from our visitor information points in Newport, Ryde and Yarmouth bus stations, or in advance from our online shop at [www.islandbuses.info/shop](http://www.islandbuses.info/shop), or at any of over 60 shops displaying the Paypoint sign.

National Trust members can get 50% off certain tickets - ask the driver when you get on.



- the Needles tour route
- other roads
- footpaths
- the Needles tour bus stops
- places open to the public
- places not open to the public

daily timetable from 12 March 2011

Yarmouth bus station bay 1	1000	1030	then every 30 mins at	00 30	until	1700
Freshwater Bay Esplanade	1010	1040		10 40		1710
Needles Old Battery	1025	1055		25 55		1725
Alum Bay Needles Park	1035	1105		35 05		1735
Yarmouth bus station	1050	1020		50 20		1750

all buses follow a clockwise route as shown on the map above

# The Needles Battery



The Needles Battery was built in the late 19th century to defend the coast against a possible French invasion, and played an important role in the two World Wars. In the 1950s and 60s the Needles New Battery was used as a secret rocket test site but now both Batteries and the headland are owned by the National Trust.

From the Old Battery Parade Ground there are spectacular views across the Solent to Hampshire and Dorset, and the closest view of the Needles from land is from the searchlight emplacement at the end of the Battery's 65 metre tunnel.

There are two original guns on the Parade Ground, together with exhibitions, an information point and refreshment kiosk.

open  
12 Mar - 30 Oct 2011

**Old Battery**  
daily 10am - 5pm  
last entry 4.30pm

**New Battery**  
Tues, Sat & Sun  
11am - 4pm

The New Battery may open daily during school holidays.

Both sites close in high winds.  
Call 01983 754772 to check.



## island breezers

### bus information

bus times **0871 200 22 33**  
calls from landlines cost 10p per minute  
web **www.islandbuses.info**  
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lost property **01983 523831**

### visitor information

Newport in the bus station  
Ryde in the bus station  
Yarmouth in the bus station

### head office

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starts  
**12 March**  
2011

# the Needles tour

open top bus ride



*breeze around the island*

one of the most  
spectacular bus rides  
in the whole of Britain

hop on and hop off  
whenever you like  
all day long

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