

The Trail

Answers

This trail is a self-guided tour of Liverpool South Docks including the Albert Dock and Salthouse Dock.

Sheet 2 Answers

Stop 1: The Liverpool Canal Link will allow narrowboats and cruisers from the Leeds & Liverpool Canal safer access to the South Docks. At present boats must enter the docks via the tidal River Mersey and this can be very difficult to navigate.

The link will provide new local jobs; it will regenerate the area it passes through. It will also provide a vibrant waterspace for the general public to enjoy.

The Mersey tunnel ventilation building has a tall rectangular tower.

The domed Port of Liverpool Building is one of Liverpool's Three Graces. The farthest of the three, The Royal Liver Building (complete with the Liver Birds), is also visible with the Cunard Building sitting between the two. They all face the Pierhead.

Sheet 3 Answers

Stop 3: A warehouse is a building where goods are stored. The warehouses here stored valuable goods brought from all over the world including tea, cotton, silk and sugar. Jesse Hartley, the Dock Engineer for the Port of Liverpool from 1824 until 1860, ensured that all docks were accessible by road, rail or canal.

Stop 4: Large ships or boats could not sail straight into docks due to the narrowness of the gate openings. Therefore they had to be manoeuvred into and out of docks by hand using the revolving capstans.

Policemen were necessary for security purposes. Many of the goods stored in the warehouses of Albert Dock were of high value and therefore prone to a greater risk of theft. One side of the lodge has a high wall. This would have been part of a security wall surrounding Albert Dock.

Sheet 4 Answers

Stop 5: The Piermaster had to be available for work 24 hours a day and therefore needed to be as close as possible to his place of work. The Piermaster's house and office were built in 1852. His house is positioned so that he had a good view of the main entrance to the docks.

Canning Half-Tide Basin is separated by dock gates from the river. The gates are opened two hours before high tide to allow the basin to flood. The gates into Albert Dock are only opened when Canning Half-Tide Basin is full.

The doors of the gatemen huts opened inland to provide the gatemen some protection from the wind and weather blowing in from the Mersey.

Stop 6: The pilotage building's keystone shows that it was built in 1883.

Sheet 5 Answers

Stop 7: The drinking fountain can be seen on the end wall of the Merseyside Maritime Museum.

The warehouses on all sides of the dock provided the mooring ships protection from the weather as well as security from thieves.

Each warehouse has 5 floors.

Cranes and evidence that pulleys were used to unload and load the boats can be spotted. They were built with non-combustible materials such as stone, brick and cast-iron to make them fireproof.

Stop 8: Salthouse Dock was opened in 1753.

It was originally called South Dock, but later renamed because it was near to a salt works. Salthouse Docks was originally linked to the Canning Dock by a swingbridge.

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