

# Visiting The Box

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# Hello!

We look forward to welcoming you to The Box.

There are lots of things to see and do inside.

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What is The Box? The Box is a social space for people, art, ideas and experiences – part museum, part gallery and part archive. We preserve the city's cultural collections and share extraordinary stories to explore the pressing issues of our age.

From our home in Plymouth, we nurture and support individuals to be creative and curious about the world around them, exploring the past in order to imagine new futures.

The Box has recently undergone a significant transformation, bringing collections from across the city into one new purpose-built venue which is free to access. Learning is at the heart of The Box's ethos. Through our blend of historic collections and contemporary exhibitions, we support people to be creative and curious about the world around them, exploring the past in order to imagine the future.

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# This is what The Box looks like from the outside.

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One side looks very old.



One side looks very new.



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# This is our Welcome Desk.

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You will see a friendly member of **The Box** team here when you arrive. You can pick up a map here. You can ask our team any questions you might have.



Stop and look above you. These are called **Figureheads**. They used to be on ships that sailed the world. Now they hang from our ceiling.



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# To enter the museum you will walk past our café and shop.

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This is our **Kitchen & Bar**. It's one of the first things you might notice when you arrive. Sometimes you can see large pieces of art here. Sometimes it can be noisy.



This is our **shop**. You walk through the shop to find our museum and art galleries.

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# This is North Hall.

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This picture shows a large piece of art in here but we often change what you find here, so this could be a surprise!



There are 3 galleries on our ground floor. You can find the entrance to each from **North Hall**.



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# Our Port of Plymouth gallery is split into two rooms.

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This is room 1 of the **Port of Plymouth** gallery. A short film is played when you step inside. You can walk past the film if you prefer.



This is room 2 of the **Port of Plymouth** gallery. You will see and hear more films played in here.

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# This is our 100 Journeys gallery.

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There is lots to see here including a large globe. This gallery is quite dark to help protect the objects on display.



This is our **Mammoth** gallery. There is a replica of a life-sized woolly mammoth here. There are lots of insects and pickled creatures too.



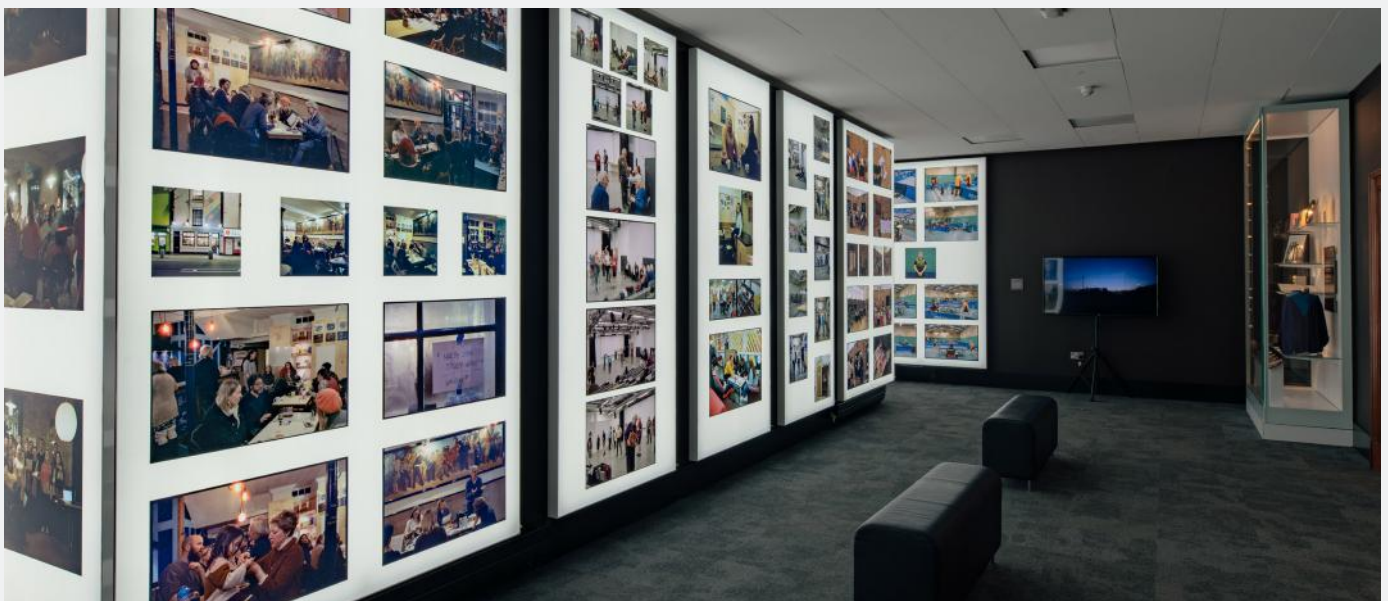
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# Head upstairs to see even more galleries. We have stairs and a lift.

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This is the **South Gallery**. There is usually lots of art on display, although sometimes we do use this for other exhibitions.



This is the **Bridge Gallery**. We use this gallery for temporary exhibitions. The room has 11 large light boxes on the wall.

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# These galleries host our temporary exhibition programme.

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This is the **North Gallery**. We use this gallery for lots of temporary exhibitions, so expect to see amazing things on display in here.



This is the **Hurdle Gallery**. We also use this gallery for lots of temporary exhibitions, so expect to see amazing things on display in here.



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# This is our Media Lab gallery.

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There is a big screen which plays lots of films from our archives. There is also a small TV studio where you could have a go at reading the news!



This is **Active Archives**. You can find out more about the local records we look after.

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# This is the Cottonian Research Room, a gallery and research space.

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Sometimes this is closed for research. Sometimes it is open as a gallery. It displays the historic **Cottonian Collection**. Ask a member of our team if you can enter when you visit.



You can use these **stairs** to head down to the café and exit.



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# You can also head across to St Luke's Church.

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This used to be a church but is now a gallery where we show temporary exhibitions throughout the year.



It has a beautiful fused-glass window.

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# What else might you see when you visit The Box?

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We often host events and family activities, so during school holidays, our galleries and other spaces maybe busier than usual.



Sometimes we host activities such as yoga, drawing workshops or music in our galleries, so sometimes that can feel more 'active' than usual.



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# What else might you see when you visit The Box?

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There are lots of spaces where films are played. Sometimes these films can be quite loud. You can often hear people talking and other noises.



There are lots of things that you can touch. There are some things that you can't. If you aren't sure a member of our team can tell you.

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# What else might you see when you visit The Box?

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Some galleries are quite dark.



Some are quite light.



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# What else might you see when you visit The Box?

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There are toilets across The Box for everyone. Our toilets have automatic hand dryers that can be noisy.



We hope you have fun exploring The Box together and visit us again soon. Goodbye!



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