

Top Treasures E-Trail



"Hello there! My name is William Mable, and I am the founder of Weston Museum. I came up with the idea of a Museum when I realised there were so many amazing things in Weston, but nowhere to display them.

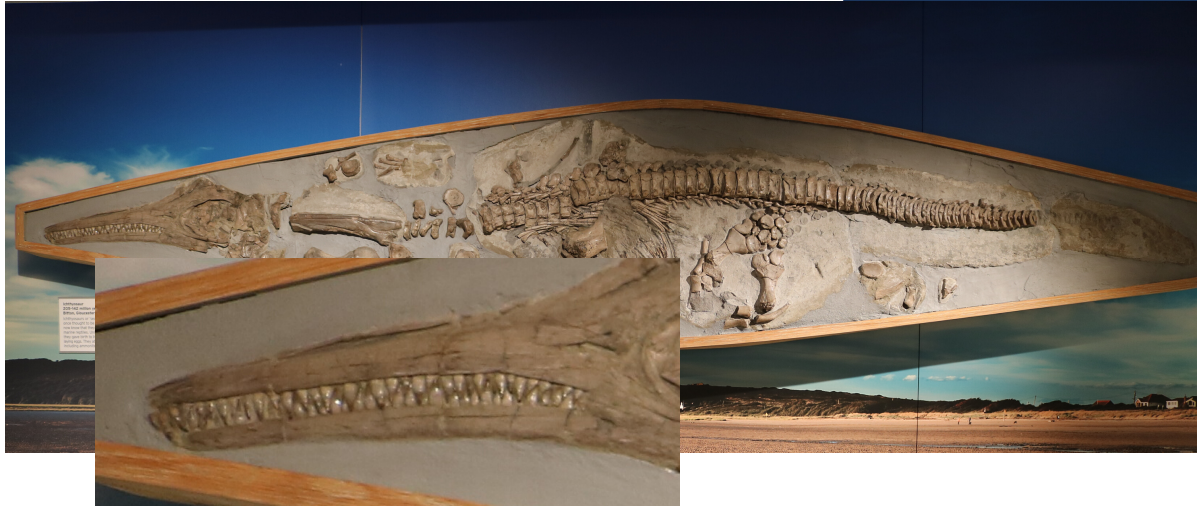
Let's travel through time, and explore the history of Weston-super-Mare and the surrounding areas, as we find some of the incredible objects here at the Museum!

Are you ready?!"

This e-trail will explore our Top Treasures at Weston Museum. There will be a question to answer or activity to complete after each treasure.



ICHTHYOSAUR (205 - 142 MILLION YEARS OLD)



Ichthyosaurs or "Sea Dragons" were once thought to be fish or lizards. We now know they were air-breathing and marine reptiles.

How many teeth can you count on the
Ichthyosaur?

Our Ichthyosaur can be found upstairs
in our A Living Landscape Gallery!

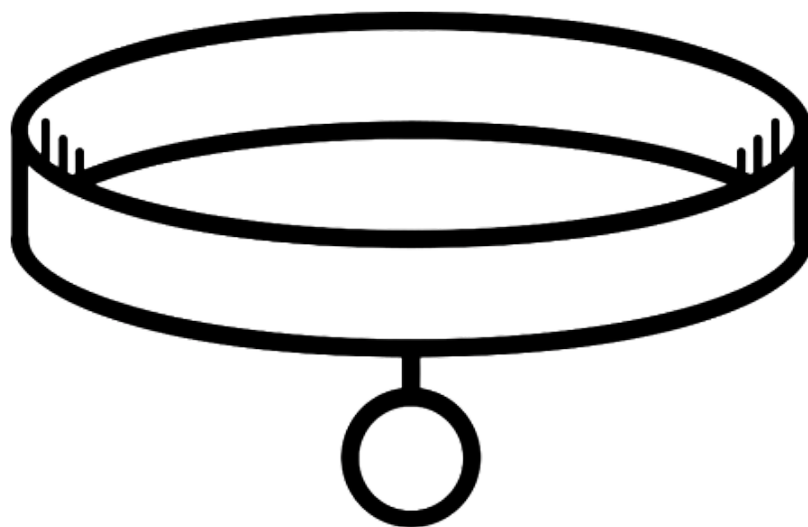


DOG (450 - 100 BC)



This dog was found buried with a man aged about 30. The dog may have been a special pet or used for hunting. He has been nicknamed "Rusty".

Design
this
dog
collar!



Our Rusty Dog can be found upstairs
in our A Living Landscape Gallery!



LEAD CURSED TABLET AND
BRONZE WRITING TABLET
(340 - 390 AD)



People who have been wronged asked the gods for help. The writer of this tablet was the victim of a theft. He asks the goddess that the thief should pay for the theft "with his blood".

What do you think they would've wrote with?

Our Cursed Tablet can be found upstairs in our A Living Landscape Gallery!



PUNCH AND JUDY PUPPETS (C. 1890)



A trip to Weston was not complete without a Punch and Judy Show! The Staddon family ran shows on Weston beach for over a century. Tradition says that the family began performing in Britain as early as the 1630's.

Have you ever watched a Punch and Judy show?
Where?

Our Punch and Judy Puppets can be found
upstairs in our Beside The Sea Gallery!

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THE LAUGHING SAILOR (C. 1950 - 1960)



Jolly Jack the Laughing Sailor is an automaton or mechanical puppet. From the 1950's he could be found in penny arcades and on seaside piers across the country!

Write your best joke in this box! Then tell it to someone you live with.

Our Laughing Sailor can be found upstairs in our Beside The Sea Gallery!



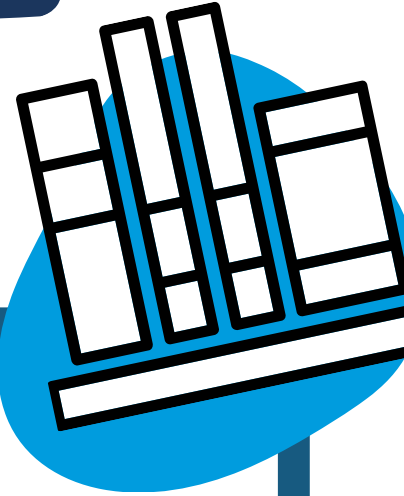
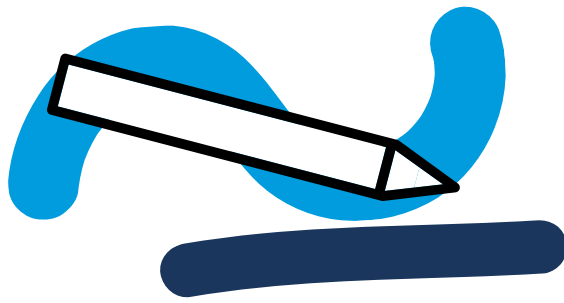
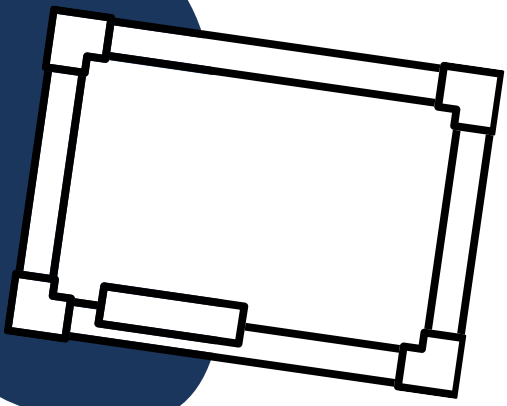
"STOP ME AND BUY ONE" ICE CREAM TRIPOD (C. 1935)



Tricycles for selling ice cream were popular in seaside towns such as Weston-super-Mare. The insulating box kept the ice cream cool. The tricycle went out of use in the late 1940's when ice cream vans were becoming popular.

What is your favourite flavour of ice cream?

Our Ice Cream Tripod can be found upstairs in our Beside The Sea Gallery!



TELL A STORY

WRITE A STORY ABOUT YOUR
FAVOURITE TIME AT THE BEACH.

