

Towering over 300 miles of picturesque shoreline, you will find historic lighthouses standing testament to Door County's rich maritime heritage. In the 19th and early 20th centuries, these landmarks of yesteryear assisted sailors in navigating the lake and bay waters of the Door Peninsula and surrounding islands. Today, many are still operational and welcome visitors with compelling stories and breathtaking views. Relax and step back in time. Plan your Door County lighthouse tour today.

Visitors can take advantage of additional access to locations not typically open to the public during the Annual Door County Lighthouse Festival, which will be held the weekends of June 11-13 & Oct 1-3, 2021.

For additional lighthouse and festival information, contact the Door County Maritime Museum at (920) 743-5958.



Lighthouses



LIGHTHOUSE SCENIC TOURS

Please contact businesses for current tour schedules and pick up/drop off locations. Bon Voyage!

Bay Shore Outfitters, 2457 S. Bay Shore Drive - Sister Bay	920.854.7598
Bay Shore Outfitters, 59 N. Madison Ave. - Sturgeon Bay	920.818.0431
Cave Point Paddle & Pedal, 6239 Hwy 57 - Jacksonport	920.868.1400
Door County Adventure Center, 4497 Ploor Rd. - Sturgeon Bay	920.746.9539
Door County Adventure Rafting, 4150 Maple St. - Fish Creek	920.559.6106
Door County Kayak Tours, 8442 Hwy 42 - Fish Creek	920.868.1400
Door County Maritime Museum, 120 N. Madison Ave. - Sturgeon Bay	920.743.5958
Door County Tours, P.O. Box 136 - Baileys Harbor	920.493.1572
Door County Trolley, 8030 Hwy 42 - Egg Harbor	920.868.1100
Fish Creek Scenic Boat Tours, 9448 Spruce St. - Fish Creek	920.421.4442
Grizzly Tours, Inc., 3538 Park Dr. - Sturgeon Bay	920.493.7315
Kayak Door County, 2457 S. Bay Shore Dr. - Sister Bay	920.854.7598
Lakeshore Adventures, 8113 Hwy 57 - Baileys Harbor	920.839.2055
Peninsula Kayak Company, 6300 Hwy 57 - Jacksonport	920.918.4314
Sail Door County - Sister Bay	920.495.7245
Segway the Door Tours, 3903 Hwy 42 - Fish Creek	920.376.0256
Shoreline Scenic Cruises, Shoreline Marina - Gills Rock	920.421.0922
Shoreline Scenic Cruises, Baileys Harbor Town Marina - Baileys Harbor	920.854.4707
Sister Bay Scenic Boat Tours, 10707 N. Bay Shore Dr. - Sister Bay	920.421.4444

For more information including a complete list of scenic tours, boat rental and charter fishing companies, go to DoorCounty.com/Experience/Water-Activities



For more information about our 11 historic lighthouses, visit DoorCounty.com/Experience/Lighthouses

Destination Door County

DoorCounty.com

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Pottawatomie Lighthouse

Wisconsin's first lighthouse, located on the north end of Rock Island State Park. Established 1836, rebuilt 1858, automated 1956. Open daily for guided tours from 10am to 4pm Memorial Day Weekend through Columbus Day. Visiting the lighthouse requires a boat ride to Rock Island, then a 1.25 mile hike (one-way) from the dock. Lighthouse has been restored and the tour includes climbing up to the lantern room for panoramic views. While the lantern room has been fully restored, complete with a replica 4th Order Fresnel lens, the active beacon shines from a separate skeleton tower located nearby. Rock Island is ONLY accessible by the "Karfi" public ferry or private boat. Open Memorial Day-Columbus Day 10-4 Daily. (920) 847-2235.



1836



Pilot Island Lighthouse

Built 1858, automated 1962. The original light on Plum Island, built in 1848, no longer exists because ship owners and captains complained to the Lighthouse Board that the original Plum Island light was too far to the west, so President Buchanan built the lighthouse on Pilot Island. Built of Cream City brick, this graceful structure is in dire need of repair. The light is visible only by water and there is no trespassing on Coast Guard property. Narrated boat tours are available through several boat tour companies.

1858

Eagle Bluff Lighthouse

Easily accessed by Shore Rd. in Peninsula State Park. A map is available at either park entrance. Built in 1868, three keepers manned the light until 1926, when the navigational mechanism was automated. The Eagle Bluff Lighthouse Museum is open daily from May 17 - Oct 18. Hours of operation are 10am-4pm with guided tours available daily, every half hour until 3:30pm. Please call ahead for special events and group tours. Admission Fees: Adults - \$8.50, Students (13-17) - \$5.50, Youth (6-12) - \$3.50, Children 5 and Under - Free. (920) 421-3636 or www.EagleBluffLighthouse.org.



1868



Baileys Harbor Range Lights

The Ridges Nature Center, 8166 Hwy 57. Established 1869, automated 1923. Between 1869 and 1969 these range lights were used by navigators to safely enter Baileys Harbor. When the unique upper and lower lights were lined up with one light over the other, the sailor knew he/she was in safe water. These lights were removed from service in 1969 and a directional light was placed atop a 31-foot skeletal tower on the shore. In 1993, the Ridges Sanctuary restored both range lights. In 2012 the Lower Range Light underwent a full restoration. In 2015, the Lights were relit and are once again functioning as a navigational aid. Plans are underway to restore the Upper Range Light. (920) 839-2802.

1869

Sherwood Point Lighthouse

Established 1883, automated 1983. This was the last manned lighthouse on the US Great Lakes. The entire facility is operated as a rest and recuperation area for active members of the U.S. military on a rental basis. Your cooperation in maintaining the privacy of the occupants is appreciated. Lighthouse grounds are only open to the public during the Annual Lighthouse Festival in June, but available boat tours pass by the lighthouse.



1883



Sturgeon Bay Canal Station Lighthouse

Established 1899, automated 1972. Located at a fully operating United States Coast Guard Station, situated at the mouth of the Sturgeon Bay ship canal on Lake Michigan. From Hwy 42/57 north of the Bay View Bridge, turn east onto Utah St., Utah St. to Cove Rd., Cove Rd. to Canal Rd., then continue out to the Canal Station. Parking is provided outside of the station grounds. Lighthouse available year-round for external viewing only, with public access limited to the designated walkway leading past the tower light down to the north breakwater pier. Breakwater pier is open to the public and has another lighthouse at the end. Grounds are open to the public during the Lighthouse Festival in June.

1899

Old Baileys Harbor Light

Built 1852, removed from service 1869. This unusual structure, with its unique bird cage lantern room, is located on an island near the town of Baileys Harbor. It was abandoned in 1869 when the Lighthouse Board decided to build Range Lights in Baileys Harbor instead of repairing this light. This light is privately owned, but available kayak and boat tours pass by the lighthouse.

1852



Chambers Island Lighthouse

Located on the northwest corner of Chambers Island. This lighthouse is only accessible by boat. It was established 1868, and automated in 1961. The lighthouse is open from Memorial Day to Labor Day, Friday - Sunday. There are public restrooms available. Museum inside lighthouse. No public transportation is available to the lighthouse. (920) 868-3100.

1868

Cana Island Lighthouse

Established 1869, automated 1944, this lighthouse is in its 150th year of operation. The island is operated as a museum by the Door County Maritime Museum, www.dcm.org. Located at 8800 East Cana Island Rd, Baileys Harbor, the grounds are open daylight hours year round; lighthouse is open daily from 10am-4:30pm, May - October. There are age and height restrictions for children to safely climb the tower. They must be 5 years or older and/or 42 inches tall. (920) 743-5958. Admission fees: Adults - \$12, Children under 17 - \$10.

1869



1882



North Pierhead Lighthouse

Established 1882, automated 1972. Located at the end of the north breakwater at the entrance to the Sturgeon Bay ship canal on Lake Michigan. Onsite is an active United States Coast Guard station. Lighthouse available year-round for external viewing only. Walk to the end of the north breakwater pier for closest viewing. For directions and parking info, see listing for Sturgeon Bay Canal Station Lighthouse.

Plum Island Range Light

Located between Washington Island and the tip of the peninsula. The rear range light tower, keepers' dwelling and fog signal building can be seen from the Washington Island Ferry. Front range light can only be seen from a boat approaching Death's Door from Lake Michigan. Narrated boat tours are available through several boat tour companies. Lighthouse is open during the Annual Lighthouse Festival in June through a purchased tour. (920) 854-2972.

1896

