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Towering over 300 miles of picturesque shoreline, historic lighthouses stand 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. Many are still operational and welcome visitors with compelling stories and breathtaking views. Plan your Door County lighthouse tour to step back in time.

Take advantage of additional access to locations not typically open to the public during the Annual Door County Lighthouse Festival on weekends from June 9-11 and September 29-October 1, 2023.

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



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## lighthouse scenic tours

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

<b>Bay Shore Outfitters</b> , 2457 S. Bay Shore Dr. - Sister Bay	920.854.7598
<b>Bay Shore Outfitters</b> , 59 N. Madison Ave. - Sturgeon Bay	920.818.0431
<b>Cave Point Paddle &amp; Pedal</b> , 6239 Hwy 57 - Jacksonport	920.868.1400
<b>Door County Adventure Center</b> , 4497 Ploor Rd. - Sturgeon Bay	920.746.9539
<b>Door County Adventure Rafting</b> , 4150 Maple St. - Fish Creek	920.559.6106
<b>Door County Kayak Tours</b> , 8442 Hwy 42 - Fish Creek	920.868.1400
<b>Door County Maritime Museum</b> , 120 N. Madison Ave. - Sturgeon Bay	920.743.5958
<b>Door County Tours</b> , P.O. Box 136 - Baileys Harbor	920.493.1572
<b>Door County Trolley</b> , 8030 Hwy 42 - Egg Harbor	920.868.1100
<b>Fish Creek Scenic Boat Tours</b> , 9448 Spruce St. - Fish Creek	920.421.4442
<b>Grizzly Tours, Inc.</b> , 3538 Park Dr. - Sturgeon Bay	920.493.7315
<b>Kayak Door County</b> , 2457 S. Bay Shore Dr. - Sister Bay	920.854.7598
<b>Lakeshore Adventures</b> , 8113 Hwy 57 - Baileys Harbor	920.839.2055
<b>Peninsula Kayak Company</b> , 6300 Hwy 57 - Jacksonport	920.918.4314
<b>Sail Door County</b> , 10707 N. Bay Shore Dr. - Sister Bay	920.495.7245
<b>Segway the Door Tours</b> , 3903 Hwy 42 - Fish Creek	920.376.0256
<b>Shoreline Scenic Cruises</b> , Baileys Harbor Town Marina, 8132 WI-57 - Baileys Harbor	920.854.4707
<b>Sister Bay Scenic Boat Tours</b> , 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](https://www.doorcounty.com/Experience/Water-Activities)



## POTTAWATOMIE LIGHTHOUSE

Wisconsin's first lighthouse was established in 1836, rebuilt in 1858, and automated in 1956. The lighthouse is located on the north end of Rock Island State Park and requires a boat ride to Rock Island before a 1.25-mile hike (one-way) from the dock. 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 nearby. Rock Island is ONLY accessible by the "Karfi" public ferry or private boat. Guided tours are offered daily from Memorial Day through Columbus Day from 10am to 4pm. **(920) 847-2235**



1836

## PILOT ISLAND LIGHTHOUSE

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. Hence, President Buchanan built the lighthouse on Pilot Island in 1858, which was automated in 1962. 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.

1858



## EAGLE BLUFF LIGHTHOUSE

This lighthouse, built in 1868, is easily accessed by Shore Rd. in Peninsula State Park. Three keepers operated the light until 1926 when the navigational mechanism was automated. The Eagle Bluff Lighthouse Museum is open daily from May 19 through October 31 from 11am to 4pm. Admission fee is \$5.00, and Door County Historical Society members and U.S. military are free. Maps are available at either park entrance. **(920) 421-3636 or www.EagleBluffLighthouse.org**



1868



## BAILEYS HARBOR RANGE LIGHTS

Established in 1869 and automated in 1923, this lighthouse's range lights were used by navigators to safely enter Baileys Harbor between 1869 and 1969. When the unique upper and lower lights were lined up with one light over the other, the sailor knew they were 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. The Ridges Nature Center, 8166 Hwy 57. **(920) 839-2802**

1869

## SHERWOOD POINT LIGHTHOUSE

Established in 1883 and automated in 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 US military members 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 Door County Lighthouse Festival in June and October.



1883



## STURGEON BAY CANAL STATION

Established in 1899 and automated in 1972, this lighthouse is located at a fully operating US Coast Guard Station at the mouth of the Sturgeon Bay ship canal on Lake Michigan. External viewing of the lighthouse is available year-round, 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. Grounds are open to the public during the Annual Door County Lighthouse Festival. To get here 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 to the Canal Station. Parking is provided outside of the station grounds.

1899

## OLD BAILEYS HARBOR LIGHT

1852

This unusual structure, with its unique birdcage lantern room located on an island near Baileys Harbor, was built in 1852 and removed from service in 1869. It was abandoned 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.



1868



## CHAMBERS ISLAND LIGHTHOUSE

Located on the northwest corner of Chambers Island, this lighthouse is only accessible by boat. It was established in 1868 and automated in 1961. The lighthouse is open Friday through Sunday from Memorial Day to Labor Day. Visitors can explore the museum inside the lighthouse, where public restrooms are also available. No public transportation goes to this location. **(920) 868-3100**

## CANA ISLAND LIGHTHOUSE

1869

Established 1869, automated 1944, this lighthouse is in its 150th year of operation. The Door County Maritime Museum operates the island as a museum. Children must be at least five years old and 42 inches tall to climb the tower safely. Admission is \$12 for adults, \$10 for children five to seven, and children four and under are free. The grounds are open daylight hours year-round. The lighthouse is open from 10am to 5pm May through October, and the last ride across the causeway is at 4:15pm. 8800 East Cana Island Rd, Baileys Harbor. [dcm.org](http://dcm.org). **(920) 743-5958**



1882



## NORTH PIERHEAD LIGHTHOUSE

Established in 1882 and automated in 1972, this lighthouse is located at the end of the north breakwater at the entrance to the Sturgeon Bay ship canal on Lake Michigan. An active US Coast Guard station is on site, so the lighthouse is restricted to external viewing only. Walk to the end of the north breakwater pier for the closest viewing. For directions and parking information, see the Sturgeon Bay Canal Station Lighthouse listing.

1896

## PLUM ISLAND RANGE LIGHT

With its location between Washington Island and the tip of the peninsula, visitors can see the rear range light tower, keepers' dwelling, and fog signal building 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. The lighthouse is open during the Annual Door County Lighthouse Festival through a purchased tour. **(920) 854-2972**

