Towering over 300 miles of picturesque shorelines, 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.

Public access and tour availability varies by lighthouse. Please see individual lighthouse descriptions for details.

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

Classic Boat Tours of Door County, 9145 Spring Rd. - Fish Creek 920.421.2080
Door County Adventure Rafting, 4150 Maple St. - Fish Creek 920.559.6106
Door County Bike Tours, 9914 Water St. - Ephraim 920.839.5088
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 Nature and Travel, 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
Fish Tales Charters, Departs from Gordon Lodge - Baileys Harbor 920.868.1663
Grizzly Tours, Inc., 3538 Park Dr. - Sturgeon Bay 920.493.7315
Lakeshore Adventures, 8113 Hwy 57 - Baileys Harbor 920.493.3474
Segway the Door Tours, 3903 Hwy 42, Fish Creek 920.376.0256
Shoreline Scenic Cruises - Gills Rock, Shoreline Restaurant 920.421.0922
Shoreline Scenic Cruises - Sister Bay, Sister Bay Village Marina 920.854.4707
UP North Helicopters - Door County 651.332.0374
Pottawatomie Lighthouse

Location: On the north end of Rock Island State Park (Island is only accessible by boat).
History: Established 1836; rebuilt 1858, automated 1956.
Welcome: Rock Island State Park is open all year and is accessible by boat or the "Karfi" ferry. Grundy is always open, but it's a mile walk to reach the lighthouse. While the lantern room has been fully restored, it is not an active lighthouse. The active beacons shine from a separate skeleton tower located nearby. Open Saturday of Memorial Day weekend through Columbus Day weekend.

Eagle Bluff Lighthouse

Location: Perched on a bluff above Green Bay, Eagle Bluff Lighthouse is only accessible by Shore Rd in Peninsula State Park. A ferry is available at either park entrance.
History: Built in 1858, three keepers manned the light until 1926, when the navigational mechanism was automated.

Baileys Harbor Range Light

Location: At the North end of Baileys Harbor at 8207 Hwy 57 or follow Ridge Roads for a half mile to the beach parking lot.
History: Established 1883, automated 1923. Between 1869 and 1899 these range lights were used by navigators to safely round Baileys Harbor. Both are the single upper and lower lights on a breakwater to the west of the Sturgeon Bay Ship Canal. The Lanier Island light was in safe water. These lights were removed from service in 1964 and a direction light was placed atop the 41-foot tower located on a breakwater to the west of the canal. In 2003, the Range Station building was restored into the Range Station or Range Rooms. Restrictions: The range light structures are not open to the public, but the grounds are.

Cana Island Lighthouse

Location: 8800 East Cana Island Rd, Baileys Harbor. (Take County Q, two and a half miles. Sharp right turn on Cana Island Rd). Parking is available through the Island Clipper.
History: Land purchased 1836: Pier Head navigation light built 1882. Station built in 1899.

Canal Station Pier-head Lighthouse

Location: This fully operating US Coast Guard station is located at the Lake Michigan entrance to the Sturgeon Bay Ship Canal. Grounds are only open to the public during the Annual Lighthouse Festival.
History: Built in 1899, automated 1972. The bustling Coast Guard operating station is located at the mouth of the Sturgeon Bay ship canal. North of the Bay View Bridge, turn east onto Utah St, right on Cove Rd, left on Canal Rd to 2501 Canal Rd.

Sherwood Point Lighthouse

Location: Northern bank of the entrance to the Sturgeon Bay Ship Canal.
History: Built in 1899, automated in 1937. It is the last manned lighthouse on the US Great Lakes.
Restrictions: The entire facility is operated as a rest and recuperation area for active members of the US military on a rental basis. Your cooperation in maintaining the privacy of the residents is appreciated. Lighthouse is only open to the public during the Annual Lighthouse Festival in June.

Old Baileys Harbor Light

Built in 1852, removed from service in 1869. This unusual structure, with its unique enlarge lamp lantern room, is located on a breakwater on the east side of Baileys Harbor. It was originally a range light, but was later taken over by the U.S. Navy. It is now a private residence instead of repairing this light. The light is privately owned.

Chambers Island Lighthouse

Location: Located on the northwest corner of Chambers Island. The beacons are visible from the lighthouse.
History: Established 1848, automated 1961.
Welcome: Open from Memorial Day to Labor Day, Fri-Sun.
Information: Public restrooms available. Museum inside lighthouse. No transportation is available to the lighthouse. (920) 868-3100.

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 Plum Island light was too far out in the bay. The Pilots, however, were very active and needed a beacon. The lighthouse was removed in 1857 to be replaced with the structure in dire need of repair. The light is visible only by water and there is no trespassing on Coast Guard property.

Cana Island Lighthouse

Location: This lighthouse on Pilot Island is private owned.

Lights in Baileys Harbor instead of repairing this light. This light was abandoned and there is no public transportation available.

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