



LIGHTHOUSE PASSPORT WEEKENDS 2025

Tour and Excursion Schedule

Lighthouse Passport Days host tour excursions and experiences that are unique and only available on these days, as several of the lighthouses in Door County are not typically open to the public, including Chambers Island, Plum Island, and Sherwood Point. There are tours for all levels of activity and accessibility; some tours involve hiking. Boat tours depart from a variety of locations around the Peninsula, including Fish Creek, Gills Rock, Baileys Harbor, and Sturgeon Bay.

The revenue generated by ticket sales for Lighthouse Passport Days tour supports all the lighthouse heritage groups involved. Your dollars buy you an experience you'll never forget – and help keep these historic sites alive for future generations. The Door County Maritime Museum and Lighthouse Preservation Society, Inc. is proud to be a founding partner of this incredible event.

Lighthouse Airplane Tours

Departs from the Cherryland Airport, Sturgeon Bay.

Cost per flight includes seats for up to 3 people.

Take in the breathtaking views and all of the Door Peninsula's picturesque beauty during this airplane ride. You'll see eight Door County lighthouses, islands, village coast, Cave Point County Park, Whitefish Dunes, sunken schooners, and more!

					June 6	June 7	June 8	October 4	October 5
Cost	Length	Capacity	Intensity	Lunch	FRI	SAT	SUN	SAT	SUN
\$350	60min	03	2	N/A	1pm 3pm	8am 9:30am 11am 1pm 3pm	8am 9:30am 11am 1pm 3pm	8am 9:30am 11am 1pm 3pm	8am 9:30am 11am 1pm 3pm

[DCMM Events Reservation Link](#)



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Sherwood Point Lighthouse Self-Guided Grounds Tour

Discover the historic beauty of Sherwood Point Lighthouse with a self-guided tour of its grounds. A requested \$5 donation supports the Door County Maritime Museum & Lighthouse Preservation Society, Inc.

June 7	June 8	Oct 4	Oct 5
SAT	SUN	SAT	SUN
10am-4pm	10am-4pm	10am-4pm	10am-4pm

Sherwood Point Lighthouse Fireside Chat with Mr. Christianson

Meet at Sherwood Point Lighthouse, Sturgeon Bay.

Warm up by a roaring bonfire and indulge in delicious s'mores while a Door County Maritime Museum staff member shares the history and stories of the Sherwood Point Lighthouse and keepers, as well as the enduring mystery of Minnie's ghost. Don't forget to bring your own chair and a bottle of water.

					June 7	Oct 4
Cost	Length	Capacity	Intensity	Lunch	SAT	SAT
\$15	1.5 hour	25	2	N/A	7:30pm	5pm

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Whispering Lanterns at Cana Island Lighthouse

Meet in the parking lot at Cana Island Lighthouse, Baileys Harbor.

As dusk settles, with a bonfire crackling and lanterns glowing, witness the Cana Island Lighthouse's Fresnel lens cast its beam across Lake Michigan. Hear stories of past keepers and the rich history of the lighthouse from Cana Island's own keeper.

					June 6	June 7
Cost	Length	Capacity	Intensity	Lunch	FRI	SAT
\$20	1.5 hour	30	2	N/A	7pm	7pm

[DCMM Events Reservation Link](#)

The Beacon Hike (Cana Island and Ridges Sanctuary)

Meet at Cana Island Lighthouse parking lot, Bailey's Harbor.

At dusk, watch the Cana Island Fresnel lens beam over Lake Michigan. Hear stories of past keepers and the rich history of the lighthouse from Cana Island's own keeper. Then travel in your own vehicle to the Ridges Sanctuary Nature Center to learn about natural happenings after dark. You will be guided along a boardwalk trail to see the Baileys Harbor Range Lights shining. Explore evening natural adaptations, nighttime navigation and more.

					October 3	October 4
Cost	Length	Capacity	Intensity	Lunch	FRI	SAT
\$40	2.5 hour	14	3	N/A	5:15pm	5:15pm

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Cana Island Lighthouse

Explore Door County’s most iconic lighthouse, built in 1869 and celebrating more than 150 years of standing watch on the shore of Lake Michigan. Open 10am-5pm. The tractor and haywagon runs from 10am to 3pm daily. The last tower climb starts at 4:30pm. Regular Cana Island admission rates apply.

Adults – \$12; **Youth (5-17)** – \$10; **Seniors & Veterans** – \$10

Children 4 & under – Free (*There are age and height restrictions for children to safely climb the tower. They must be at least 5 years old and 42 inches tall.*)

Active Military (and up to five family members) – Free

Museum Members – Free ([click here](#) for membership information)

June 7	June 8	Oct 4	Oct 5
SAT	SUN	SAT	SUN
10am-5pm	10am-5pm	10am-5pm	10am-5pm

Additional Self-Guided Lighthouse Tours (Passport Days Spring/Fall)

- USCG Canal Station, Sturgeon Bay: Saturday/Sunday – 10am-4pm
- Eagle Bluff Lighthouse, Peninsula State Park: all weekend – 11am-3pm *
- Baileys Harbor Range Lights, The Ridges Sanctuary: all weekend – 11am-2pm *
- Pottawatomie Lighthouse, Rock Island: all weekend – 10am-4pm *
- Kewaunee Pierhead Lighthouse, Kewaunee: Saturday – 10am-4pm *
- Grassy Island Range Lights: all weekend – 10am-5pm *

** Donation suggested or admission fees apply at these locations*



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Lighthouse Trolley Tour

Departs from the Door County Trolley Station.

Enjoy seeing five mainland-accessible lighthouses, all while riding in the comfort of a Door County trolley – Eagle Bluff, Cana Island, Baileys Harbor Range Lights, Sherwood Point, and Sturgeon Bay Canal Lighthouse and North Pierhead Light.

					June 7	Aug 7
Cost	Length	Capacity	Intensity	Lunch	SAT	THUR
\$84.95	7 hours	29	1	Lunch included	9am	9am

Reservation Link: <https://doorcountytrolley.com/>

Chambers Island Tour

Boat departs from the dock at 9448 Spruce Street, Fish Creek.

A slightly hilly, 4-mile roundtrip hike gives you time to explore the interior of Chambers Island, and access the lighthouse. Docents lead your group across the island to the historic lighthouse, where lighthouse caretakers will meet your group.

					June 7	Aug 7	October 4
Cost	Length	Capacity	Intensity	Lunch	SAT	THUR	SAT
\$69.00	4 hours	56	4	Bring a box lunch	9am	9am	9am

Reservation Link: <https://doorcountybywater.com/fishcreekscenicboattours/>



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Door County Day Trips

Peninsula Day Trip

A luxury, guided day trip service offering a personal small group sightseeing tour of Door County with stops at popular farm markets, the best scenic locations, and lighthouses. Our vehicle is a late model luxury van with lots of room and full size comfortable plush leather seats. We can also pick you up from your hotel/BNB or meet at a central pickup location and we provide lunch so you can truly relax and enjoy your day.

Reservation Link: <https://www.doorcountydaytrips.com/>

Gills Rock to Plum Island

Boat Departs from Shoreline Hotel Marina, Gills Rock.

Your Passport Days adventure awaits you! Board the Friends of Plum and Pilot Islands' charter boat *The Shoreline* and travel to Plum Island, one of the islands that makes up the Green Bay National Wildlife Refuge. Plum Island is home to buildings that consisted of the 1895 US Life Saving Station that is currently under restoration by the Friends. Take the ½-mile path through the middle of the island to the 1897 Range Lights that continue to guide mariners. Climb the tower and view the Death's Door Passage, noted as the most dangerous body of fresh water in the world, rivaling ocean sites for navigational mishaps. Walk to the Front Range light to view nearby Pilot Island and learn about the folklore surrounding local legend, Robert Noble and the earlier lighthouse on the island. Get back on the boat to view *The Grape Shot* shipwreck and travel to Pilot Island to learn about the history of this island and restoration plans for this lighthouse. Additional tours: Tuesday & Saturday "**Deaths Door Lighthouse Cruise with a Stop on Plum Island**".

					June 6	October 3
Cost	Length	Capacity	Intensity	Lunch	FRI	FRI
<i>See website Reservation Link for cost</i>	2.5 hour	14	4	N/A	8:30am 9:45am 11am	8:30am 9:45am 11am

<https://www.plumandpilot.org/passport>



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Kewaunee Lighthouse Tours

Walk on this self-guided tour to the end of the south pier and climb to the top of the Kewaunee Pierhead Lighthouse! Our volunteers open the lighthouse for tours a few times a year, sharing the history of the lighthouse and our restoration efforts to hundreds of eager guests. Please click on the Reservation Link for dates and more information.

Reservation Link: <https://www.kewauneepierheadlighthouse.org/tours>

Gills Rock to Rock Island Tours

Departs from Gills Rock

Come experience the magic of Rock Island. Take the Friends of Plum and Pilot Islands charter boat *The Shoreline* from Gills Rock to Rock Island to enjoy a Rock Island history chat in the historic Thordarson Boathouse, then hike the 1.25 miles to the oldest lighthouse in Wisconsin, the Pottawatomie Lighthouse. You'll step back in time to 1910 to envision what life was like for a lighthouse keeper and their family with a guided tour followed by a scenic hike back to the dock. The Friends of Rock Island (FORI) have partnered with the Friends of Plum & Pilot Islands (FOPPI) along with the Wisconsin DNR to make this tour possible.

					June 7	August 7	October 4
Cost	Length	Capacity	Intensity	Lunch	SAT	THUR	SAT
<i>See website Reservation Link for cost</i>	5-6 hours	14	4	N/A	8am	8am	8am

Reservation Link: <https://www.plumandpilot.org/passport>

Sail Door County

The *Edith M Becker* is a mainstay on the waters of Sister Bay. Join us for a 2-hour charter with our skilled captains and crew! Heave a halyard with the crew or sit back and relax as we shut down our engine and see Door County as it was meant to be seen!

Reservation Link: <https://www.saildoorcounty.com/fleet>



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Shoreline Boat Tours

Sturgeon Bay Location

The East Tour departs from the Maritime Museum and proceeds westward under the historic Michigan Street Bridge to Bay Ship Fincantieri shipyard, circles over to Bullhead point then back under the bridge. From there, we head eastward under two more impressive drawbridges all the way through the Sturgeon Bay Ship Canal to the Coast Guard Station, Sturgeon Bay Ship Canal Light, and the Sturgeon Bay Ship Canal North Pierhead Lighthouse on Lake Michigan before returning to the Maritime Museum.

The West Tour departs from the Maritime Museum and proceeds westward under the historic Michigan Street Bridge to Bay Ship Fincantieri shipyard then over to Bullhead point near some shipwrecks. After that, we head westward along the shoreline past Potawatomi State Park out to the Sherwood Point Lighthouse before returning to the Maritime Museum

Baileys Harbor Location

On this tour we will visit multiple shipwrecks and multiple lighthouses. Venturing out onto Lake Michigan is a timeless boating experience that will stir your soul!

We start our journey by visiting a shipwreck in front of the Ridges Sanctuary swimming beach. From there, we cruise the sandy shoreline towards our next shipwreck, an abandoned tugboat, the Jimmy L. After that, we head over to the original Baileys Harbor Lighthouse nicknamed the “Birdcage” for reasons you will understand once you lay eyes on it! There are two more wooden shipwrecks in this vicinity as well. As we depart this area, we circle out a little further into Lake Michigan around a shallow rocky shoal to avoid becoming the next shipwreck! From there, we pass by Toft Point, Moonlight Bay and 4000 acres of protected lands. Then onward to the celebrated Cana Island Lighthouse, spending plenty of time to position for that perfect lighthouse photo!

On our way back to port, we will explore a number of other interesting and intriguing subjects. This is a great time to mingle, chat and for kids to earn their First Mate Status! Finally the Baileys Harbor Range Lights will guide us to safety back to the marina so we avoid landing on the beach and getting stuck in the sand!

Reservation Link: <https://shorelinedoorcounty.com/>



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Death's Door Lighthouse Cruise

Embark on the Death's Door Lighthouse Cruise from Gills Rock for a scenic journey through the historic waters of Door County. Witness the iconic Plum Island and Pilot Island lighthouses, along with the beauty of Washington Island, while learning about the area's rich maritime history and legendary shipwrecks.

Reservation Link: <https://doorcountybywater.com/deathsdoorboattours/tours/>

Plum Island Excursion

Plum Island, located between Washington Island and the tip of the Door Peninsula, has a unique history that only visitors to the island will experience firsthand. After our 30 min cruise to the island, guest will be able to exit the boat and hike around the island for a 2 hour experience that very few have endured. Maps will be provided to highlight the must sees, such as the Plum Island Lighthouse and the old U.S. Coast Guard lifesaving station. Feel free to bring any food or drinks on board to enjoy on the cruise back to Gills Rock.

**Tour availability TBD based on National Wildlife Refuge projects on the island in 2025.*

Reservation Link: <https://doorcountybywater.com/deathsdoorboattours/tours/>

Sunset Live Music Cruise

Relax and unwind on this scenic journey through Death's Door. Enjoy breathtaking views of Plum and Pilot Island lighthouses while listening to live music and brief narrations. This cruise offers a perfect evening on the water while watching a stunning Door County Sunset.

Reservation Link: <https://doorcountybywater.com/deathsdoorboattours/tours/>