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BRUCE COAST LIGHTHOUSE TOUR

In 2008, a to-scale replica of the Big Tub Lighthouse in Tobermory was installed in the "Lakes Neighbourhood" at the Vaughan Mills Shopping Centre just north of Toronto. It features a high-definition movie and interpretive panels on the Bruce Coast Lighthouse Tour.



Check it out



BRUCE COUNTY MUSEUM & CULTURAL CENTRE
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Archives

BRUCE COUNTY MUSEUM

The Bruce Coast, dotted with rocky shoals and hundreds of shipwrecks, is featured at the Bruce County Museum & Cultural Centre, in Southampton, Ontario. Learn about Bruce Coast lighthouses and lightkeepers, shipbuilding and shipwrecks, great storms and storm signals. Delve further into Bruce County's rich heritage and Great Lakes history in the Reading Room and Archives. The Bruce County Museum & Cultural Centre is a 39,000 square foot multi-purpose facility that features stunning interactive exhibits for visitors of all ages. Day camps, special events, conferences, and workshops are also regularly being hosted at the Museum. Come and visit the new Bruce County Museum & Cultural Centre and experience the unforgettable!

Operational Info

- Hours & Dates of Operation** Mon-Sat, 9am-5pm, Sun & Holidays, 1pm-5pm
- Admission Fee** Yes
- Accessible By** Car, bike or foot
- Guided Tours** Pre-arranged tours available
- Interior Access** Yes
- Washroom** Yes
- Gift Shop** Yes
- Phone** 866-318-8889
- Highlights** The best place to start the Bruce Coast Lighthouse Tour.



www.brucemuseum.ca



- Hours & Dates of Operation** Late June to Labour Day, open daily 10 am to 5 pm (subject to change)
- Admission Fee** Group rates available
- Accessible By** Car, Bus, & bike
- Guided Tours** Yes
- Interior Access** Yes
- Washroom** Yes
- Gift Shop** Yes
- Phone** 519 395-2494 (June - Labour day) or 519 395-2909 (year round)
- Highlights** Photographic setting, scenic drive, cycling & hiking trails

Operational Info

Built in 1859 to warn sailors of the shoal extending 3.2 kilometres offshore, its elegant proportions and limestone exterior are typical of the six "Imperial" towers built in the region, a lighthouse style rarely seen elsewhere in Canada. Acquired by Parks Canada in 1967 to commemorate the vital role of lighthouses in navigation on the Great Lakes, it still serves its primary function - an aid to navigation. The light keeper's dwelling, built at the same time as the lighthouse, is now operated as a museum by the Township of Huron-Kinloss. A breathtaking vista is your reward for climbing 114 stairs up the winding staircases at the Point Clark lighthouse.



Happy Outday



Stretching from Point Clark in the south to Tobermory in the north, the Bruce Coast Lighthouse Tour features 15 distinctive lighthouse and marine heritage sites along the shores of Lake Huron and Georgian Bay for you to explore. Climb to the top, take a tour boat ride, spot the Phantom Piper, experience world famous sunsets, paint or photograph, learn the history of marine navigation, see shipwrecks.

SUGGESTED ROUTE:

Begin your tour at the Point Clark Lighthouse and meander to Tobermory along the Lake Huron shoreline (2-3 days). After touring Tobermory sites, head back down the Peninsula along the Georgian Bay side and end your tour with a visit to the Bruce County Museum & Cultural Centre to see the Fresnel Lens. (2-3 days).

FOR COMPLETE TOUR INFORMATION

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or 800-268-3838

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- Hours & Dates of Operation** July 1st to Labour Day, 11 am to 5 pm daily
- Admission Fee** Yes
- Accessible By** Car, boat, bike or foot
- Guided Tours** Yes
- Interior Access** Yes, to the top of the tower
- Washroom** Yes
- Gift Shop** Yes
- Phone** 519 396-3150, 519 396-4336 or 800-268-3838
- Highlights** The only lighthouse located downtown. Enjoy the rich local Scottish heritage, ships and restaurants. The Phantom Piper pipes the sun down most evenings in the summer.

Operational Info

Built into the Kincardine harbour hillsides in 1874 to service a busy fishing and local salt shipping industry, this octagonal wooden tower is the only lighthouse 'downtown'. The Kincardine lighthouse sits 24.4 meters (74 feet) tall, atop a two-storey keeper's house. Sailors, recreational boaters and commercial fishermen can see the now electrified working light from 30 kilometres. The Kincardine Yacht Club hosts a marine museum inside.



History

KINCARDINE



Notes

TOURING NOTES:

- Some of the site tours do provide interpretation and guide service seasonally.
- The distance from Point Clark to Tobermory is approximately 210 km.
- Watch the weather. Sites which are only accessible by boat are highly dependent on good weather.
- Admission fees vary for each location. National Park fees apply for Flowerpot Island. For Island locations, tour boat fees apply.
- Wear appropriate footwear. Some offer hiking trails.
- Use this guide to plan your entire trip.

SEE THE POINT CLARK LIGHTHOUSE AS A CANADA POST STAMP

The Point Clark Lighthouse has been featured as one of 6 stamps in a set of Lighthouses that reflect Canada's rich marine history.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

2009 marks the second year of some very special celebrations here on the Bruce. John Brown's famous Imperial Towers began turning 150 years old in 2008. The Griffith, Point Clark, Cove Island and Chantry Lights have all reached this significant milestone.

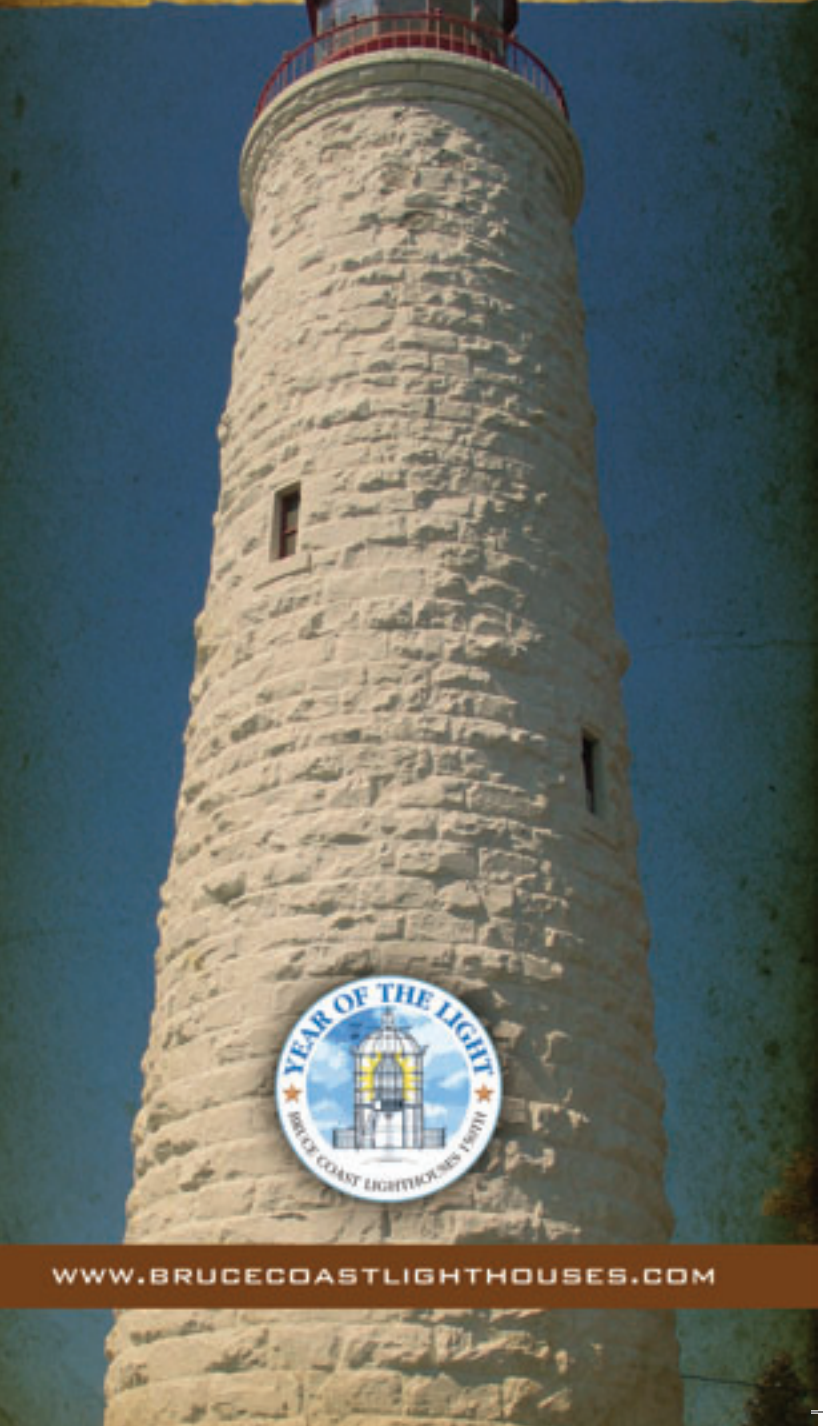
THE RANGE LIGHTS OF SOUTHAMPTON



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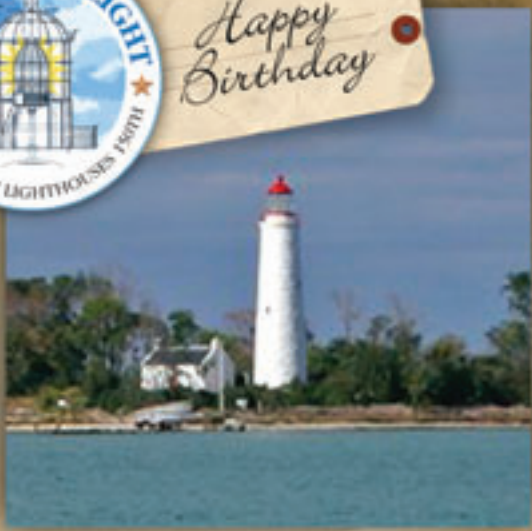
THE LIGHTHOUSE DESTINATION
IN GREAT LAKES CANADA



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Happy Birthday



CHANTRY ISLAND LIGHTHOUSE

Over 50 known shipwrecks surround Chantry Island and its imperial tower, a testament to the rocky shoals and deadly storms that make this area one of the most treacherous in the Great Lakes. Chantry Island was first lit on April 1, 1859 and celebrates its 150th birthday this year. Home to over 25,000 pairs of mating birds, Chantry Island is a Federal Wildlife migratory bird sanctuary. The local Marine Heritage Society offers lighthouse tours, which are the only way to access the island. Also be sure to check out the Range Lights that guide boats into the mouth of the Saugeen River.

Operational Info CHANTRY ISLAND LIGHTHOUSE

Hours & Dates of Operation Excursions offered throughout the summer. Check tour base for times.

Admission Fee \$25.00 inclusive

Accessible By Tour excursions offered by the Southampton Marine Heritage Society. Space is limited.

Guided Tours Yes, all excursions include a tour of the lightkeeper's quarters, lighthouse & restored gardens.

Interior Access Yes

Washroom Yes

Gift Shop Yes

Phone 519-797-5862 (local) or 866-797-5862 (toll free)

Highlights Offshore view from the top of the tower, boat excursions, birding, historic coastal town.



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History

LION'S HEAD LIGHTHOUSE

Set beneath the majestic Niagara Escarpment, this little lighthouse has endured more hardship than the mariners it guided. The first light was established in 1903 and was rebuilt several times due to the harsh conditions of Georgian Bay. Automation in 1969 finally replaced the attractive structure with a metal post and light until a group of high school students built a replica model that stands in its place today. The light once again guides boats safely back into this beautiful port.

Operational Info LION'S HEAD LIGHTHOUSE

Hours & Dates of Operation Year Round

Admission Fee No

Accessible By Car, boat, bike or foot

Guided Tours N/A

Interior Access No

Washroom Yes - In Marina

Gift Shop N/A

Phone 800-268-3838

Highlights Photographic setting, easy access in town

From Hwy 6 follow Bruce Road 9 east at Ferndale to Lions Head. Turn left and follow signs to harbour.



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History

KNIFE ISLAND LIGHTHOUSE & LYAL ISLAND RANGE LIGHT

Rocky shoals and islands in the Stokes Bay area made marine navigation very difficult. In 1885 a 17.3 metre (50 foot) wooden range light was erected on the west shore of Lyal Island. The light was eventually automated in 1959 and replaced by the present day steel navigational tower. Additional navigational aids were required in these waters and a lighthouse was built on nearby Knife Island. The Knife Island lighthouse still stands but a steel tower light is in use today. Access to these sites is best suited to the experienced canoeist or kayaker. The relatively shallow waters of Stokes Bay can provide for a great daytrip (weather permitting).

Operational Info KNIFE ISLAND LIGHTHOUSE & LYAL ISLAND RANGE LIGHT

Hours & Dates of Operation Seasonal, by boat only

Admission Fee No

Accessible By Canoe, kayak, private powerboat (no charters)

Guided Tours N/A

Interior Access No

Washroom No

Gift Shop No

Phone 800-268-3838

Highlights Photographic setting, great day paddle



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History

COVE ISLAND LIGHTHOUSE

One of the most dramatic structures on the Bruce Coast, the Cove Island Lighthouse has been marking passage between Lake Huron and Georgian Bay since 1858. This Imperial Tower structure built by John Brown is similar in style to those at Point Clark, Chantry Island and Griffith Island. The tower, original house and fog plant, a workshop, and keeper's homes make up the light station today. The lighthouse can only be viewed by private boat. Access to the island is restricted.

Operational Info COVE ISLAND LIGHTHOUSE

Hours & Dates of Operation Only during tour boat season

Admission Fee Access to Cove Island is restricted

Accessible By Blue Heron Cruises - 519-596-2999 www.blueheronco.com

Guided Tours N/A

Interior Access No

Washroom No

Gift Shop No

Phone 800-268-3838

Highlights Photographic setting



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History

CABOT HEAD LIGHTHOUSE

On the most northeastern tip of the Bruce Peninsula, perched 24 metres above Georgian Bay, the Cabot Head Lighthouse has guided ships since 1896. Named in honour of explorer John Cabot, the original tower was demolished in 1968 and replaced with an automated light. In 1987 it became an "unmanned" light. Since 1990, The Friends of Cabot Head have restored the lightstation as a museum. The organization also hosts an "Assistant Lightkeepers" program, supports local artisans in the "Shipwreck Art Gallery" and welcomes day use visitors.

Operational Info CABOT HEAD LIGHTHOUSE

Hours & Dates of Operation May 1st to Thanksgiving Weekend - 10am - 7pm

Admission Fee By donation only

Accessible By Car, boat or bike

Guided Tours Self-guided using tour brochure

Interior Access Yes

Washroom Yes

Gift Shop Yes

Phone 519-795-7780 or 800-268-3838

Highlights Museum, self guided tour, natural setting, spectacular views of the Niagara Escarpment and Georgian Bay, scenic drive, gallery and picnic area



From Hwy 6, follow Dyer's Bay Road east. Proceed right at T-intersection and drive slowly through the cottage community of Dyer's Bay; follow the shore road all the way to the lightstation. Option - Park at the Municipal Parking lot on top of the hill (left hand side) and cycle to the lighthouse (14 km return).

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www.cabothead.ca



History

FLOWERPOT ISLAND LIGHTHOUSE

Rich in history like the sea stacks along the shoreline, the Flowerpot Island Lighthouse has been guiding ships through this busy shipping channel for over a century. The lighthouse was built on Castle Bluff in 1897. Four years later a keeper's home was built down on the shore. In 1969 the lighthouse was replaced with an automated steel tower. The Friends of Fathom Five National Marine Park, concerned about preserving the marine history of the island, have restored the remaining buildings.

Plan to spend a couple of hours on the island. Bring a lunch, visit the museum in the Lightkeeper's home, hike the trails, explore the cave, climb to the observation deck, and swim in the cool, clear waters of Georgian Bay.

Operational Info FLOWERPOT ISLAND LIGHTHOUSE

Hours & Dates of Operation Tour Boats operate from mid May to Thanksgiving. Lighthouse museum open July & August & by chance during the rest of the season

Admission Fee Parks Canada fee applies to access Island

Accessible By Tour Boat from Tobermory

Guided Tours Parks Canada & Lighthouse Volunteers

Interior Access To Museum in Lightkeeper's home

Washroom At Boat Dock & at Lighthouse - see our 'Loo with a View'

Gift Shop Yes

Phone 800-268-3838

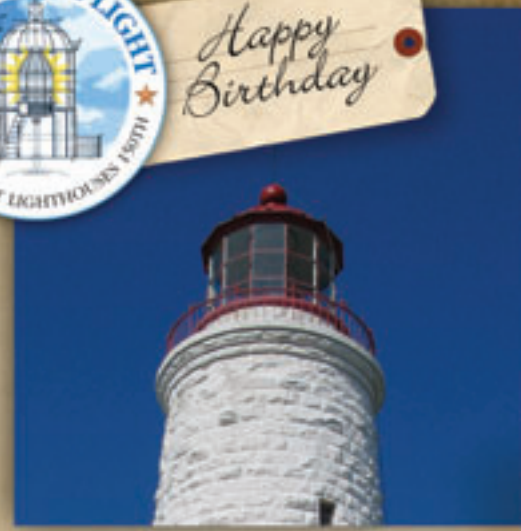
Highlights Glass bottom tour boat access, shipwrecks, caves, Flowerpots, hiking



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Happy Birthday



History

GRIFFITH ISLAND LIGHTHOUSE

The Griffith Island Lighthouse, one of John Brown's Imperial Towers was built on the east shore of the Island in 1859 and will celebrate 150 years of protecting sailors in 2009. The keeper's house is near collapse, while the lighthouse structure remains intact. The Island is privately owned and the light station maintained by the Coast Guard. It is only visible by private boat from the water. Access is not permitted.

Operational Info GRIFFITH ISLAND LIGHTHOUSE

Hours & Dates of Operation N/A

Admission Fee No

Accessible By No

Guided Tours N/A

Interior Access No

Washroom No

Gift Shop No

Phone 800-268-3838

Highlights Photographic setting from the water



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History

CAPE CROKER LIGHTHOUSE (NEYAASHIINIGAMING)

The first Lighthouse at Cape Croker was built in 1898 to protect ships from a nearby shoal. The original structure was replaced by the existing tower, which is made entirely of concrete. Interestingly it was the first light station in Canada to have the fog plant and lighthouse powered by electricity. It is also one of only three lighthouses on Georgian Bay that had Fresnel lens. The original lens is now displayed at the Bruce County Museum and Cultural Centre, in Southampton. Please respect local culture when visiting this site. Cape Croker is home to the Chippewas of Nawash. The lighthouse is not available for tours but can be photographed.

Operational Info CAPE CROKER LIGHTHOUSE

Hours & Dates of Operation Seasonal

Admission Fee No

Accessible By Car or bike

Guided Tours N/A

Interior Access No

Washroom No

Gift Shop No

Phone 800-268-3838

Highlights Photographic setting



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