

LIGHTS of the LAKES

More than 200 active lighthouses can be found along the nearly 11,000 miles of coastline in the 5 Great Lakes.

The Fresnel (Fray-NEL) Lens was invented in 1822. The glass prisms focus the light into a strong beam. They were made in Paris and came in 6 sizes, called Orders. The First Order, the largest, stands 7 feet tall!



SPLIT ROCK
TWO HARBORS, MN
The most visited lighthouse of the Great Lakes

ROCK HARBOR
ISLE ROYALE, MI

STANNARD ROCK
MICHIGAN
The most remote from land, nicknamed "The Loneliest Place on the Continent"

CARIBOU ISLAND
ONTARIO, CANADA

ROCK OF AGES
EAGLE HARBOR, MI

SUPERIOR

TWO HARBORS
TWO HARBORS, MN

BIG BAY POINT
BIG BAY, MI
This lighthouse is now a bed and breakfast

GRANITE ISLAND
MICHIGAN

WHITEFISH POINT
WHITEFISH POINT, MI
The lightship HURON served for over 50 years and was the last operating lightship on the Great Lakes

SS Edmund Fitzgerald
("The Mighty Fitz") sank off Whitefish Point on Nov. 5, 1975.

LION'S HEAD HARBOUR
LION'S HEAD, ONTARIO

BUFFALO OLD MAIN
BUFFALO, NY
Oldest of the lighthouses built in the U.S.

RASPBERRY ISLAND
APOSTLE ISLANDS, WI

KEWEENAW WATERWAY UPPER ENTRANCE
HAWCOCK, MI

EAST CHANNEL
MUNISING, MI

WHITE SHOAL
MICHIGAN
The tallest lighthouse (121 ft)

SAULT STE MARIE



BUFFALO NORTH BREAKWATER
BUFFALO, NY

DULUTH NORTH PIERHEAD
DULUTH, MN



EAGLE BLUFF
FISH CREEK, WI

Tenders transported food, supplies and personnel to and from lighthouses.

HYACINTH
LIGHTHOUSE TENDER



The U.S. Life Saving Service later became the U.S. Coast Guard

RAWLEY POINT
TWO RIVERS, WI

GRASSY ISLAND RANGE LIGHTS
GREEN BAY, WI



Sport was rescued from Lake Michigan and adopted by the crew of the lighthouse tender, the HYACINTH

NORTH POINT
MILWAUKEE, WI



KENOSHA PIERHEAD
KENOSHA, WI

GROSSE POINT
EVANSTON, IL

WIND POINT
RACINE, WI

The U.S. Light House Service was established in 1789.



Drive the Lake Michigan Circle Tour and see 105 lighthouses!

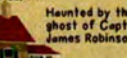
CHICAGO HARBOR
CHICAGO, IL

OLD MICHIGAN CITY
MICHIGAN CITY, IN

WHITE RIVER
WHITEHALL, MI
Haunted by the ghost of Captain James Robinson!



POINT BETSIE
FRANKFORT, MI



BIG SABLE POINT
LUDINGTON, MI



ST. JOSEPH HARBOR
ST. JOSEPH, MI



TOLEDO HARBOR
TOLEDO, OH



MARBLEHEAD
MARBLEHEAD, OH
Oldest lighthouse in continuous operation (since 1821)



ROUND ISLAND
MACKINAC ISLAND, MI



ALPENA BREAKWATER
ALPENA, MI
Last lighthouse to be automated



WHITEFISH POINT
WHITEFISH POINT, MI



FORT GRATIOT
PORT HURON, MI



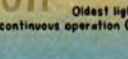
PORT CLINTON
PORT CLINTON, OH



DALHOUSIE RANGE REAR
ST. CATHERINES, ON



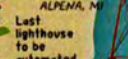
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ASHTABULA, OH



HURON LIGHTSHIP



KINCARDINE
KINCARDINE, ON



GODERICH
GODERICH, ON



POINT ALBINO
FORT ERIE, ON



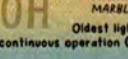
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NIAGARA, NY



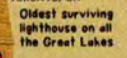
PRESQUE ISLE NORTH PIER
ERIE, PA



FAIRPORT HARBOR
FAIRPORT HARBOR, OH



GIBRALTAR POINT
TORONTO, ON
Oldest surviving lighthouse on all the Great Lakes



NINE MILE POINT
SIMCOE ISLAND, ON



WINDMILL POINT
PRESCOTT, ON



CHARLOTTE-GENESSEE
ROCHESTER, NY
Oldest active surviving lighthouse on Lake Ontario (1822)



FORT NIAGARA
NIAGARA, NY



ROCHESTER



FAIRPORT HARBOR
FAIRPORT HARBOR, OH

