

Site

Fees (Subject to change)

Open for tours?

Handicap access

Restrooms

Drum Point

Free grounds and light

Yes

Grounds and museum

Yes, in museum

Cove Point

Free grounds and light

Base only

No

No

Point Lookout

\$3 pp State Park fee

Yes

Grounds

Yes, in museum

Piney Point

\$2 pp to climb

Yes

Grounds

Yes, in museum

Ft Washington

\$3 per vehicle, Nat. Park fee Base only

Grounds

Yes, in park

All lighthouse watercolors courtesy of Donna Elias - www.donnaelias.com Door prizes courtesy of Harbour Lights.



Complete both the Maryland & New Jersey Lighthouse Challenges and receive an additional souvenir. Complete all three Challenges and receive a specially designed "Triple Crown" certificate.

Maryland Lighthouse Challenge Contact
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Long Island 4th Annual Lighthouse Challenge
May 17 and 18, 2008
Long Island Chapter, U.S. Lighthouse Society
29745 Main Road
Cutchogue, New York 11935
www.lighthousesociety.org

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October 18 and 19, 2008
11 Lighthouses and
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The New Jersey Lighthouse Society
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www.njlhs.org

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www.cheslights.org

The Chapter Volunteer Program, since 1997, assists local organizations in the preservation and maintenance of Bay area lighthouses. Our Education and Speakers programs provide public services that offer an accurate source of information about Bay lighthouse history, architecture and heritage.

The Chesapeake Chapter sponsors visits and cruises to land-based and offshore lights and other facilities. Through the cooperation of the U.S. Coast Guard and other organizations, many of our trips include access to lighthouses normally closed to the general public.

The Challenge is the only time of year the lighthouses are open simultaneously for public access and climbing wherever possible. *If you love lighthouses, this is one event you won't want to miss!*

Over the course of this September weekend, participants will have the opportunity to visit nine land-accessible lighthouses, one lightship, and two optional "bonus lights" at some of the most scenic Chesapeake Bay area locations statewide. You do not have to visit the lighthouses in any particular order.

The Challenge is a weekend-long driving tour of Maryland's land-accessible lighthouses. For each lighthouse visited, you will receive a complimentary souvenir depicting that lighthouse. Our volunteers will be at each location 8:00 am - 6:00 pm (unless otherwise noted) to greet and to assist you. In celebration of 2008 being an election year, participants who visit every light along the Challenge route (excluding bonuses), will not only receive a special souvenir to mark their accomplishment, but will also be able to "cast a vote" for their favorite Challenge light!

On September 20 and 21, 2008, the Chesapeake Chapter of the U.S. Lighthouse Society and the lighthouse organizations of Maryland will welcome you to the 6th Annual Maryland Lighthouse Challenge - "Road to the Lighthouse".



Blackistone Lighthouse Replica
Photo courtesy: St. Clement's Island Museum

Presented by:
The Chesapeake Chapter
of the U.S. Lighthouse Society

and the following lighthouse organizations:
The Baltimore Maritime Museum; Blackistone Lighthouse Foundation and St. Clement's Island Museum; The Calvert Marine Museum; The Chesapeake Bay Maritime Museum; Fort Washington National Park; The Friends of Concord Point; Turkey Point Light Station, Inc.; Piney Point Lighthouse Museum and Historic Park; Point Lookout Lighthouse Preservation Society; Point Lookout State Park and Sandy Point State Park.

Event Sponsors:
Cecil, Harford, Prince George's, St. Mary's and Talbot counties; Baltimore Area Convention and Visitors Association; Blackistone Lighthouse Foundation.



A NEW BONUS Light has been added!



Sandy Point Shoal
Photo courtesy: Alma Pasek

Join Us
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Concord Point

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Grounds

No

Seven Foot Knoll and Chesapeake Lightship

\$2 pp to climb/board \$6 - \$15 parking fee

Yes

Pier only

Yes, surrounding restaurants

Hooper Strait

\$5 pp grounds and light

Yes

Grounds and museum

Yes, in museum

Turkey Point

Elk Neck State Park
410-287-8170 www.tpls.org
GPS: 39 ° 27' 00" latitude, 76 ° 00' 31" longitude

Note: Once you arrive in Elk Neck State Park you must follow the signs to the designated parking area. A FREE shuttle will be available there to take you to the lighthouse path. You must arrive at the parking area no later than 5 p.m. to allow enough time to get to the lighthouse. There is an .8 mile hike to the lighthouse.

From Interstate I-95

Exit at North East Interchange exit 100 on to State Route 272 (across US Rt. 40) through the town of North East. Continue south on MD Route 272 for approx. 10 miles then begin looking for signs to Lighthouse Challenge parking (in Elk Neck State Park).

From Concord Point (approx. drive time 40 min)

From the intersection of Lafayette and Union Avenue, turn right onto Union. Proceed 0.9 mi. to Otsego St. (Rt.7) at railroad underpass. Turn left on Otsego St., go 0.5 mi. to Rt. 40. Turn right and continue on Rt. 40E for 9.2 mi. (over the Hatem Bridge, \$5.00 toll) to Rt. 272. Turn right on Rt. 272, follow for approximately 10 mi. (thru town of North East), then begin looking for signs to Lighthouse Challenge parking (in Elk Neck State Park).

Concord Point

Havre de Grace, MD
410-939-3213 directorcpt@verizon.net
GPS: 39 ° 32' 27" latitude, 76 ° 05' 06" longitude

From Turkey Point (approx. drive time 40 min)

Follow Rt. 272 out of town of North East for approximately 10 mi. to Rt. 40W (Pulaski Highway). Turn left on Rt. 40W, follow for 9.2 mi. to Rt. 7 (Otsego Street). Turn left, follow 0.5 mi. to end of Otsego at railroad underpass. Turn right onto Union Avenue, proceed 0.9 mi. to Lafayette Street. Turn left on Lafayette. Lighthouse is directly ahead, parking on street.

From Seven Foot Knoll (approx. drive time 50 min)

From Pratt Street past Inner Harbor, get in far left lane, turn left onto President Street. Take next left onto Lombard Street, follow straight 0.7 mi. (10 traffic signals) to Howard Street. Turn left on Howard, continue straight to 395S. Proceed 1.0 mile to 95N on-ramp towards New York. Take 95N approx. 36 miles (thru Fort McHenry Tunnel, \$2.00 toll) to Exit 89, Rt. 155. Bear right to Rt. 155 off ramp, proceed 1.3 mi. to Rt. 40. Bear right onto Rt. 40, go 0.4 mi. to traffic light. Bear left at traffic light onto Otsego Street (Rt. 7), follow 0.5 mi. to end of Otsego at railroad underpass. Turn right onto Union Avenue, proceed 0.9 mi. to Lafayette Street. Turn left on Lafayette. Lighthouse is directly ahead, parking on street.

Seven Foot Knoll / Chesapeake Lightship (LV-116)

Inner Harbor, Baltimore, MD
410-396-3453 www.baltomaritimemuseum.org
GPS: 39 ° 17' 10" latitude, 76 ° 36' 31" longitude

Note: Challenge souvenirs/volunteers will be at lighthouse only.

From Concord Point (approx. drive time 50 min)

At the intersection of Lafayette and Union, turn right onto Union. Proceed 0.9 mi. to Otsego (Rt. 7) at railroad underpass. Turn left on Otsego, then right on Juniata Street, then left on Superior. Follow signs to 95S towards Baltimore. Take 95S approx. 36 miles (thru Fort McHenry Tunnel, \$2 toll). Take Exit 53, Rt. 395. Go past the first sign directing you to the Inner Harbor. Proceed to Pratt Street and turn right at Convention Center. Proceed on Pratt and park in street, garage, lot or metered parking in the vicinity of Pier 5. Lighthouse is located at end of Pier 5. Suggestion: Pier V (Five) Parking Garage (Pier V at Pratt)

From Hooper Strait (approx. drive time 1 hr 20 min)

From Museum parking lot, turn left on Talbot Street (East Rt. 33), go 9.5 mi. to Rt. 322. Turn left on Rt. 322, proceed 2.0 mi. to Rt. 50W at traffic signal. Continue straight onto Rt. 50W, then 39.8 mi. (crossing Bay Bridge, no toll) to exit 21, Rt.97N. Proceed 21.3 mi. on Rt. 97N to 695W (exit 17A-toward Baltimore). Drive 2.0 mi. to exit 7B, the Baltimore Washington Parkway (Rt. 295). Follow parkway 5.3 mi. to Pratt Street in downtown Baltimore. Turn right on Pratt, proceed past the Convention Center to Baltimore's Inner Harbor. Park in street, garage, lot or metered parking in the vicinity of Pier 5. Lighthouse is located at end of Pier 5. Suggestion: Pier V (Five) Parking Garage (Pier V at Pratt).

BONUS: Sandy Point Shoal!

Sandy Point State Park, Annapolis, MD
www.dnr.state.md.us/publiclands/southern/sandypoint.html
GPS: 39 ° 1' 1" latitude, 76 ° 24' 1" longitude

Note: This caisson lighthouse is NOT a required stop along the Challenge route. Vehicle passengers can clearly view the lighthouse from the western portion of the Bay Bridge. You will cross this bridge on Rt. 50 between Baltimore (Seven Foot Knoll) and St. Michaels (Hooper Strait). You can enter the park for a closer view. Souvenirs and Challenge volunteers WILL NOT be set up at this location. A souvenir of this lighthouse will be available at the Baltimore location for all Challengers whether or not they choose to enter the park. Park fees: \$5 pp/\$6 pp out of state.

Directions: The Park (open 6 am to sunset) is at the western terminus of the Bay Bridge; follow the signs to Sandy Point State Park - exit 32. The guard can direct you to the lighthouse.

Hooper Strait

Chesapeake Bay Maritime Museum
St. Michaels, MD

410-745-2916 www.cbmm.org
GPS: 38 ° 47' 00" latitude, 76 ° 13' 00" longitude

Note: Challenge set-up outside main museum entrance. If you do not wish to enter the museum grounds to access the lighthouse, souvenirs will be available at the main museum entrance (no charge). Please note that the lighthouse will close promptly at 6:00 p.m. on Saturday evening due to another scheduled event.

From Seven Foot Knoll (approx. drive time 1 hr 20 min)

From Pratt Street past the Inner Harbor, get in far left lane, turn left onto President Street. Take next left onto Lombard Street, follow straight 0.7 mi. (10 traffic signals) to Howard Street. Turn left on Howard, continue straight onto 395S. Proceed 1.0 mile to 95S on-ramp towards Washington. Take 95S 3.6 mi. to left lane exit 49A to 695E (Glen Burnie/Annapolis). Follow 695E 4.0 mi. to Rt. 97S junction towards Annapolis. Proceed approx 18 mi. on 97S to Rt. 50E. Take 50E 40.8 mi. (cross Bay Bridge, \$2.50 toll) to Rt. 322, just north of Easton. Bear right onto Rt. 322, go 2.0 mi. to Rt. 33 (St. Michaels Road). Turn right on Rt. 33, proceed 9.5 mi. to Chesapeake Bay Maritime Museum entrance (in downtown St. Michaels just beyond Mill Street). Turn right into museum parking area.

From Drum Point (approx. drive time 2 hrs 20 min)

Exit Calvert Marine Museum and turn right onto Rt 2, then follow to left lane entrance onto Rt. 2-4 North to Annapolis. Proceed approx 28 mi. to Rt. 2 North. Turn right on Rt. 2 N toward Annapolis, drive approx. 13 mi. to traffic circle, then right on Rt.2 North (Annapolis). Proceed straight on Rt. 2 (Solomons Island Rd.) approx 13 mi. to Rt. 50E (on-ramp). Drive approx. 40 mi. on Rt.50 E (crossing Bay Bridge, \$2.50 toll) to Rt. 322, just north of Easton. Bear right onto Rt. 322, go 2.0 mi. to Rt. 33 (St. Michaels Road). Turn right on Rt. 33, proceed 9.5 mi. to Chesapeake Bay Maritime Museum entrance (in downtown St. Michaels just beyond Mill Street). Turn right into museum parking area.

Drum Point and Cove Point

Calvert Marine Museum, Solomons, MD
410-326-2042 ext. 41 www.calvertmarinemuseum.com
GPS: 38 ° 23' 10" latitude, 76 ° 22' 55" longitude

Last shuttle to Cove point will depart at 5:30 p.m.

Note: You will not be able to access Cove Point directly. Mandatory (FREE) shuttle will be from the Calvert Marine Museum.

From Hooper Strait (approx. drive time 2 hrs 20 min)

From Museum parking lot, turn left on Talbot Street (East Rt. 33), go approx. 10 mi. to Rt. 322. Turn left on Rt. 322, proceed 2.0 mi. to Rt. 50W at traffic signal. Continue straight onto Rt. 50W for approx. 40 mi. (cross Bay Bridge – no toll) to Exit 23A (Parole) to Rt. 2 South (Solomons Island Rd.). Continue approx. 13 mi. to traffic circle, follow sign to Rt. 2 to Prince Frederick. Proceed approx. 13 mi., bear left on Rt. 2-4 South to Prince Frederick/Solomons. Continue straight approx. 28 mi. to Solomons Island Rd. exit just before Gov. Thomas Johnson Bridge. Follow signs to the Calvert Marine Museum.

From Point Lookout (approx. drive time 45 min)

Leave the Point Lookout State Park via the main drive. Continue north on Route 5 for 7.1 miles - until you reach the blinking light at Route 5 and Route 235. Turn right onto Route 235N. Continue north on Rt. 235, for 17.3 miles, pass the Patuxent River Naval Air Station. Turn right onto Route 4 north. Continue on Route 4 N for 4 miles. Cross over the Thomas Johnson Bridge to Solomons, MD. After crossing the bridge - bear right immediately and follow signs for the Calvert Marine Museum. Turn left into the museum complex.

Point Lookout

Point Lookout State Park, MD
301-872-5688

www.dnr.state.md.us/publiclands/southern/pointlookout.html

GPS: 38 ° 02' 19" latitude, 76 ° 19' 20" longitude

From Drum Point (approx. drive time 45 min)

From the Calvert Marine Museum, follow Route 4 South over the Thomas Johnson Bridge. Continue on Route 4 for 4 miles to traffic light. Turn left onto Route 235 South. Follow Route 235 for 17.3 miles to Route 5 South. Route 235 dead ends at blinking light at Route 5. Turn left onto Route 5. Continue towards the Point Lookout State Park. The lighthouse is located at the end of Route 5 within the park. Stay on the main drive through the park until you reach the lighthouse or designated parking for the Challenge.

From Piney Point (approx. drive time 30 min)

Go back out Lighthouse Road, 1.4 miles. Turn left onto Rt. 249N and continue for 7.7 miles. Turn right onto Rt. 5 S and continue heading south (20.8 miles) passing through St. Mary's City. Follow signs to Point Lookout State Park. The lighthouse is located at the end of Route 5 within the park. Stay on the main drive through the park until you reach the lighthouse or designated parking for the Challenge.

Piney Point

Museum and Historic Park, Piney Point, MD
301-769-2222 www.stmarysmd.com/recreate/museums
GPS: 38 ° 08' 07" latitude, 76 ° 31' 48" longitude

From Point Lookout (approx. drive time 30 min)

Return to Route 5. Turn left onto Rt. 5 North for 20.8 miles. In Callaway, turn left onto Rt. 249S (Piney Pt. Road) and continue for 7.7 miles to Lighthouse Road. (Maryland Landmark sign). Turn right and follow Lighthouse Road for 1.4 miles to the end and the parking area for the lighthouse.

From Fort Washington (approx. drive time 1.5 hrs)

SHORT CUT: (using Old Fort Road South) This route is NOT recommended for RVs, extra long vehicles. Exit Park onto Fort Washington Road, turn right onto Old Fort Road South (a winding two lane road) and return to Route 210 (Indian Head Highway) then follow directions at**.

STANDARD ROUTE (for all vehicles): Exit park onto Fort Washington Road and return to Route 210**.

**Turn right on route 210 south. Turn left onto Route 228 East. Follow Route 228 to Route 5 South. At Route 5/Route 235 split, continue on Route 5 South until you come to State Route 249 in Callaway. Turn right at traffic signal onto Route 249 South (Piney Point Road) and go approx. 7.7 miles to Lighthouse Road. (Maryland Landmark sign). Turn right and follow Lighthouse Road for 1.4 miles to the end and the parking area for the lighthouse.

BONUS: NEW for 2008! Blackistone Lighthouse Replica

St. Clement's Island Museum, Colton's Point, Maryland
GPS: 38 ° 13' 27.6" latitude, 76 ° 45' 5" longitude

Last boat to the Island departs at 5:00 PM

Note: Bonus Lights are optional and do not count towards Challenge completion. Chesapeake Chapter volunteers WILL NOT be set up at this location. (You will need to allow an additional 1 to 1 1/2 hours at this location, plus an additional 45 minutes driving time)

Visiting this replica will require a short boat ride to and from the St. Clement's Island Museum (\$5.00 charge), and a 1/2 mile walk to and from the lighthouse. High winds/heavy rains could cause boat cancellation. Call ahead in the event of inclement weather (301) 769-2222. You will be able to pick up the Blackistone Lighthouse souvenir at the lighthouse ONLY. Tower will be open for climbing/Donations welcome. Handicapped Access – Museum on mainland only.

To: Blackistone Lighthouse

From Fort Washington (approximately 1.5 hours)

Exit park onto Fort Washington Road and return to Rt. 210. Turn right on Rt. 210S and proceed 6 mi. to Rt. 228E. Turn left and continue 8.7 mi. crossing the Rt. 301 intersection just before merging onto Rt. 5S. Continue on Rt. 5S for 17.9 mi. to 5/235 split. At Rt. 5/235 split, bear right and continue on Rt. 5S to Rt. 242 in Morganza. Turn right at blinking light onto Rt. 242S and continue 4 mi. to traffic signal in Clements. Proceed straight on Rt. 242 for approx. 9 mi. to Colton's Point. Turn left on Bay View Road at St. Clement's Island Museum sign. Follow road to Museum parking area on the left.

Blackistone Lighthouse Replica directions continued

From Piney Point (approx. drive time 45 min)

Return to Rt. 249N via Lighthouse Road (1.3 mi.). Make a left onto Rt. 249N and drive approx. 7.7 mi. to traffic signal. Make a left onto Rt. 5N and drive 10.2 mi. Turn left on Rt. 234. Continue 3.5 mi. to stop light in Clements. At light, turn left on Rt. 242. Continue on Rt. 242 for approx. 9 mi. to Colton's Point. Turn left on Bay View Road at St. Clement's Island Museum sign. Follow road to Museum parking area on the left.

From Blackistone Lighthouse:

To Piney Point (approximately 45 minutes)

Exit St. Clement's Island Museum parking area by turning right on Bay View Road. At the stop sign turn right on Rt. 242N, drive approx. 9 mi. to traffic signal in Clements. Turn right onto Rt. 234S. Continue 3.5 mi. and merge onto Rt. 5S. Continue on Rt. 5S 10.2 mi. to Rt. 249 in Callaway. Turn right at traffic signal onto Rt. 249S (Piney Point Road) and go approx. 7.7 mi. to Lighthouse Road. Turn right and follow Lighthouse Road for 1.4 mi. to museum parking area on the right.

To Fort Washington (approximately 1.5 hours)

Exit St. Clement's Island Museum parking area by turning right on Bay View Road. At the stop sign turn right onto Rt. 242N, drive approx. 9 mi. to traffic signal in Clements. Go straight (across intersection) and continue on Rt. 242N for approx. 4 mi. to stop sign. Turn left onto Rt. 5N and drive 4.7 mi. to traffic signal. Go left and continue on Rt. 5N for 16.9 mi. Rt. 5/301 turns right, BUT YOU CONTINUE STRAIGHT on Business 5N for 1.7 mi. until you cross Rt. 301 and road becomes Rt. 228. Continue on Rt. 228 for approx. 7 mi. where Rt. 228 goes to the right and becomes 210N. Continue on 210N for approx. 6 mi. Turn left onto Fort Washington Road. Continue 3.3 mi. to the park entrance. Make a right off the main road onto L'Enfant Road (sign points to "Fishing Area/Lighthouse"). Follow L'Enfant Road down to the River. There is a sign in the parking area at the end of the road. Walk the last few 100 yards to the Light Tower.

Fort Washington

Fort Washington National Park, MD
301-763-4600 www.nps.gov/fowa
GPS: 38 ° 42' 44" latitude, 77 ° 02' 14" longitude

Note: Challenge participants must mention at the park entrance that they are participating in the Challenge to receive the fee reduction.

Directions are subject to change because of ongoing construction in the vicinity of the Woodrow Wilson Bridge. Look for updates at www.cheslights.org

From Piney Point (approx. drive time 1.5 hrs)

Return to route 249N via Lighthouse Road (1.3 mi.). Make a left onto route 249N and drive approx 7 mi. Make a left onto Rt. 5N and drive 19.1 mi. to a dead end, turn left and continue on 5N for 16.9 mi. Follow Business 5N for 1.7 miles until you cross 301. Continue on Rt. 228 for 6.6 mi where Rt 228 goes to the right and becomes 210N.

Continue on 210N for 5.8 miles. Turn left onto Fort Washington Road. **

From VA or MD on I-95 (Capital Beltway)

From Virginia - driving on I-95 North, take Exit 3A, the second exit after crossing the Wilson Bridge, marked "Indian Head, Route 210 South". Go south on Route 210 and turn right on Fort Washington Road **

From Maryland - I-95 South take Exit 3, Route 210 marked "Forest Hgts / Indian Head" and follow signs for 210 South to Indian Head. Go south on Route 210 for 6.3 miles to the intersection with Fort Washington Road. Turn right on Fort Washington Road. **

** Stay on Fort Washington Road and go 3.3 miles to the park entrance. Make a right off of the main road onto L'Enfant Road (sign points to "Fishing Area Lighthouse") Follow L'Enfant Road down to the river. There is a parking area at the end of the road and then walk the last few 100 yards to the light tower.

Challenge Information

- Visit our website, cheslights.org/challenge.htm, for up-to-date Challenge information, detailed maps and alternate driving routes and park pass info.
- Merchandise commemorating this event will be available at several sites along the route.
- Complimentary Souvenirs available as long as supplies last.
- Fees, schedules and access to lighthouses are set by each Maryland lighthouse organization and are subject to change.
- This event will be held RAIN or SHINE. Hours 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. both days.
- One or more of the Challenge lights require that anyone climbing the lighthouses must have shoes on with heel support - i.e., cannot climb in flip flops, open sandals without a strap around the heel, etc.
- 42 inch height requirement to climb Concord and Turkey Point Lights. Children must be accompanied by an adult.
- Some of the lighthouse locations and gift stores do not accept credit cards.
- Bay Bridge Traffic can be monitored on 570AM WTNT (DC) or 96.7FM (Easton, MD).