

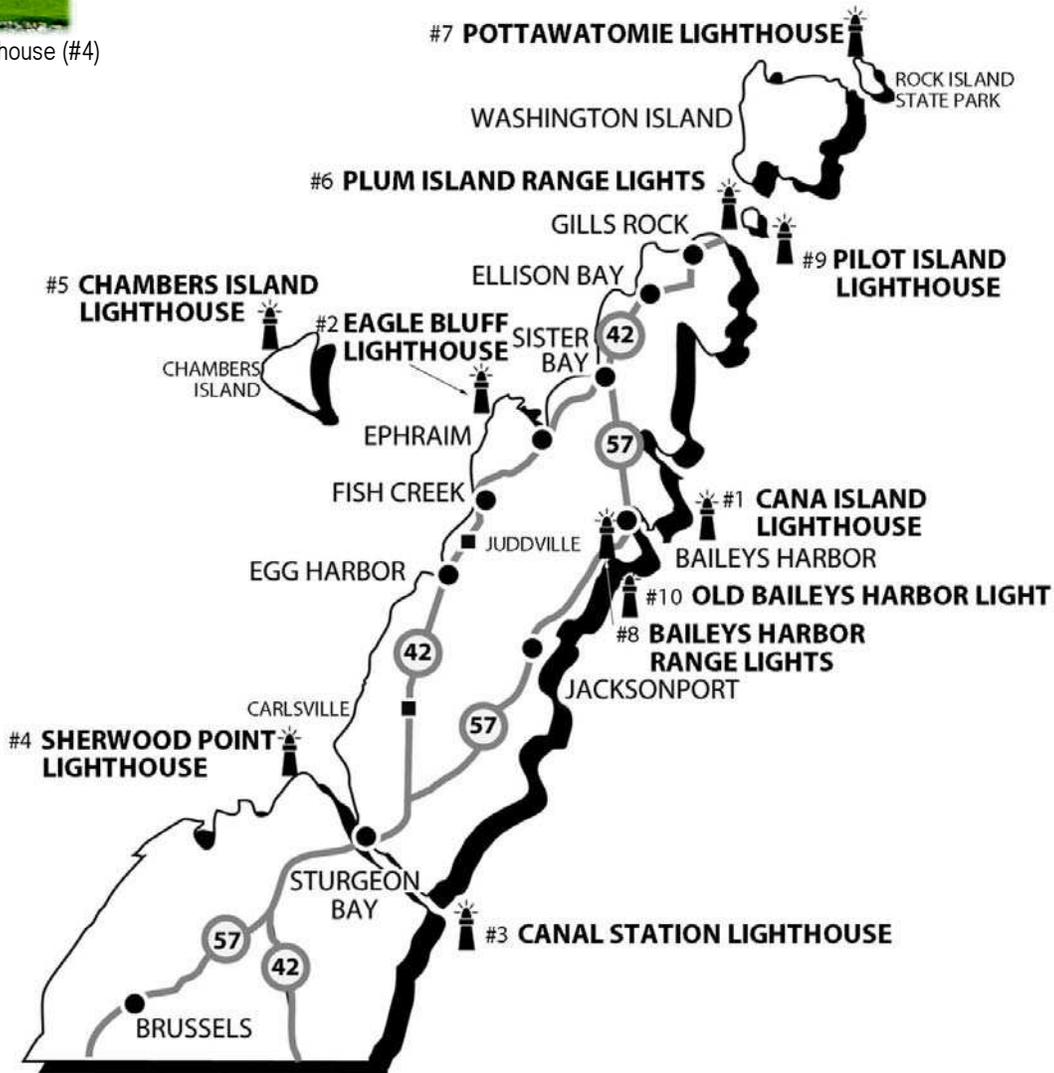


Sherwood Point Lighthouse (#4)

# Door County Lighthouse Map



Canal Station Lighthouse (#3)



Plum Island Range Light (#6)

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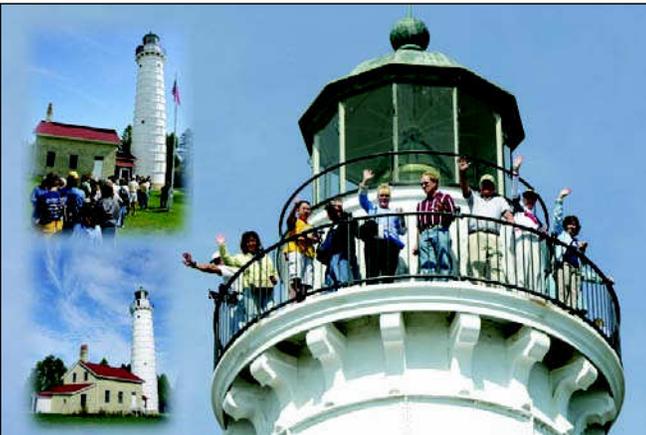


Pilot Island Lighthouse (#9)

## Door County Lighthouses

The Door County Peninsula's 300 miles of shoreline, much of it rocky, gave need for the lighthouses so that sailors of the 19<sup>th</sup> and early 20<sup>th</sup> centuries could safely navigate the lake and bay waters around the Door peninsula & surrounding islands.

### # 1 Cana Island Lighthouse



*Tower is only open to public during Lighthouse Walk weekend in May*

**Location:** Take County Q at the North edge of Baileys Harbor to Cana Island Rd. two and a half miles (Note: Sharp Right Turn on Cana Island Rd). Roadside parking is very limited. Please respect private property when parking. The island is not accessible by car.

**History:** Established in 1869 and it was automated in 1944. The island is operated as a museum by the Door County Maritime Museum & Lighthouse Preservation Society.

**Restrictions:** Be careful when walking the causeway to the island because it is rough and at times is covered with water. There are limited toilet facilities and no potable water on the island. No bicycles allowed as the island is a designated natural area. **Welcome:** The grounds are open daily from 10-5 (May through Mid-October) for hiking, photography, and painting. An informational bulletin board is located on the grounds.

**Information:** Phone (920) 743-5958  
Door County Maritime Museum & Lighthouse Preservation Society - [www.dcm.org](http://www.dcm.org).

### # 2 Eagle Bluff Lighthouse

**Location:** Follow Hwy. 42 to the North end of Fish Creek to the entrance of Peninsula State Park. You must pay a park admission fee when you enter the park. Inquire about the directions to the lighthouse at the park's front entrance. **History:** The lighthouse was established in 1868 and automated in 1926. Restoration began in 1960 by the Door County Historical Society. The lighthouse has been open for tours since 1964.

**Welcome:** Tours are \$4 for adults, \$1 for students, and children 5 and under are free. Tour hours are daily from 10-4, late May through mid-October. Tours depart every 30 minutes. The park maintains a parking lot and restrooms adjacent to the grounds.

**Information:** Phone (920) 839-2377 or online at [www.EagleBluffLighthouse.org](http://www.EagleBluffLighthouse.org). Maintained and operated by the Door County Historical Society.

### # 3 Canal Station / Pierhead Light

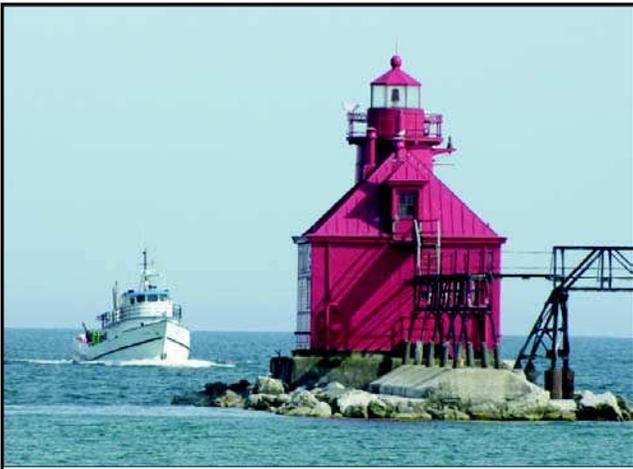
**Location:** This fully operating US Coast Guard station is located at the Lake Michigan end of the Sturgeon Bay ship canal. Just North of the Bay View Bridge, turn right onto Utah St, then right on Cove Road, then left on Canal Road and follow to the canal station.

**History:** Land purchased in 1836: Pier Head navigation built in 1882. The Station was built with a tower light in 1899: renovated 1903: automated in 1972.

**Restrictions:** No public restrooms. Parking is limited to the outer parking lot. The break wall (pier) is only open to the public. (those in wheelchairs may be driven to the breakwater to be discharged or picked up).

**Welcome:** To the outer parking lot and the driveway to the breakwater. Come during the daylight hours; enjoy the view, take pictures, or fish (license is required). The overhead catwalk is OFF LIMITS. Please remember that this is a working station.

**Information:** Phone (920) 743-3366



**Canal Station Pierhead Light (#3 on map)**

### **# 4 Sherwood Point Lighthouse**

*This lighthouse is only open to the public during the annual Door County Lighthouse Walk that is held the third weekend in May.*

**History:** Established in 1883: Automated in 1983. This was the last manned lighthouse on the Great Lakes.

**Restrictions:** All visiting is discouraged because the entire facility is operated as a rest and recuperation area for active members of the U.S. Military on a rental basis. Your cooperation in maintaining the privacy of the occupants is appreciated.

### **# 5 Chambers Island Lighthouse**

**Location:** It is located on the Northwest corner of Chambers Island. This lighthouse is only accessible by boat. **History:** Established in 1858, automated in 1961. **Welcome:** Lighthouse is open from Memorial Day to Labor Day when a caretaker is in residence.

**Restrictions:** No facilities on the beach or at the lighthouse.

**Information:** Phone (920) 868-3100

### **# 6 Plum Island Range Lights**

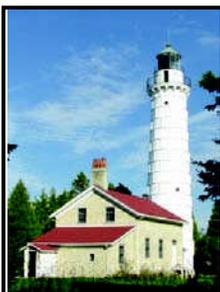
**Location:** Between Washington Island and the tip of the Door Peninsula. The rear range light tower, keepers' dwelling, and fog signal building can be seen from the Washington Island Ferry. The front range light can only be seen from a boat approaching the Porte Des Morts passage from Lake Michigan. **History:** Established in 1895 and automated in 1969. **Restrictions:** The entire Island is Govt. owned and maintained by the U.S. Coast Guard. Special permission must be obtained to tour the island.

**Contact:** Commanding Officer  
U.S. Coast Guard Group  
2420 S. Lincoln Memorial Dr.  
Milwaukee, WI 53207-1997

**Information:**  
Phone: (920) 468-6874 (Aids to Navigation Team, Green Bay)  
or  
Phone (920) 847-2554 (Coast Guard Station on Washington Island, June - mid-September).



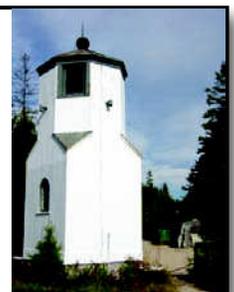
**Eagle Bluff Lighthouse (#2 on map)**



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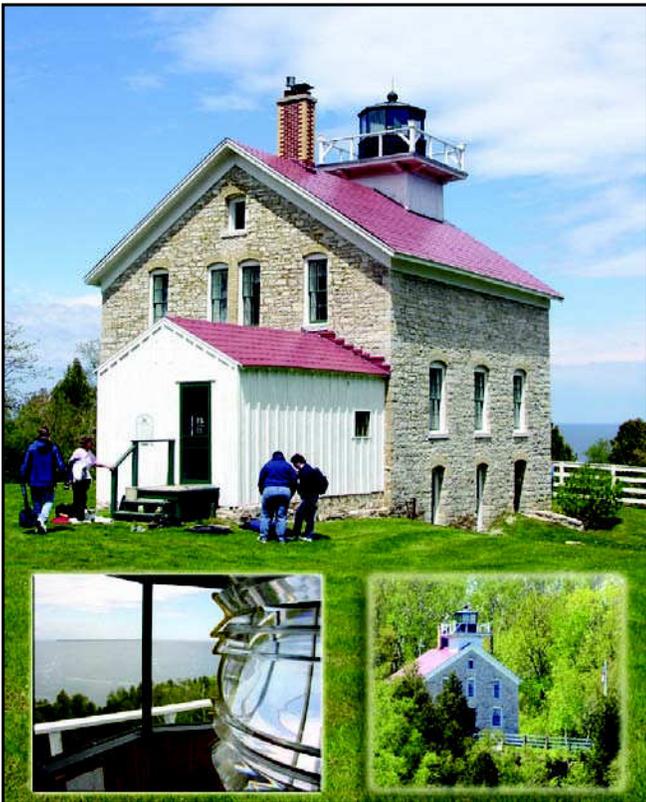
- Cana Island Lighthouse (*left*), #1 on map
- Eagle Bluff Lighthouse, #2 on map
- Canal Station Lighthouse, #3 on map
- Baileys Harbor Range Lights (*right*), #8 on map

*These four lighthouses are accessible by vehicle and visitors are welcome.*



## # 7 Pottawatomie Lighthouse

**Location:** On the North end of Rock Island State Park (ONLY accessible by boat). The Rock Island “Karfi” makes regular trips from Washington Island. **History:** Established in 1836 it was rebuilt in 1858 and automated in 1956. **Welcome:** Rock Island State Park is open all year and is accessible by the “Karfi” from Memorial Day to Columbus Day weekend in October. The grounds of the lighthouse are always open, but it involves over a mile walk to reach the lighthouse. While the lantern room has been fully restored, it is not an active light. The active beacon shines from a separate skeleton tower located nearby. Open Memorial Day to Columbus Day, Monday-Saturday from 10 AM to 4 PM. **Information:** Phone (920) 847-2235 April to November or (920) 854-2500 December to March.



*Built in 1836, Pottawatomie Lighthouse (above), which is located on Rock Island State Park, was Wisconsin's (and Lake Michigan's) very first lighthouse. Visitors can tour the restored lighthouse during the summer and fall.*

## # 8 Baileys Harbor Range Lights

**Location:** At the North end of Baileys Harbor turn right at the Sandpiper Restaurant on the corner of Hwy 57 and follow Ridges Road for a half mile to the beach parking lot. **History:** Established in 1869, automated in 1923. Between 1869 and 1969 these range lights were used by navigators to safely enter Baileys Harbor. When the unique upper and lower lights were lined up with one light over the other, the sailor knew he/she was in safe water. These lights were removed from service in 1969 and a directional light was placed atop a 31-foot tower on the shore (near the lower range light). In 1993, the Ridges Sanctuary restored both range lights. **Restrictions:** The range light structures are not open to the public, but the grounds are. **Information:** contact the Ridges Sanctuary at (920) 839-2802.

## #9 Pilot Island Lighthouse

Built in 1858, automated in 1962. The light on Plum Island (built in 1848, no longer exists) was the original light to mark the way through Porte des Morts, the passage between the tip of the Door Peninsula and Washington Island. But ship owners and captains complained to the Lighthouse Board that the Plum Island light was too far to the west, so President Buchanan built the lighthouse on Pilot Island. Built of Cream City brick, this graceful structure is in dire need of repair. Narrated boat tours are available through the Island Clipper and Shoreline Charters. Also visible aboard the Washington Island Ferry.

## #10 Old Baileys Harbor Light

Built in 1852, removed from service in 1869. This unusual structure, with its unique bird cage lantern room, is located on an island near the town of Baileys Harbor. It was abandoned in 1869 when the Lighthouse Board decided to build Range Lights in Baileys Harbor instead of repairing this light. Private.