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Your Lighthouse Tour Guide



Stop 1: National Museum of the Great Lakes

- **Address:** 1701 Front Street Toledo, Ohio
- **Website:** nmgl.org
- **Notes:** A great place to start your tour and learn about the maritime history of the Great Lakes.

Stop 2: Toledo Harbor Lighthouse

- **Viewable From:** Maumee Bay State Park Beach, 1400 State Park Road, Oregon, Ohio
- **Tours:** Inside is not currently open to visitors. Viewable via boat or with binoculars from the beach.
- **Special Access:** Boat tours available during the Toledo Lighthouse Festival (check website for dates).
- **Lighthouse Website:** toledolighthouse.org
- **Festival Website:** toledolighthousefestival.org

Stop 3: Port Clinton Lighthouse

- **Location:** Waterworks Park, West State Route 163, Port Clinton, Ohio
- **Tours:** Inside tours available during the Port Clinton Lighthouse Festival and on Saturdays, from noon until 5 p.m., Memorial Day through September 2.
- **Website:** portclintonlighthouse.org
- **Festival Website:** portclintonlighthouse.org/2019-festival

Stop 4: South Bass Island Lighthouse

- **Location:** 2368 Langram Road, Put-In-Bay, Ohio
- **Note:** You'll need to take a ferry to South Bass Island.
- **Tours:** Check current availability on the website.
- **Website:** ohioseagrant.osu.edu/visit/south-bass-lighthouse

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Stop 5: Marblehead Lighthouse

- **Location:** Marblehead Lighthouse State Park, 110 Lighthouse Dr, Marblehead, Ohio
- **Tours:** Open daily from 12pm–4pm, Memorial Day Weekend through Labor Day
- **Website:** ohiodnr.gov/go-and-do/plan-a-visit/find-a-property/marblehead-lighthouse-state-park

Stop 6: Vermilion Lighthouse

- **Location:** 480 Main Street, Vermilion, Ohio
- **Tours:** Inside not open to the public
- **Website:** cityofvermilionohio.gov/2025-Main-Menu-Folder/2025-Parks-and-Recreation/2025-Parks-Department/Beach-and-Park/Main-Street-Beach-Park

Stop 7: Lorain Harbor Lighthouse

- **Location:** View from Mile Long Pier, Lorain, Ohio
- **Tours:** Boat tours available; Check current events and schedules at: lorainlighthouse.com/upcomingevents
- **Viewing:** Best viewed with binoculars from the pier or by tour boat.
- **Website:** lorainlighthouse.com

Stop 8: Fairport Harbor West Breakwater Lighthouse

- **Location:** View from Headlands Dunes State Nature Preserve
9601 Headlands Road, Mentor, Ohio
- **Tours:** Inside not accessible – Private Residence
- **Website:** fairportharborwestlighthouse.com/

Stop 9: Fairport Harbor Lighthouse & Marine Museum

- **Location:** 129 2nd St, Fairport Harbor, Ohio
- **Museum & Tours:** Tours of the lighthouse and museum are available year round. Visit website for more information.
- **Website:** fairportharborlighthouse.org/

NOTES:

- **Best Time to Visit:** Late spring through early fall (May-September) offers the best weather and most tour availability.
- **Admission Info:** Check individual websites for ticket prices or free admission policies.
- **Travel Tips:**
 - Some lighthouses are only viewable from a distance or via boat.
 - Allow extra time for ferry rides (South Bass Island).
 - It can get windy out there, you might want to take a jacket.
 - Pack binoculars and a camera!