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Some Passport Stamp Collection Reminders

As summer approaches and more lighthouses are open to the public, here are just a couple of reminders about collecting stamps for your passport book:

- Be sure and donate a dollar when you receive the stamp.
- If the lighthouse is closed when you arrive and they participate in the stamp program (see list of participating sites on the Club website), you can send them a SASE and a dollar requesting a copy of the stamp.
- If no stamp is available (e.g. pier lights and off shore lights) you can substitute a photo taken while visiting a location. However, you must reduce the size of these images to fit in one square of your book and then affix them accordingly. Try and include the date you visited. Also, if you are striving to create an “stamp only” book, you may want to put these photos in a second book,

For a complete list of FAQ’s about collecting stamps go to the Club website and click on “Guidelines.”

Member Flashbacks (Feedback from Club Members)



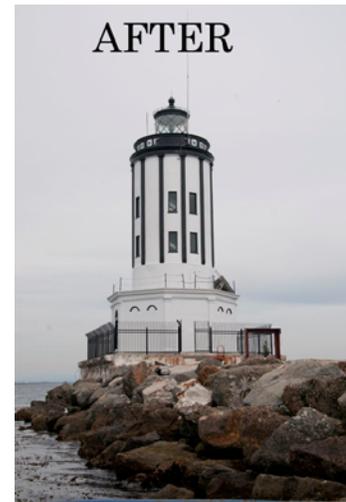
We have found out that there is a stamp for the **Angel’s Gate Lighthouse** (Los Angeles Harbor) available at the Point Fermin Lighthouse. You can get a distant view from the lighthouse and also from Angel’s Gate Park nearby. Here is the location and contact information for Point Fermin:

Point Fermin Lighthouse
807 Paseo Del Mar; San Pedro, CA 90731;
(310) 241-0684

Website:
<http://www.pointferminlighthouse.org>
Email: kristen.heather@lacity.org

Thanks to Passport Club member Eric Reese who provided this update.

Eric also informed us that the Point Fermin Lighthouse has two stamps. So a stop here will net you 3 stamps!



Also note that the Angels Gate Lighthouse has undergone a \$1.8 million restoration funded through the Cabrillo Beach Boosters Club. Might be worth revisiting!

Another site with a stamp not currently listed is the **McGulpin Point Lighthouse** near Mackinaw City, MI. This lighthouse was recently purchased and restored by Emmet County and is now open for climbing. Location & Contact Information:



McGulpin Point Lighthouse
500 Headlands Drive
Mackinaw City MI 49701
231.436-5860.

Open: June-Sept 10 a.m.-8 p.m. and October: Noon-5 p.m.

Website: <http://www.emmetcounty.org/mcgulpin>

Email: info@emmetcounty.org

Thanks to Passport Club member Kelly Dishnow for letting us know about this stamp!

Accessing the Point San Luis Lighthouse Stamp

We have heard from the keeper's of the Point San Luis Lighthouse near San Luis Obispo, CA that they are now offering Trolley Tours to the lighthouse EVERY Saturday (our list of participating sites currently indicates only the first and third Saturdays). This increases your access to both the lighthouse and its stamp. To get a seat on one of the trolley rides up to the lighthouse call 805-540-5771.



New Stamps for Isle Royale Lighthouses

New stamps have been created for the four lighthouses around Isle Royale, Michigan. They are the Rock of Ages, Passage Island, Rock Harbor and Isle Royale (Menagerie Island) Lighthouses. Society members participating in the Western Lake Superior tour that will be going to Isle Royale National Park in July will be the first to obtain these stamps. After the tour is over we will inform Passport Club members where the stamps will be permanently located.

New Stamp Designs

Over time, some stamps are misplaced, lost or become worn out. Many of the older stamps were designed by Rusty Nelson, a long time Society member. Many of these designs are no longer available since Rusty passed away. When a stamp needs replacing and we no longer have the original design, a new design is created. You may already have the older design stamp in your Passport. If you happen to return to the same lighthouse, you can get the newly designed stamp and count it towards your total. If you are really lucky, you may find a lighthouse where they still have both! The location of the stamp(s) is found on the Passport Club website. Below the old designs are on the right and new designs are on the left.

New Whaleback Ledge (New Hampshire) Design



New Cape Cod Lighthouse Massachusetts (Highland Light) Design



New Grand Haven (Michigan) Design



New Old Point Loma (California) Design



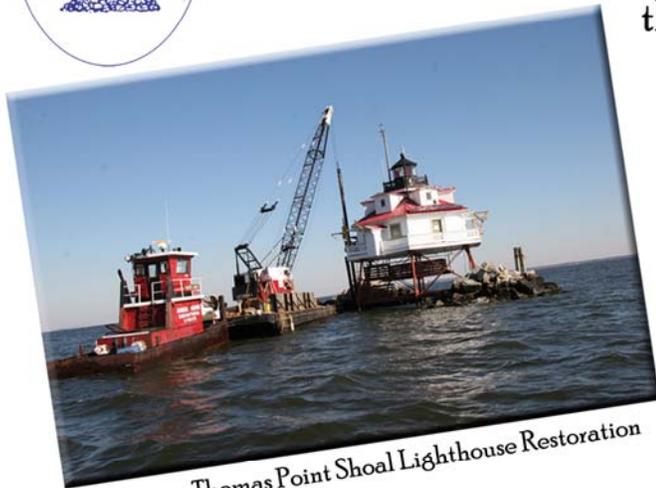
Final Thought

Remember, if you find stamps not listed on our website, second stamp locations, lighthouses with two stamps or any other information you feel would be useful for Passport stamp hunters, please send an email to: passportclub@uslhs.org. Summer time is the prime time to collect stamps so share any interesting stamp hunting experiences or issues you encounter.



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