



# STAMP FLASHES

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## Summer is for Passport Stamp Hunting!

Summer time means lighthouses are open and it is the best time of the year to get lots of passport stamps. Remember to donate at least \$1 when you get the stamp. Also, we have received some new information which makes stamp hunting easier. For example, we have updated the participating locations web page for the following lighthouses to reflect better when and where their stamps are available:

**Sturgeon Point Lighthouse, Michigan**  
**40 Mile Point Lighthouse, Michigan**  
**Tawas Point Lighthouse, Michigan**  
**Cheboygan River Range Front Lighthouse, Michigan**  
**(Cheboygan Crib Light added)**  
**Detour Reef Lighthouse, Michigan**  
**Table Bluff Lighthouse, California**



Detour Reef Lighthouse

## Second Stamp Locations

Getting two stamps at the same lighthouse is always a bonus. Sometimes they are located nearby, but in other instances you may have to drive a short distance to obtain one of the stamps. Here are more two stamp locations:

### South Haven Lighthouse, Michigan

There is a second stamp with a different design available at the South Haven Chamber of Commerce, 606 Phillips Street, South Haven, MI, 269-637-5171  
Email: [cofc@southhavenmi.com](mailto:cofc@southhavenmi.com)

### Thirty Mile Point, New York

There is a second stamp with a different design available at the office at the west entrance to the park (where you register for the campgrounds).

### Miles Rock Lighthouse, California

As previously reported one stamp is located at Fort Point Historic Park at the South anchorage of the Golden Gate Bridge. A second stamp with a different stamp design is available at the Cliff House Gift Shop, 1090 Point Lobos, San Francisco, CA 94121, Phone: 415-386-3330 . Open: Sun-Thur: 9-6, Fri & Sat: 10-8:30.



Thirty Mile Point Lighthouse

### **Pigeon Point Light Station, California**

There are two stamps available here. One is at the hostel and the other is at the park bookstore. Currently, the bookstore is open Fri – Mon, 10 am – 4 pm.

### **Battery Point Lighthouse, California**

Two stamps are available for this lighthouse. One is at the lighthouse which currently is open April – September, tides permitting, 10 am – 4 pm Wed – Sun. The second stamp is at the Del Norte County Historical Society in Crescent City.

### **New Listings**

Every week we are adding new lighthouses to the increasingly popular Passport Stamp Program. Remember, if you are aware of a lighthouse that does not have one of our stamps be sure and contact them to see if they would be interested in joining the program. One critical aspect of the program is making sure that there is a location at or near the lighthouse that is willing to take on the responsibility of providing the stamp to visitors. Here are some new listings:



Georgetown Lighthouse

### **Georgetown Lighthouse, South Carolina**

The location for the Georgetown lighthouse has been left off our list of participating sites. This omission has now been corrected.

Stamp is available at: The Carolina Rover & Winyah Bay Mercantile  
715 Front St., Georgetown, SC 29442. 843-546-8822 (In SC) or 800-705-9063

Website: [www.roverboattours.com](http://www.roverboattours.com)

Email: [info@roverboattours.com](mailto:info@roverboattours.com)

### **McGulpin Point Lighthouse, Michigan**

500 Headlands Drive, Mackinaw City, MI 49701 231-436-5860. Open June-Sept: 10am-8pm and October: Noon-5pm

Website: [www.emmetcounty.org/mcgulpin](http://www.emmetcounty.org/mcgulpin)

Email: [info@emmetcounty.org](mailto:info@emmetcounty.org)

### **Middle Island Lighthouse, Michigan**

Located 2.5 miles offshore in Lake Huron.

Middle Island Lighthouse Keepers Association

5671 Rockport Road, Alpena, MI 49707

Stamp is available with Capt. Mike who leads cruises to the lighthouse. 989-595-6722 (End of May – Mid October) 239-417-1762 (Rest of the year)

Website: [www.middleislandlighthouse.com](http://www.middleislandlighthouse.com)

Email: [captmike@core.com](mailto:captmike@core.com)

### **Patos Island Lighthouse, Washington**

On Patos Island 5 miles NNW of Orcas Island & 18 miles N of Friday Harbor, San Juan Island. Accessible only by boat. Open most summer weekends from Mid-June through Labor Day, weather & tide dependent. For more information:

Website: [www.patoslightkeepers.com](http://www.patoslightkeepers.com)

Email: [patoslightkeepers@hotmail.com](mailto:patoslightkeepers@hotmail.com)

### **Southwest Reef (Berwick) Lighthouse, Louisiana**

Town of Berwick, 3225 Third Street, Berwick, LA 70342; (985) 384-8858. Stamp is located inside Town Hall Building at front desk. 3rd Order Fresnel Lens and historic fog bell also on display.

Website: [www.townofberwick.org/index.php/lighthouse.html](http://www.townofberwick.org/index.php/lighthouse.html)

## Member Flashbacks (Feedback from Club Members)

First, thanks to Passport Club members Alex Kim and Jeannette O'Neal for providing us with updates and/or new information about some of our participating sites. We could not keep track of all the changes that occur without your assistance.

Second, we have received some questions about the program from members that we will try to clarify here.



**Fresnel Lens Stamps** - A number of these are available in addition to stamps for a particular lighthouse. For example, there is a stamp for the Destruction Island Lighthouse lens at the Westport Maritime Museum in Washington. Another example, as reported in a previous Flash, is two lenses (one from Assateague and the other from Fort Washington) which are located in the Museum of Chincoteague Island. These stamps count just like a lighthouse stamp towards your award levels. If you become aware of one of these Lens stamps, please let us know.

**Non Stamp Substitutes** – Some lighthouses do not have a stamp but instead provide a sticker that can be included in your passport book. This is perfectly acceptable if the sticker depicts or directly identifies the lighthouse involved. A good example is the lighthouse in Fond du Lac Wisconsin. While they don't have a stamp at the Fond du Lac Convention & Visitors Bureau, they do have a sticker. Also, sometimes on USLHS Tours we provide stickers to participants for offshore lighthouses or others that do not have an appropriate place to leave a stamp.

## USLHS Tours

One of the bonuses of taking a USLHS Tour is adding a bunch of stamps to your Passport Book. Participants in recent and upcoming tours to Hawaii, Texas and Isle Royale have even acquired a number of new stamps. Next year's domestic tours to Southern/Central California (April), Massachusetts (May), Northern Lake Michigan (June), Outer Banks (June), Alaska (August) and Maine/New Hampshire (October) all provide great opportunities to fill that Passport Book. Details and updates on these tours and international tours are available to Society members in upcoming Bulletins.



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