

Lighthouse Tours Treat yourself, your family and friends to a memorable, guided, and educational tour. The 2-1/2 hour tour includes a round trip ride on a licensed charter boat on Saturdays from mid-June through August. Light refreshments will be served. Advance registration and payment are required. Call **231-597-6844** or email ToursandKeepers@DRLPS.com.

Lighthouse Keeper Program Lighthouse aficionados as well as those seeking a unique getaway will enjoy this 3-day and 2-night adventure. Keepers will assist with light maintenance and the tour program. Four to six keepers are in residence from Friday afternoon through late Sunday from mid-June through August. Keepers provide their own linens and meals. Call **231-597-6844** or email ToursandKeepers@DRLPS.com.

Access onto the Lighthouse

All participants must be physically capable of climbing and descending a 20 foot ladder to access the lighthouse, and they must wear a safety harness.



Views at the Light



KEEPER PROGRAM and TOURS at the Historic Offshore DeTOUR REEF LIGHT

Located in northern Lake Huron at the mouth of the St. Marys River, this active aid to navigation is one mile offshore at the far eastern end of Michigan's Upper Peninsula between DeTour Village and Drummond Island. The DeTour Reef Light is the only offshore reef-based light on the Great Lakes to offer an overnight keeper program. Explore from the basement to the lantern level during the narrated tours. Enjoy the spectacular scenery with freighters passing by the Light.

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Situated on a reef in 24' of water, the DeTour Reef Light rises 83' above the water.

Its 63' tall

Classical Revival style structure sits on a reinforced concrete pier atop a unique box-like wooden crib. The building consists of 3 levels and a tower painted white with a red roof. The lighthouse basement is a recessed room located in the center of the concrete pier beneath the keepers' quarters, and was used as the lighthouse's machinery room and storage area. The keepers' quarters, located on the second level, has access to the light tower.



A 32 step cast iron spiral stairway leads upward to the 10-sided watch room. A short ladder leads from this room to the lantern powered by a 12-volt battery bank charged by solar

panels. The 8-tier Vega VLB-44 LED Marine Beacon has a range of 16 miles. A door opens from the watch room to a rectangular outside gallery bounded by a 3 foot railing.

In 1931, the spiral stairway, cylinder, watch room, lantern, and Fresnel lens were removed from the onshore 1861 DeTour Point Light Station and installed at the DeTour Reef Light. The 1908 3- 1/2 order Fresnel lens is currently on display at DeTour Passage Historical Museum in DeTour Village.



DeTour Reef Light Preservation Society (DRLPS) was established in 1998 as a 501c3 volunteer organization to restore, preserve, and maintain the DeTour Reef Light. Major restoration was completed in 2004 with funding from federal, state, and private grants and public donations.



DRLPS has received the Governor's Award for excellence in historic preservation, the Superior Award from the Historical Society of Michigan, and has been designated a Preserve America Steward by First Lady Michelle Obama. The DeTour Reef Light is listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

Membership in the DeTour Reef Light Preservation Society will support the preservation of one of Michigan's magnificent maritime treasures. Family memberships begin at \$30.

DRLPS is a nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization. Your donation is tax-deductible as allowed by law.

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