

Bruce Peninsula Excursion

Thursday, August 9, 2012 to Sunday, August 12, 2012

It has been several years since GLLKA offered an excursion on the Bruce Peninsula. Our Lake Huron coordinator, Dianne Taeckens, has planned a Bruce Peninsula Excursion for 2012 that will offer attendees the opportunity to view the Canadian lighthouses of the Bruce Peninsula and to climb four of these lighthouses, two of which are Imperial towers. In addition, we'll tour the Bruce County Museum in Southampton with its 3rd order Fresnel lens and the recently relocated Stokes Bay lighthouse.

Thursday August 9

The excursion will begin in Southampton, Ontario, with dinner at a local restaurant. Following dinner, we'll go to the Bruce County Museum for a tour and presentation by Mike Sterling, who spearheaded the move of the Stokes Bay Lighthouse to the museum. The museum includes exhibits about the lighthouses of Bruce County. After the museum, we'll make our way to our lodging for the night.

Friday August 10

Friday morning will begin with breakfast at the hotel, after which we'll board our bus and head for our first stop, the Point Clark lighthouse. We'll have plenty of time for everyone to climb Point Clark and check out the gift shop. Leaving there, we'll head for Kincardine and the lighthouse there. We will get to tour this

lighthouse as well, and will then have lunch at a nearby restaurant. After lunch we'll board the bus for the trip up the Bruce Peninsula to Tobermory, where we will conclude our day with dinner and a good night's sleep.

Saturday August 11

Saturday morning will begin with continental breakfast at the hotel, followed by a boat tour during which we'll see three lighthouses - Big Tub, Flowerpot and Cove Island. After the boat tour, we'll board the bus and leave Tobermory headed for Cabot Head Lighthouse, with a box lunch for everyone on the way. We will be able to tour and climb the Cabot Head Lighthouse, and of course check out the gift shop as well.

Leaving Cabot Head, we'll make a stop at the rebuilt Lion's Head lighthouse on our way to Owen Sound. In Owen Sound we will view the Owen Sound range lights before heading to our lodging for the night. Dinner will be at the hotel. Our speaker will be Canadian lighthouse expert Larry Wright, author of "Great Lakes Lighthouses Encyclopedia".

Sunday August 12

After breakfast Sunday morning, we will board the bus to return to Southampton where we will view the range lights before our trip out to Chantry Island.

The boat to Chantry Island holds only nine people, so it will take several trips to get us all out to the island for a tour and climbing. We will be able to view the McNab Point Range Light from the Chantry Island boat. Lunch will be served at the park in Southampton where we board the boat out to Chantry Island. Please note that the boat tour to Chantry Island is not accessible to wheelchairs.

Following lunch in Southampton, we will board the bus for the short journey back to our cars and the conclusion of our excursion.

Ticket price for members will be \$895 per person for double occupancy, and \$1,125 for single occupancy. Non-GLLKA members will need to add the cost of a membership in the Association to be eligible to participate. The charge for this event will include all meals and lodging beginning with dinner Thursday evening through lunch on Sunday.

Because of limitations due to the size of the Tobermory boat tour, this excursion will be limited to the first 45 reservations received. For more information or to make reservations, please call the GLLKA office at 231-436-5580 between 10:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.



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