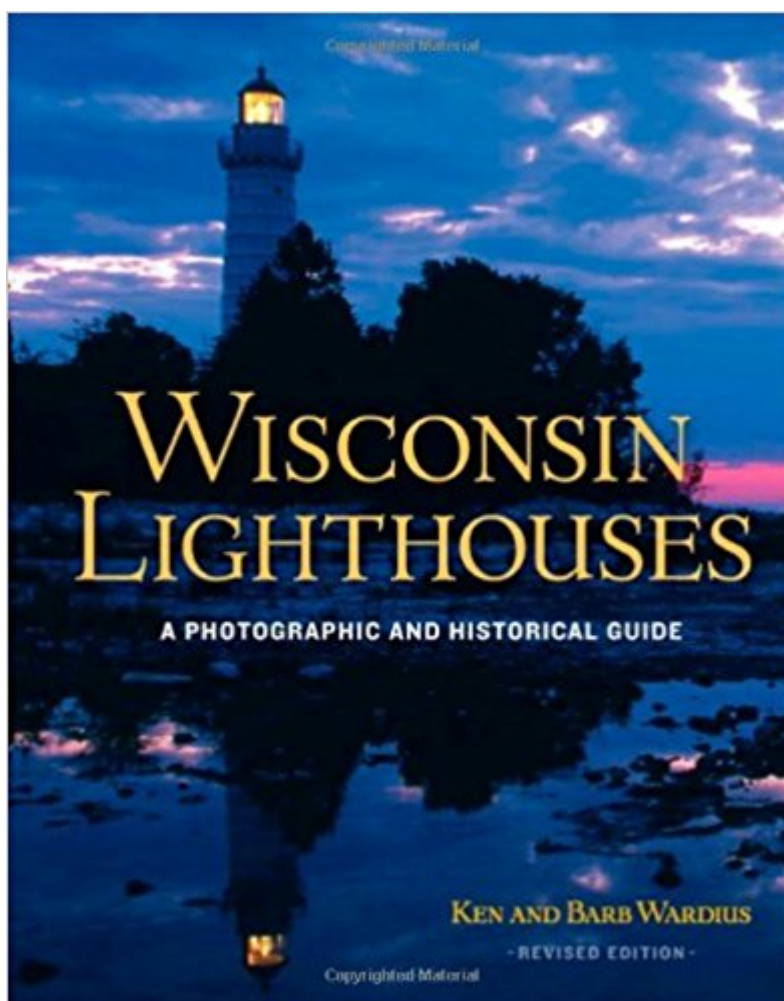


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Wisconsin Lighthouses: A Photographic And Historical Guide, Revised Edition



Synopsis

Lighthouses are a reflection of the human spirit and a mirror to our past. From the Introduction No symbol is more synonymous with Wisconsin's rich maritime traditions than the lighthouse. These historic beacons conjure myriad notions of a bygone era: romance, loneliness, and dependability; dedicated keepers manning the lights; eerie tales of haunted structures and ghosts of past keepers; mariners of yesteryear anxiously hoping to make safe haven around rocky shorelines. If these sentinels could talk, imagine the tales they would tell of ferocious Great Lakes storms taking their toll on vessels and people alike. In this fully updated edition of Wisconsin Lighthouses, Ken and Barb Wardius tell those tales, taking readers on an intimate tour of lighthouses on Lake Superior, Lake Michigan, and Lake Winnebago. Both delightful storytellers and accomplished photographers, the couple complement their engaging text with more than 100 stunning color photographs, along with dozens of archival photos, maps, documents, and artifacts. Detailed "how to get there" directions, up-to-the-minute status reports on each light, and sidebars on everything from lighthouse vocabulary to the often lonely lives of lightkeepers make this the definitive book on Wisconsin's lighthouses.

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Customer Reviews

The new edition is excellent, with almost all new photos and extensively revised and expanded text. Barb and Ken have a keen eye for photographing Wisconsin's maritime "castles" and writing in a style that is interesting, educational and historically accurate. This volume is not just a revision. It is

a wonderful addition to Wisconsin's maritime past and offers additional insight into the lives of the Keepers of our Lights. (Linda Nenn, volunteer Assistant Director, Port Washington WI 1860 Lighthouse and Light Station Museum) Wisconsin Lighthouses is a wonderful historical treasury, and an excellent giftbook for lighthouse aficionados everywhere!(James A. Cox, Editor-in-Chief Midwest Book Review) Â Â

Lifelong residents of Milwaukee, Ken and Barb Wardius travel nationally to pursue their hobbies of photography, history, hiking, bird study, and lighthouses, which first drew their interest at Door County's picturesque Cana Island. Along with Wisconsin Lighthouses, Barb and Ken are the authors of Cana Island Lighthouse, Wind Point Lighthouse, and North Point Milwaukee Lighthouse. They are sought-after lighthouse lecturers and belong to many organizations dedicated to lighthouse preservation, including the Wisconsin Historical Society, the Great Lakes Lighthouse Keepers Association, the United States Lighthouse Society, the Wisconsin Maritime Museum at Manitowoc, the Door County Maritime Museum, the Wisconsin Lighthouse District (WILD), the Friends of the Wind Point Lighthouse, North Point Lighthouse Friends, the Friends of Rock Island, and the Friends of Plum and Pilot Islands.

I purchased this book for a gift. It is so intriguing that I am going to go find all of these lighthouses. Great visual for the coffee table. Opps... I did not give this book away...I kept it for myself!

I enjoyed this book. It's a great reference book. It's obvious that the authors have done a lot of research. The photos enhance the overall reading experience.

Lovely pictures and interesting history of the many lighthouses in Wisconsin.

This was a gift to my soon to be mother in law and she loves it. She will get a lot of use out of it!!

Delivered as advertised and on time. I would purchase again.

This is a very focused book on the lighthouses of Wisconsin and, as such, will be of interest to those who would like to have a complete reference book on hand of the lighthouses of Wisconsin. These include those on Lakes Superior, Michigan, and Winnebago. The authors leave no lighthouse unturned, as it were. The text is very well written and supplemented with excellent photography.

As fans of lighthouses my family and I have often pulled off the road to get a view, take a picture and just enjoy the scenery. As we leave we often wonder what stories are encased in their walls, why was it built here and what role has it played in its community? "Wisconsin Lighthouses" answers those questions and more. Authors Ken and Barb Wardius start with an introduction to lighthouses, their origins, terminology, the lenses that focus their beams, the keepers who have maintained them and the agencies that have regulated them. They then take the reader on a guided tour, from lighthouse to lighthouse, along the Lakes: Superior, Winnebago and Michigan. Each lake's geography is explained as well as the histories of the communities that the lights served. The pages about the Fresnel lens and the uses of lightships answered questions that I had often pondered. Every featured lighthouse has its own section that tells its history, its people, its lens and any unique features it may have to share. Each one ends with a current status: whether active or not, the type of lens now used and the color and frequency of its beam, whether or not it has a fog horn, who maintains it, whether it is on a list of Historic Places and finally, directions to get to it. This is an oversized book with charming narrative and beautiful pictures, the current in vibrant colors and the antique in black and white. We have often visited Wisconsin Lighthouses and I enjoyed reading about those we have seen. Now I feel that I need to go back, with the book, to more thoroughly appreciate what I have merely savored. I now know where to get the best look at Old Bailey's Harbor Light and how to compare the lights that are twins, or at least close relatives. Read the text and look at those pictures. I have often watched in awe as the sun rises over Lake Michigan, but that picture of sunrise behind the Sturgeon Bay Ship Canal North Pierhead Light tempts me to get up and drive to the Coast Guard station await that glorious view. Well maybe. Look at that picture of the snow covered Cana Island, so cold, so crisp, so pure...so alluring. Now that you have read it, sit it on your coffee table so that your guests may pick it up, peruse it and be entranced. Maybe they will accompany you on your next lighthouse visit. I did receive a free copy of this book for review.

This book not only met but exceeded our expectations. The info is presented by regions making it easy to read about a particular area the reader might be interested in. Not only does the book provide practical info but also explains the history of the region and the lighthouses which will enhance any visitor's experience. Excellent price also compared to others I looked at in local bookstores!

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