

Coming to Nova Scotia by Ferry July 5 2026



Gilberts Cove Lighthouse
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Cape Forchu Lighthouse
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Arriving in Nova Scotia this summer by ferry? If you take the Digby ferry, be sure to check out Gilbert's Cove Lighthouse 30 min away. Built in 1904 you can enjoy a snack in the Tea Room after climbing up the ladder to the lantern room of this original lighthouse. Free admission. Open daily 8am to 4pm until Sep 30.

If you take the Cat to Yarmouth, nearby Cape Forchu has Nova Scotia's only apple core lighthouse built in 1961. You can join a tour to climb the 77 steps to the top for a fee. The on-site Leif Erickson trail with its benches and picnic tables allows you to cool off afterwards in the ocean breeze. Open daily 10am to 4pm until Sep 7.

If arriving in North Sydney from Newfoundland, tour the Cape Breton Highlands and stop at the 1899 pepper-shaker style lighthouse in Neil's Harbour for a cold treat before continuing the St Paul Island Museum & Lighthouse in Dingwall. The lighthouse at this site is a short icon cast round tower first erected in 1916 at the SW end of St Paul's Island to guide mariners through the "Graveyard of the Gulf [of St Lawrence]". Free admission. Open daily except Monday 10am to 4pm until Oct.

If crossing from PEI to NS, get off the highway at nearby Pictou to view the lighthouse artifacts at the Northumberland Fisheries Museum. Walk around the outside of the 1915 Caribou Lighthouse replica behind the Museum. Free admission! Open daily 10am to 4pm until Aug 23.

For more details, visit [LIGHTHOUSES Open Hours 2026](#)

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St Paul Island SW Lighthouse
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Northumberland Fisheries Museum - Pictou Lighthouse Centre
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