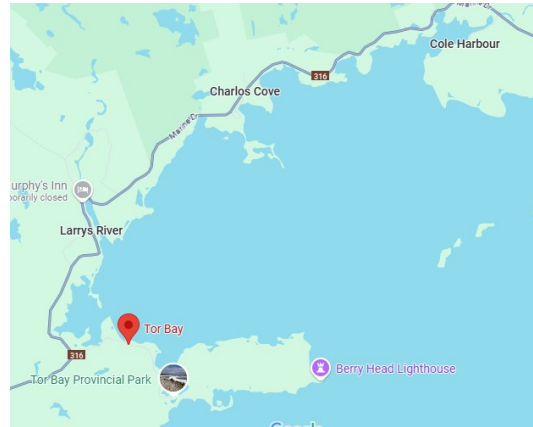




Berry Head Lighthouse
Credit: Derek Hendsbee



Location: Eastern Shore Guysborough County
Credit: Google Map

If you are up for a 3 km (1.9 mi) hike this summer, you can walk from Tor Bay Provincial Park to Berry Head Lighthouse. This unique-looking lighthouse erected in 1985 once had a very traditional look and a different name. In 1876 the first lighthouse on site was a tall tower with an attached lightkeeper's dwelling. The tower was painted white with red vertical stripes and had a black lantern that showed a red fixed light coming in from sea and a white fixed light heading out. Called the Tor Bay Lighthouse, its unique daymark and light characteristics allowed mariners of that time to determine their navigational position. In 1951 the station was rebuilt with a smaller standalone white pepper-shaker tower with a 3 bedroom dwelling next to it. This lighthouse was not to last long beyond automation in 1959. Neglect and vandalism over the next 20 years took their toll and many unused buildings were burned in 1972. The local fishers then requested a new lighthouse that is the bare-bones one seen at Berry Head today.



1st Tor Bay Lighthouse
Credit: Lighthouse Friends



2nd Tor Bay Lighthouse
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