

Hampton Lighthouse Facebook Post August 5 2026



Hampton Lighthouse from the wharf 2011
Credit: Lighthouse Friends



Hampton Lighthouse
Credit: Nova Scotia Archives

Hampton Lighthouse on the Bay of Fundy is the original white pepper-shaker style wooden lighthouse built in 1911. The lighthouse is located at the top of the hill in the village of Hampton, overlooking the Government Wharf and still has its 6th order Fresnel lens that once amplified the light from a kerosene lamp.

Being in an area of extreme high and low tides made it a challenge to land lighthouse supplies. Barrels of kerosene had to be floated to the shore and then rolled uphill to the lighthouse. All that stopped in the 1940s when electricity came to the area and the lamp was replaced by a high wattage light bulb.

The lightkeeper lived in his own house in the village and walked daily to light the lamp in the evening and to extinguish it in the morning. He had an easier job when an electric bulb replaced the kerosene lamp. In 1973 when the light was automated, the services of a lightkeeper were no longer required.

Hampton Lighthouse may be original but it has seen many changes in fishing boats and practice; Canadian Coast Guard policies; and aid to navigation technology. The biggest change came in 2001 when its ownership was transferred to Hampton Lighthouse [and Historical] Society, the first non-profit organization in Canada to acquire their local lighthouse.

Visiting the Bay of Fundy? You still have a chance to get inside this lighthouse and climb to the top to admire the view and the Fresnel Lens. Open Days are Thursday to Sunday from 1pm to 4pm until the end of August 2026.



Hampton Lighthouse stairs July 2023
Credit: NSLPS - DPC



Hampton Lighthouse 6th order lens
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