

The Lighthouses of the Chebucto Peninsula

A Lighthouse-Lovers' Tour from Chebucto Head to Peggy's Point

Chebucto Head Lighthouse, est. 1872



CHEBUCTO HEAD

ESTABLISHED: 1872
CCG LIGHT #: 513
POSITION: 44° 30' 26" N
63° 31' 24" W
On the summit
LIGHT: Flashing white,
F0.5/E19.5
AHW: 49.4 metres
NOM. RANGE: 16 nautical miles
HORN: B3, S3, B3, S51
DESCRIPTION: White octagonal
reinforced-concrete tower,
13.8 metres high

Chebucto Head, rising 75' above sea level, guards Halifax's western entrance. The harbour, being large, sheltered, and deep, is one of the finest in the world. The first lighthouse was built in 1872 and has been replaced three times, most recently in 1967. Automation occurred in 1980. On clear days you can see the Devil's Island lighthouse, 6 miles distant, at the harbour's eastern entrance.

During WW II the lighthouse guided the large convoys of vessels going to and from England. "Chebucto is derived from the the Mi'kmaq word "Chebookt", meaning "a chief harbour".

Peggy's Point (a.k.a. Peggy's Cove) Lighthouse, est. 1868

Peggy's Point Lighthouse, perhaps the most photographed lighthouse in Canada, marks the eastern entrance to St. Margaret's Bay. The current light, which replaced the earlier one in 1914, is made of concrete and reinforced steel, and retains the octagonal shape of earlier wooden light towers. It stands almost 15 metres (50 ft) high.

The lighthouse was automated in 1958, and contains (pending repairs) a post office in the lower level during the summer months, where each piece of mail receives a special cancellation mark in the shape of the lighthouse.

PEGGY'S POINT

ESTABLISHED: 1868
CCG LIGHT #: 487
POSITION: 44° 29' 30" N
63° 55' 09" W
East side of entrance to
St. Margaret's Bay
LIGHT: Fixed green.
AHW: 20.4 metres
NOM. RANGE: Unknown
HORN: None
DESCRIPTION: White octagonal
reinforced-concrete tower
with red aluminum
octagonal lantern,
15.2 metres high

