

Cape Henry Lighthouse

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583 Atlantic Avenue, Fort Story, VA 23459

Tour the first federally funded lighthouse, next to the “First Landing” site where English settlers arrived in 1607. It has stood sentinel since it was completed in 1792. The Lighthouse was authorized by George Washington and overseen by Alexander Hamilton.



What to do at Cape Henry Lighthouse

- **Self-guided Tour:** 30 minutes for self-guided tour of tower and dune.
- **Dune Talks:** Interpreters discuss the history of the area and STEM related topics including weather, ecology, geology and optics.
- **First Landing NPS Site:** Walk to the NPS site and see where the Battle of the Capes took place.
- **Picnic Area:** 2 picnic tables.
- **Museum Store:** Books and souvenirs available for purchase.

Parking

- **Tour Buses:** Several large tour buses can be accommodated in our bus lot.
- **General Parking:** Available in lot, up to 40 cars.

Restrooms: ADA accessible port-o-johns available for public use.

Boxed Lunches: We recommend Taste. Contact them by phone: 757.422.3399 or online: www.taste.online/platters-box-lunches.

Contact us to book your tour!

Tour Bus Only Rate: Discounted \$6 per person group tour admission

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For your safety and comfort, please observe the following rules for climbing the Lighthouse:

- You must be at least 42 inches tall to climb the lighthouse.
- Children may not be carried up the steps.
- Backpacks and frontpacks are not allowed on the staircase.
- We strongly discourage flip-flops.

Cape Henry Lighthouse is a Preservation Virginia historic site. Other Preservation Virginia sites include: Patrick Henry’s Scotchtown, the John Marshall House, Smith’s Fort Plantation, Bacon’s Castle and Historic Jamestowne. For more information on booking tours with any of these sites, contact: **info@preservationvirginia.org**.

Joint Expeditionary Base Fort Story's Security Policy

The Cape Henry Lighthouse is located within Joint Expeditionary Base Fort Story. To visit the Lighthouse, you must pass through the security gates of Fort Story at **89th street and Atlantic Avenue**. No firearms or weapons are permitted on base. Please have identification, including a picture, with you for all visitors aged 16 years or older. This ID should be a **student, state or federal issued ID card**.

Proof of vehicle insurance and current vehicle registration is required for admission to Fort Story Military Base. At the Vehicle Inspection Station, all guest drivers are required to consent to a vehicle inspection in order to visit the Lighthouse. While your vehicle is being inspected, you will be asked to exit the vehicle and the rules for accessing the Lighthouse and Cape Henry Memorial will be explained to you. Upon completion of the vehicle inspection, you will be issued a Visitor Pass and your picture ID will remain in the possession of the security guard while you are onboard the installation.

Visitors from the following states must present a passport if they do not have the updated ID which is compliant with the REAL ID ACT:

Minnesota
Illinois
Missouri
New Mexico
Washington
American Samoa