



East Chop and Edgartown Lighthouse Reservations Information, Rules, and Regulations

For more than seventy-five years, the Museum's mission has been to document, preserve, and share with the people of Martha's Vineyard the history, art, and culture of this wonderful island. In 1993, the Museum assumed the care and maintenance of three of the Island's treasured landmarks: the Edgartown, Gay Head, and East Chop Lighthouses. We encourage the use of these facilities for private functions.

The suggested donation for the use of a Lighthouse is \$300 per hour for groups of 10 people or fewer, and \$400 per hour for larger groups. When figuring your time use, please calculate the anticipated time from "gate" opening until "gate" closure. Such time would include the delivery and prompt pickup of any chairs.

To confirm your reservation, please complete the attached form and return it with a deposit of \$100. Reservation confirmations are on a "first-come, first served" basis. The Museum cannot confirm your reservation until we receive the complete form along with your deposit. After your reservation has been confirmed the deposit becomes nonrefundable.

The balance will be due no later than thirty days prior to the event. Please note: Tents are not permitted on lighthouse grounds, so we strongly urge that you have a contingency plan for inclement weather. If you are unable to use the lighthouse grounds due to rain, the Museum will refund your money, less the deposit. Cancellations must be made through at least 2 hours prior to the scheduled event.

East Chop Lighthouse

- Lighthouse Location: Telegraph Hill, East Chop Drive, Oak Bluffs, MA 02557
- No tents, portable toilets, or alcohol are allowed.
- You may have chairs and quiet music.
- Because the lighthouse is open to the public on Sunday evenings from mid-June through early October, your event must be completed on these days at least two hours before sunset. This includes the removal of chairs.
- For an event with guests of 50 or more, you will need to contact the police department for the Town of Oak Bluffs, and arrange for a detail officer for the longevity of event.
- The lighthouse is located in a residential neighborhood where parking is very limited. We suggest renting a bus to transport your guests to the lighthouse.
- In the event of rain, we suggest that you have a contingency plan.

Edgartown Lighthouse

- Lighthouse Location: 121 North Water Street, Edgartown, MA 02539
- No tents or portable toilets are allowed.
- You may have chairs and quiet music.
- Events cannot be scheduled during the times that the lighthouse is open to the public. Please check for details.
- The lighthouse is located down a long sandy path, and parking at the head of the path is very limited. We suggest renting a bus or trolley to transport your guests to the path leading to the lighthouse. Please note that access may be difficult for those with limited mobility.
- In the event of rain, we suggest that you have a contingency plan.
- The lighthouse is surrounded by public property. We can reserve the lighthouse and assure you that there will be no conflict of ceremonies and access to the structure, but we cannot close the adjacent area to the public.
- If you are interested in using the beach *only, with no access to the lighthouse*, contact the Edgartown Parks Department at (508) 627-6145. The town policy allows a small party, no tents, porta-potties, limited chairs, no liquor, and no bonfires. Keep in mind that the beach is public and cannot be closed for private use.

Frequently Asked Questions

- How do I reserve a lighthouse?
 - Complete the reservation form (below) and return it with a \$100.00 nonrefundable deposit to the Martha's Vineyard Museum. Confirmation is done on a "first come, first-served" basis.
- Can my guests go in the lighthouse?
 - Yes. The lighthouse keeper or a member of the Museum staff will be on hand and will open the lighthouse for the private enjoyment of you and your guests.
- What if it rains?
 - We suggest that you make an alternative plan in case of rain. The Museum will refund your payment, less the \$100 deposit, if the ceremony at the lighthouse has to be cancelled due to inclement weather. Cancellations must be made with the Museum at least 2 hours in advance of the event.
- Is there electricity for music?
 - Yes. Any musician, however, must provide a 100-foot extension cord. Please keep the music soft and fitting to the tranquil setting.
- Can we have decorations?

- Yes, but we do not recommend them. NO balloons.
- Can we rehearse for our lighthouse wedding?
 - Yes, but you need to include rehearsal time in your reservation fee.
- Can we have tents, portable toilets, or chairs?
 - No tents or portable toilets; you may provide chairs but please allow for setup time when booking your reservation.

If you have any further questions, please e-mail Savannah Berryman-Moore at lighthouses@mvmuseum.org or call her at 508-627-4441 x. 127.

To start the reservation process, complete the reservation form below.

Martha's Vineyard Museum Lighthouse Rental Reservation Form

Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Email: _____

Phone: Daytime: _____ Evening: _____

Alternate Contact Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Email: _____

Phone: Daytime: _____ Evening: _____

Which lighthouse would you like to reserve? [] East Chop [] Edgartown

Date You're Requesting: _____

Requested Gate Opening Time: _____

Requested Gate Closing Time: _____

(Please allow time for setup and removal of chairs, etc.)

Approximate number of guests: _____

- For an event at the East Chop Lighthouse with guests of 50 or more, you will need to contact the police department for the Town of Oak Bluffs, and arrange for a detail officer for the longevity of event. *** _____ (initial)

Are you having chairs set up? [] Yes [] No

If "yes", please specify rental company: _____

- Please arrange rental delivery and pickup times as close to the event as possible. This extra time is included in your reservation. Please note: No Tents. Also, you (not MVM or the lighthouse keepers) are responsible for all setup and cleanup.** _____ (initial)

Will you need access to electricity for music? [] Yes [] No

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Payment Information

Enclosed is a check made out to the Martha's Vineyard Museum

Please charge my payment to MasterCard, Visa, or American Express:

Name on Card: _____

Card #: _____

Exp. Date: _____ CVV #: _____ (3 digit code on the back of the card)

Your signature: _____

Return to/Mail to:

Attn: Lighthouse Rental

Martha's Vineyard Museum

151 Lagoon Pond Road

Vineyard Haven, MA 02568

Or email to: lighthouses@mvmuseum.org

Please tell us how you heard about renting one of the lighthouses:

Word of mouth

Newspaper

Website

Called the Museum

Chamber of Commerce

Other _____