

MV MUSEUM

East Chop and Edgartown Lighthouse Reservations

Information, Rules, and Regulations

Since 1922, the Martha's Vineyard 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. The Museum continues to serve as the steward of the Edgartown and East Chop Lighthouses to this day.

To rent either lighthouse there is a charge of \$500 per hour for groups of 10 people or fewer and \$750 per hour for larger groups. When deciding how long you would like to request for your rental, please be sure to include any set-up and clean-up time.

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 non-refundable.

The remaining balance will be due 30 days prior to your 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 at least 12 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.
- 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 the 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.***

- The lighthouse is located down a long sandy path, and parking at the head of the path is very limited. 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 events 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 Town of Edgartown at 508-627-6165. The town policy allows a small party, no tents, no 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 non-refundable deposit to the Martha's Vineyard Museum. Confirmation is done on a "first-come, first-served" basis.
- Can my guests go inside the lighthouse?
 - Yes. A member of the Museum staff will be on hand and will open the lighthouse for 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 your event at the lighthouse has to be canceled due to inclement weather. Cancellations must be made with the Museum at least 12 hours in advance of the event.
- Is there electricity for music?
 - Yes. Any musician, however, must provide an extension cord. Please keep the music soft and fitting to the tranquil setting.
- Can we have decorations?
 - Yes, but please limit them. No balloons.
- Can we rehearse for our lighthouse wedding?
 - Yes, but you need to include rehearsal time in your reservation if you'd like access to the tower during your rehearsal.
- Can we have tents, portable toilets, or chairs?
 - No tents or portable toilets; you may provide chairs but please allow for set up time when booking your reservation.

If you have any further questions, please email lighthouses@mvmuseum.org

Martha's Vineyard Museum Lighthouse Rental Reservation Form

Name(s): _____

Mailing Address: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____

Alternate Contact Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____

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 the 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. 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#: _____

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: _____