

MV MUSEUM

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.

Edgartown Lighthouse

- Lighthouse Location: 121 North Water Street, Edgartown, MA 02539
- Events may not have more than 50 guests.
- No tents, portable toilets, or **alcohol** are allowed.
- You may have chairs (maximum of 20) and quiet, ambient 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 in the neighborhood 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, and sensitive vegetation and wildlife habitats. Please ensure your guests respect the surrounding areas.
- 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 some chairs but please allow for set up time when booking your reservation.

If you have any further questions, please e-mail Cathy Mayone at lighthouses@mvmuseum.org or call her at 508-627-4441 x. 105.

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East Chop and Edgartown Lighthouses

Reservation Information

Event Host: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Email: _____

Phone Number: _____

On-Site Contact: _____

Lighthouse: Edgartown East Chop

Event Date: _____

Requested Gate Opening Time: _____

Requested Gate Closing Time: _____

[please include times for set up and breakdown]

Expected Attendance: _____

Events at East Chop Lighthouse with 50+ guests, you will need to contact the Police department for the Town of Oak Bluffs and arrange for detail during your event.

Are you having chairs set up? Yes No

If yes, specify rental company: _____

Please arrange rental delivery and pick up times as close to the event as possible. This extra time should be included in your reservation. You (not MVM or lighthouse keepers) are responsible for all set up and breakdown.

Will you need access to electricity for music? Yes No

Contract Details

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Payment Information

Enclosed is a check made out to the Martha's Vineyard Museum
Please charge payment using the credit card information below:

Name:

Card #

Expiration Date:

Signature:

Mail to:

Attn: Lighthouse Rental

Martha's Vineyard Museum

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