

## “Discover Michigan’s Offshore Lights”

Description: Michigan has more lighthouses than any other state. Of the more than 120 lighthouses in Michigan, approximately three dozen are described as offshore – those constructed on isolated, uninhabited islands, or on shoals or reefs. Through this presentation, you will discover these lights, learn their history, and understand their important role in Michigan’s maritime past.

The presentation will start with a historical perspective on the development of lighthouses and will evolve into a description of the styles, materials, and methods of construction used to construct these beacons. Fascinating historical facts, photographs, and stories will be shared throughout to illustrate the unique characteristics of the structures, life at the lights, and current issues and challenges.

Five offshore light stations will be featured including Thunder Bay Island in Lake Huron, Waugoshance in Lake Michigan, and Gull Rock, Manitou Island, and Stannard Rock in Lake Superior. The presentation will include physical descriptions, recommendations for the periods of significance and interpretation, and historic preservation treatments that comply with the Secretary of the Interior’s Standards for Rehabilitation. Let’s discover Michigan’s offshore lights!

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Time required: 45 – 60 minutes

AV equipment required: Screen & projector