

Point Lookout Lighthouse Timeline

(Located at Point Lookout State Park, St. Mary's County, Scotland, MD – revised 09/02/08)

- 1830** One and one half story integral lighthouse built at the mouth of the Potomac River by John Donahoo of Havre de Grace, MD. James Davis serves as first keeper.
- 1862-** U.S. General Hospital, Point Lookout (Hammond General Hospital) established near lighthouse.
- 1863-65** Camp Hoffman (Union Prisoner of War Camp for Confederates) established.
- 1883-87** Lighthouse selected as buoy depot. Buoy shed and coal shed built nearby.
- 1888-89** Lighthouse raised to two stories to house additional buoy depot personnel.
- 1927-28** Lighthouse doubled in size and attains current configuration.
- 10/15/65** Lighthouse decommissioned. Light transferred to an off-shore skeleton tower.
- 02/28/67** Lighthouse and 5.5 acres of property transferred to Navy from Coast Guard. Area known as Point Lookout Tracking Station.
- 1980** Members of the Maryland Committee for Psychical Research conduct study of lighthouse hauntings.
- 2000** Lighthouse put on National Register of Historic Places.
- 02/15/06** MD Board of Public Works approves exchange of two land parcels between MD and the Navy. MD receives 4.88 acre Pt. Lookout LH, buoy & coal sheds, smokehouse & archaeological site. Navy receives 4.45 acres of surplus property. Light remains inactive.

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