

West Side Light House Ride.

On Wednesday, August 9th at 9:00am we will put the kick stands up and head out on a great adventure touring four of the many light houses on our West shore of Lake Michigan. We will wind through the country side until we come to our first stop at the White River Light Station near Whitehall, Michigan. Built in 1875, its 35ft high light helped keep ships safe as they followed the coast of the lake. The first light keeper there and his wife raised 11 kids at the light, guess there wasn't much else to do. Our next stop will be at the Little Sable Point Light House, near the town of Mears which is the home of the famous Silver Lake Sand Dunes. It can be a trip of it's own to visit the sand dunes and take a tour of the dunes on the Mac Woods Dune Rides. Maybe another time!

We journey on to the North to Pentwater, Mi. to the Pentwater South Pierhead with a light at the end of the pier. The lake view is unending. Ludington is our next stop where we tour the North Breakwater light. I believe this is close to the pier the Badger uses for its daily trip over to Wisconsin.

We will stop along the way as needed but we plan to have lunch in Ludington and then again travel the back roads as we return to Evart in plenty of time for dinner. The total ride will be in the neighborhood of 225 to 230 miles.

Some of the lighthouses are a part of our State parks system and will require a permit for the vehicle. A day pass for non-residents I believe is \$9.00. A resident day pass is \$5.00 I think! You can check on line at the Michigan DNR. You can buy the pass ahead of time or at the entrance. The light houses that have tours and allow you to climb to the top have a \$5.00 fee.

If you have never seen a light house, the ride alone will be pretty darn special! And you won't miss any Vendors or seminars!

It's a fairly long day planned, and as they say, it's a show and go. We will leave at 9:00am. If you are late, meet us at a lighthouse!

If we have any unforeseen circumstances, we will try to keep you posted. Please come and join us.

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