

Split Rock Lighthouse

# A Social Narrative



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# Welcome

I am going to Split Rock  
Lighthouse today!



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# Overview

There are lots of activities to do at Split Rock Lighthouse. I can go inside the lighthouse, explore the state park trails, visit historic buildings, and look at exhibits in the visitor center.



# Arrival

I will go inside the visitor center to get a ticket. I will get a wristband to wear during my trip. During the summer, there are tours I can join to learn about the history of Split Rock Lighthouse and the people who lived there. I can also explore at my own pace if I don't want to take a tour.

I can look online for the tour schedule!





# Restrooms

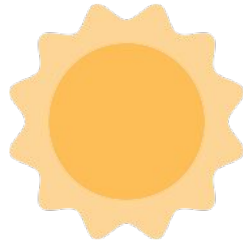
There are restrooms inside the visitor center, including a gender neutral stall. If I'm exploring the site, I'll return to the visitor center to use the restroom.



# Weather

The weather might be sunny, windy, rainy, or cloudy at Split Rock. I will still have fun outside!

I will wear good shoes so I can move between buildings and climb the steps in the lighthouse.



# Museum manners

I will follow the rules at Split Rock Lighthouse. I will stay with people I came with and won't run. I will help protect the lighthouse by only touching things my tour guide says are okay.





# Museum staff

The museum staff will be there to help me on my field trip. They can answer my questions.

Museum staff wear Split Rock Lighthouse shirts.



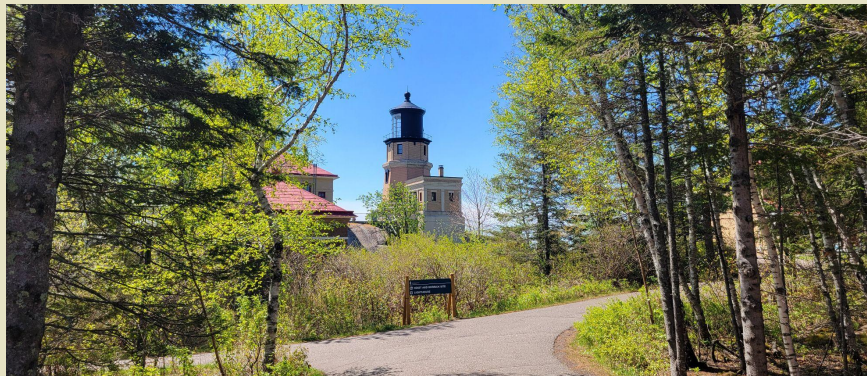
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# Moving around the site

We will use paved paths between the visitor center, keeper's house, and lighthouse. There are stairs to get to the fog signal building and lighthouse.

I can walk up 22 stairs or look from the ground. If I don't use the stairs, there are other activities I can do!



# Taking a break

If I need to take a break, that is okay! There are benches around where I can rest. A staff member can help me find a quiet space. I can relax until I am ready to continue my visit.

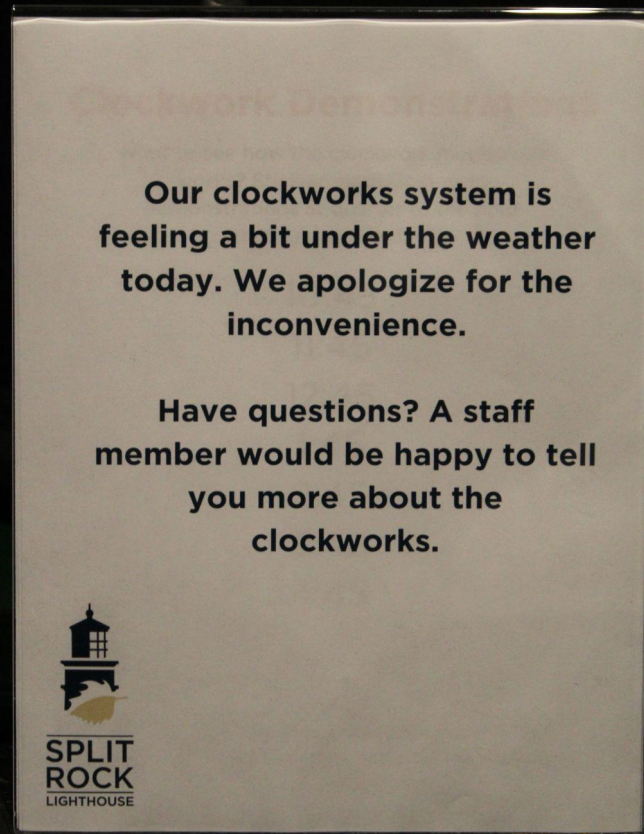




# Changes

The museum changes sometimes! It is fun to see new things.

If something is closed, it may be open next time! If the weather is very bad, I can come back another day.



# Trails

There are many different trails to explore near Split Rock Lighthouse.

I will see tall trees and travel on a dirt path. There may be rocks or tree roots in the path; I will be careful! There is a shorter trail down to the lake, at the bottom of the cliff. There are longer trails if I want to explore more.





# Tramway stairs

There are 172 steps to get from the tramhouse to the shore.

There are platforms on the stairs to rest if I need to take a break while climbing.



# Visitor center

I can explore the exhibits in the visitor center. I can see a replica of the lens from the lighthouse, watch videos about the lake, or look at objects from past keepers.





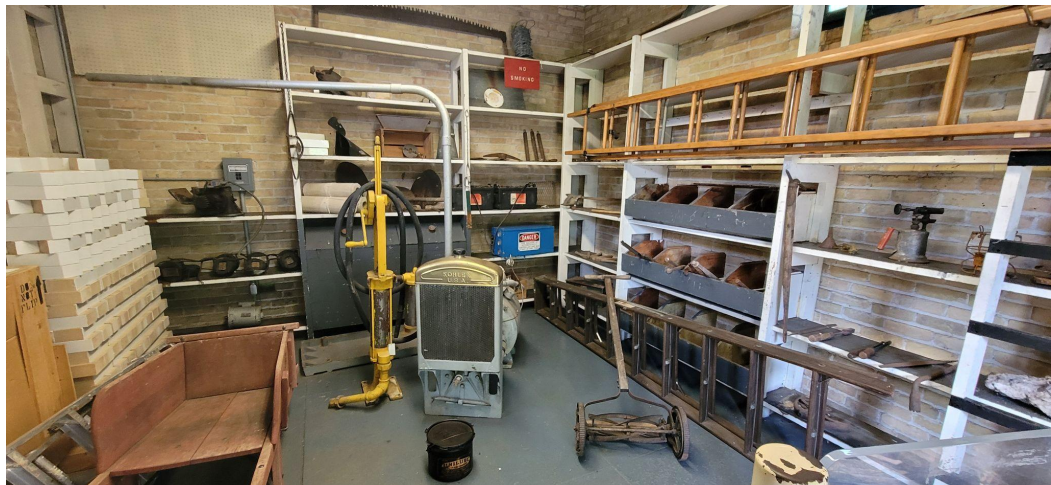
# Theater

I can visit the theater in the visitor center. The movie plays every 20 minutes. I can watch the countdown clock if I want to know when the next movie will start. The theater is dark, and parts of the movie are loud. I can choose a different activity if it is too loud for me!



# The Oil House

I can explore the historic oil house. This house is where the kerosene was kept to fuel the lights.







# Historic Keeper's house

I can go to the keeper's house. I will see lots of old items and learn about how people lived here in the past. I will keep the items safe by looking at them instead of touching.



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# Fog horn

I can hear a real fog horn! The fog horn is very loud. It goes off every 20 minutes. A museum staff person will let me know when I will hear this noise.

I can choose to cover my ears or move further away.





# The Lighthouse

There are 32 stairs to get to the top of the lighthouse. It is very tall and high. When I am at the top of the lighthouse, I will feel far away from the ground. Even though the lighthouse is tall, it is safe! The room at the top is small. I can choose to look at the lighthouse from the ground or climb to the top.



# Gift shop

There is a gift shop to purchase souvenirs from my trip. I might want to go here before I leave!



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# Goodbye!

When my visit is over, I  
will leave Split Rock  
Lighthouse.



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**We look forward  
to your visit!**



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