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Piney Point lighthouse, the oldest lighthouse on the Potomac, was constructed by John Donahoo in 1836 to warn of shoals at Piney Point and Ragged Point across the river. In 1939 the lighthouse was incorporated under the U.S. Coast Guard and in 1964 officially decommissioned. It can be toured during museum hours. It is owned by St. Mary's County as part of the Piney Point Lighthouse Museum and Historic Park.

The museum details the area's history and includes an exhibit of the WWII U-1105 Black Panther German submarine, which lies offshore in an area designated as the state's first Historic Shipwreck Dive Preserve.

The Potomac River Maritime Exhibit includes a collection of historic wooden boats that once plied the waters of the Chesapeake Bay as well as the watermen's story.

The six-acre park includes a picnic area, kayak launch, boardwalk, pier and beach.



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Our Museums and Historic Sites

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- Facebook.com/SCIMuseum
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Piney Point Lighthouse Museum and Historic Park

- Facebook.com/1836Light
- Twitter.com/PineyPtLHMuseum
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Map and Site Guide

**PINEY POINT
 LIGHTHOUSE**
 MUSEUM AND HISTORIC PARK



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Piney Point Lighthouse Museum and Historic Park



Museum and exhibits are open year-round.
Park grounds are open daily, sunrise to sunset.

- 1 Public Parking Area** - General parking for autos, RVs and busses.
- 2 Potomac River Maritime Exhibit Building** - View four historic boats used on the Chesapeake Bay and Potomac River to harvest oysters, crabs and other local bounty. Learn more about the history of the region's watermen and their lifeways.

- 3 Bio Retention Pond** - This structure was built to collect storm water run-off and allow it to infiltrate slowly into a storm drain.
- 4 Kayak Launch** - The launch is open during the museum's regular hours of operation or by appointment. Call the museum for more info.
- 5 1940s Navy Machine Shop** - This building was used to maintain Navy boats deployed in the Piney Point area. (Not open to the public.)

- 6 Dory Boat Exhibit** - See an example of the traditional, flat-bottomed wooden fishing vessel used by watermen in the region.
- 7 WWII Torpedo Exhibit** - This exhibit examines Piney Point's function as a torpedo testing range during WWII.
- 8 Handicapped/Elderly/Special Needs Parking Area** - Parking for our patrons with special needs.
Museum, Visitor Services and Museum Store - This is the site of our visitor services area, museum admissions, store and orientation exhibits. Feel free to stop in for information about Piney Point Lighthouse Museum and Park as well as local attractions. The museum features an insightful overview of the history of the lighthouse and the surrounding community. The museum store offers souvenirs, books and gift items with lighthouse themes.
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- 10 Public Picnic Area** - Please enjoy this space and assist the Museum Division with keeping this area clean.
- 11 Education Pavilion**
- 12 Rain Garden** - This landscaped depression allows water directed from roofs, driveways, and compacted lawns to soak into the ground.
- 13 Lighthouse Keeper's Quarters** - Built in 1836, it housed the Piney Point lighthouse keepers and their families.
- 14 Piney Point Lighthouse** - Built in 1836 by John Donahoo, the lighthouse was used until 1964 when it was decommissioned.
- 15 Fuel Building for Lighthouse**
- 16 Public Pier** - For your viewing enjoyment. Enjoy the comings and goings of osprey and other shore birds. Fishing, crabbing, and swimming are strictly prohibited in the park.

Be sure to visit our web site for information about this year's special events, exhibits and programs.