



## Become a Friend of Spring Point Ledge Lighthouse!

Support our mission to preserve this maritime treasure by:

- Hosting events in support of the Lighthouse.
- Helping the Trust cultivate a strong donor and visitor base .
- Sponsoring fundraising and community events
- Bring together other lighthouse lovers to support the Trust's mission to provide continued access to this wonderful beacon on the Maine coast.

**For more information visit our website at  
[www.springpointlight.org](http://www.springpointlight.org)**

**Spring Point Ledge Light  
is always looking for new docents!**

If you love lighthouses, the Maine coast and want to have fun in the sun this summer contact our Docent Coordinator at [coordinator@springpointledgelight.com](mailto:coordinator@springpointledgelight.com) or call 207-699-2676



Spring Point Ledge Lighthouse  
P. O. Box 2311  
South Portland, ME  
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SPRING POINT LEDGE LIGHTHOUSE



### OPENINGS

FOR EVERY SUMMER AND FALL:

11:00 AM TO 3:00 PM

EVERY SATURDAY AND MOST  
SUNDAYS

MID-JUNE THROUGH LABOR DAY  
COLUMBUS DAY WEEKEND  
AND

MAINE LIGHTHOUSE DAY  
IN SEPTEMBER

**Private tours and group tours are welcomed.**

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Spring Point Ledge Lighthouse was built at the entrance to Portland Harbor to mark the end of a dangerous ledge where many ships had gone aground. After repeated requests from local ship owners, Congress finally authorized \$45,000 for the construction of a cast iron caisson-style lighthouse there in 1891. Keeper William A. Lane lit the kerosene lamp for the first time on May 24, 1897. Lane made a salary of \$540 per year and lived in the Lighthouse with an assistant keeper. The two men maintained the structure and the light in all weather, only going ashore by boat for supplies.

Kerosene remained the source of illumination until the light was electrified in 1934. However, keepers continued to live in the lighthouse into the 1960s, well after it was automated. Today you can visit the Lighthouse and see the living quarters that were used, furnished very much the way they would have been when the first keepers arrived.



The Spring Point Ledge Light Trust was formed by the Portland Harbor Museum in early 1998 to acquire ownership of the Spring Point Ledge Lighthouse. The lighthouse was one of 28 in the state of Maine which were being turned over to non-profit organizations and governmental agencies under the Maine Lights Program. The transfer of ownership took place in a public ceremony in Rockland, ME on June 20, 1998



The mission of the Spring Point Ledge Light Trust is to preserve the Spring Point Ledge Light and to open the lighthouse to the public as often as possible and to educate people and especially children about the history and need for navigational aids

*The Spring Point Ledge Light Trust is a 501 (c)(3) non-profit*

## COME VISIT THE LIGHTHOUSE!

- Every year we offer tours for anyone interested in learning more about our beautiful and historic lighthouse.
- Large groups and tours are always welcomed. You can schedule a private tour with us too!

Don't miss an opportunity to see a jewel of the Maine coast!

### From Interstate 295

From Interstate 295, take Exit 6A, Forest Ave. and then right on State Street. Follow State Street (Route 77) through Portland and over the Casco Bay Bridge to South Portland. The bridge feeds traffic directly onto Broadway. Go straight ahead off the bridge. {DO NOT turn off Broadway where Rte 77 branches right at the Ocean St. traffic light!} Stay on Broadway until the stop sign in front of the marina. Turn right on Pickett St. then left on Fort Road. Follow Fort Road through the Southern Maine Community College campus until it ends at the water.

Spring Point Ledge Lighthouse is on your right.

