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Thirty Mile Point Lighthouse

Located at Golden Hill State Park

Lower Lake Rd., Barker, NY 14012

Tours available

Campsite Office 716-795-3885

1873: A farmer, Austin Hathaway, sold two acres of land for \$300.00 to the United States of America to build the mighty lighthouse.

1875: Thirty Mile Point LH was built. Several vessels were wrecked on sand bars & shoals at this point. TMPLH is a navigation point, located 30 miles east of Niagara River. Thus the source of its name.

1884: Alterations were made to accommodate the assistant & head keepers.

1885: The kerosene lamp that was the source of light for the beacon was replaced by a 500 watt electric lamp.

1903: Commercial electricity. What an asset!!

1935: US Coast Guard took over operation from the Lighthouse Service. Building additions added. Fog horn building erected west of LH.

1955: Soil erosion. 1,280 tons of stone were dumped on the lake bank in front of the LH.

1958: Sad Time. The LH was closed. Gears were dismantled, a steel tower with an automatic revolving light replaced the mighty LH. TMPLH was no longer needed.



1973: TMPLH symbol for Somerset Sesquicentennial celebration. Adopted as Town of Somerset official seal.

1984: TMPLH became property of NYS, within the confines of Golden Hill State Park. **It was placed on the State & National Register of Historic Places.**

1989: 200th Anniversary of LH's in America Large celebration for TMP.

1995: TMPLH selected to represent Lake Ontario on a postage stamp. It would be seen all over the world. Over 5,500 attended the celebration.

1995: Support group formed: Friends of Thirty Mile Point Lighthouse.

1996: Friends of TMPLH received their charter from State of New York.

1998: Return of the Light to the Tower after 40 years! Spearheaded by Friends of TMPLH. The drive to restore the light was successful.

2001: "Lighthouse Cottage" Stay at the Lighthouse. 2nd floor keeper's quarters 3 bedrooms, living room, full bath, and furnished kitchen. Beautiful view.



Keep the Light Burning

Friends of Thirty Mile Point Lighthouse

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A non-profit organization to assist NYS Parks in restoring, preserving, interpreting, and promotion of TMPLH.

Membership: Individual \$5.00

Family \$10.00

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