

2026 – 2027
American Legion
Auxiliary Membership

The Northwestern Division
Two Harbors
Lighthouse Keepers



Two Harbors LIGHTHOUSE

- Located in the town of Two Harbors, Minnesota
- **1892** – Construction begins on Minnesota's first iron ore shipping harbor lighthouse along Lake Superior
- **1892 (March 31)** – Lighthouse is first lit, helping guide ships carrying iron ore from the Mesabi Range
- **1890s** – Serves as a critical navigational aid during the rapid expansion of Great Lakes shipping
- **Early 1900s** – Additional harbor lights and breakwaters reduce reliance on the lighthouse
- **1920s** – Increasing harbor development and improved navigation systems make the lighthouse less essential
- **1924** – Lighthouse is officially decommissioned; replaced by more modern navigational aids
- **1930s–1970s** – Building is used for various purposes, including housing and Coast Guard operations
- **1970s** – Growing interest in historic preservation leads to restoration efforts
- **1979** – Lighthouse is added to the National Register of Historic Places
- **1980s** – Site is restored and opened to the public as a museum
- **Today** – Operates as a historic site and bed-and-breakfast, preserving early Great Lakes maritime history

