

St. Augustine Lighthouse & Maritime Museum Accessibility Policies and Amenities



The St. Augustine Lighthouse & Maritime Museum is recognized and listed in the National Register of Historical Places. As such, our location throughout the years has been historically preserved to protect the original fabric and the historical significance of our buildings and light station. Given these restrictions, we have made every effort to make as much of the site and activities accessible to a wide variety of needs and audiences. Please read below for more information.

- Handicapped parking is available with wheelchair ramp access to the Visitor's Center. Once inside the center, an orientation exhibit with an interactive computer begins the lighthouse experience. An alternative short entrance path is available from the handicapped parking to the historic grounds. Museum staff will open the gate upon request.
- A wheelchair ramp provides access to the ground floor of the Keepers' House containing exhibits that also has a video that shows exhibits in the basement. However, the light station is an historic site and certain areas are accessible only by stairs, including the tower. Upon request, staff will open the emergency exit door to access the basement, a six-step stairway alternative, to the spiral staircase inside the dwelling. Stairs lead up to the second floor of the Keepers' House. In case of temporary exhibits, complimentary materials are available for consultation by those who cannot climb the stairs.
- A "View from the Top" video is available to those unable to climb the tower in the ADA accessible Maritime Education Center, which houses exhibits where guests can learn about the St. Augustine Lighthouse, see a ship model display, a puppet theater and hands-on activities for children. The ADA accessible archaeology viewing lab is connected to the Maritime Education Center.
- Five steps equipped with handrails access the Oil House containing the Keepers' Office and Oil Storage Room. An additional twelve granite steps equipped with handrails access the base of the tower and the view of the magnificent spiral stairway leading to the top of the tower.
- A large-print, self-guided walking tour with sensory icons to further guide you as you plan your visit is available at the welcome counter in the Visitor's Center. Shipwreck artifacts from the 18th century British supply ship Industry may be explored via a Braille lesson plan for those who are visually impaired, and many exhibitions contain auditory elements.
- Handouts in English, Spanish and French languages.
- Audio Tours Devices by request.

Public Programs and Events are held all over the historic site and in the historic buildings. Museum staffers regularly make special accommodations for wheelchairs users and other differently abled individuals. Some events may be live streamed or others may be moved to an outside location, depending on the needs and size of your group. If you have special access needs and would like to attend an event, then Please call ahead at 904 829-0745 and ask for an educator or program officer who can help meet your needs.

If you have special access needs and would like to attend an event, then Please call ahead at 904 829-0745 or email info@staugustinelighthouse.org to reach a person who can help meet your needs. The St. Augustine Lighthouse & Maritime Museum, its programs or activities do not discriminate on the basis of disability in admission, access, or employment. If you have special needs please contact us by email or phone. For other needs email info@staugustinelighthouse.org. For employment issues contact mcorlieto@staugustinelighthouse.org. You may also call 904 829-0745, Ext. 215 for the Executive Director, Kathy A. Fleming.

