

DID YOU KNOW...



The lighthouse steps were put in place one at a time & rotated into position

145
FEET TALL

oldest & tallest

LIGHTHOUSE IN GEORGIA

Continues to be an active aid to navigation



The mission of the Tybee Island Historical Society (TIHS) is to preserve, develop, and promote the historic resources and legacy of Tybee Island to the benefit of our community, future generations and nation as a whole by:

Restoring, interpreting, preserving, maintaining and effectively operating the Tybee Island Light Station, Museum and all ancillary sites and exhibits;

Collecting, preserving, storing, and exhibiting artifacts, documents, photographs, digital records, and images and other archival materials relevant to the cultural, military, maritime and architectural heritage of Tybee Island; and

Working with and providing expertise to the City of Tybee Island and community organizations to preserve and promote Tybee's historic legacy.

Please fill out the application below (or visit tybeelighthouse.org) if you would like to become a member. You will receive our newsletter, free admission to the light station & museum and a 10% discount on gift shop merchandise.

Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

TYPE OF MEMBERSHIP (PLEASE CHECK)

SENIOR/STUDENT (\$35) ___ SINGLE (\$45) ___

COUPLE (\$60) ___ HOUSEHOLD (\$75) ___

2ND ASSISTANT KEEPER (\$125) ___

1ST ASSISTANT KEEPER (\$175) ___

HEAD KEEPER (\$250) ___ LIFETIME (\$1,000) ___

PLEASE MAIL TO:

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TYBEE ISLAND LIGHT STATION & MUSEUM



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SAFETY FIRST

- Always watch your step & stay on the pathways.
- Do not spit or throw anything from the top - you can seriously injure someone.
- Know your limitations. If you are feeling unwell or have any health conditions that might impact your ability to climb, please don't try it.
- Keep an eye out for wasps at the top of the tower - there are no nests. They are attracted to the heat from the lens.
- No unattended children (those under 18). Do not leave children (or pets) in your car, with other visitors, or with staff.
- No bare feet. Bathing suits must be covered.
- No gum, food or drink (except clear water), smoking, tripods, drones, or backpacks of any size.
- Hold the handrails on stairs.
- Remove sunglasses inside all buildings.
- **Exit the tower when thunder & lightning are in the area.**
- Listen to & follow the directions of the staff & docents.
- Lighthouse & site may close during bad weather.

**We are a historic site with historic buildings.
You enter & tour our site at your own risk.**

1st Order Fresnel Lens & Light Pattern

The Fresnel [fruh-nel] lens intensifies the light to 70,000 candlepower - it can be seen 18 miles out to sea. It is so large that a family of 4 can fit inside the lens. The Tybee Lighthouse is still an active aid to navigation and the Coast Guard maintains the lamp & the lens. The white light is never turned off and its pattern is fixed (it does not rotate or blink).



One of the few
COMPLETE LIGHT STATIONS

left in the United States



Day Marks

The lighthouse has had 6 day marks since 1867. The current day mark is the same as the 4th day mark (1918-1965). Mariners recognize a lighthouse during the day by its paint pattern, one of the characteristics of its day mark.

Gylliard Cottage

Closed - New Exhibit in Progress

This building belonged to Thomas Gylliard, who was part of Tybee's Gullah Geechee community. He donated it to the historical society in 2007.

Fogarty-Hosti Cottage

Built circa 1900

Home of the Tybee Island Historical Society archives. Open to members by appointment only.

Seven Flags over Tybee

These are all of the flags that have flown over Tybee Island during its long history.



Spanish Flag
1520



Union Jack Flag
1700s



French Flag
1605



Confederate Flag
1860s



Pirate Flag
1700s



Georgia State Flag - Current

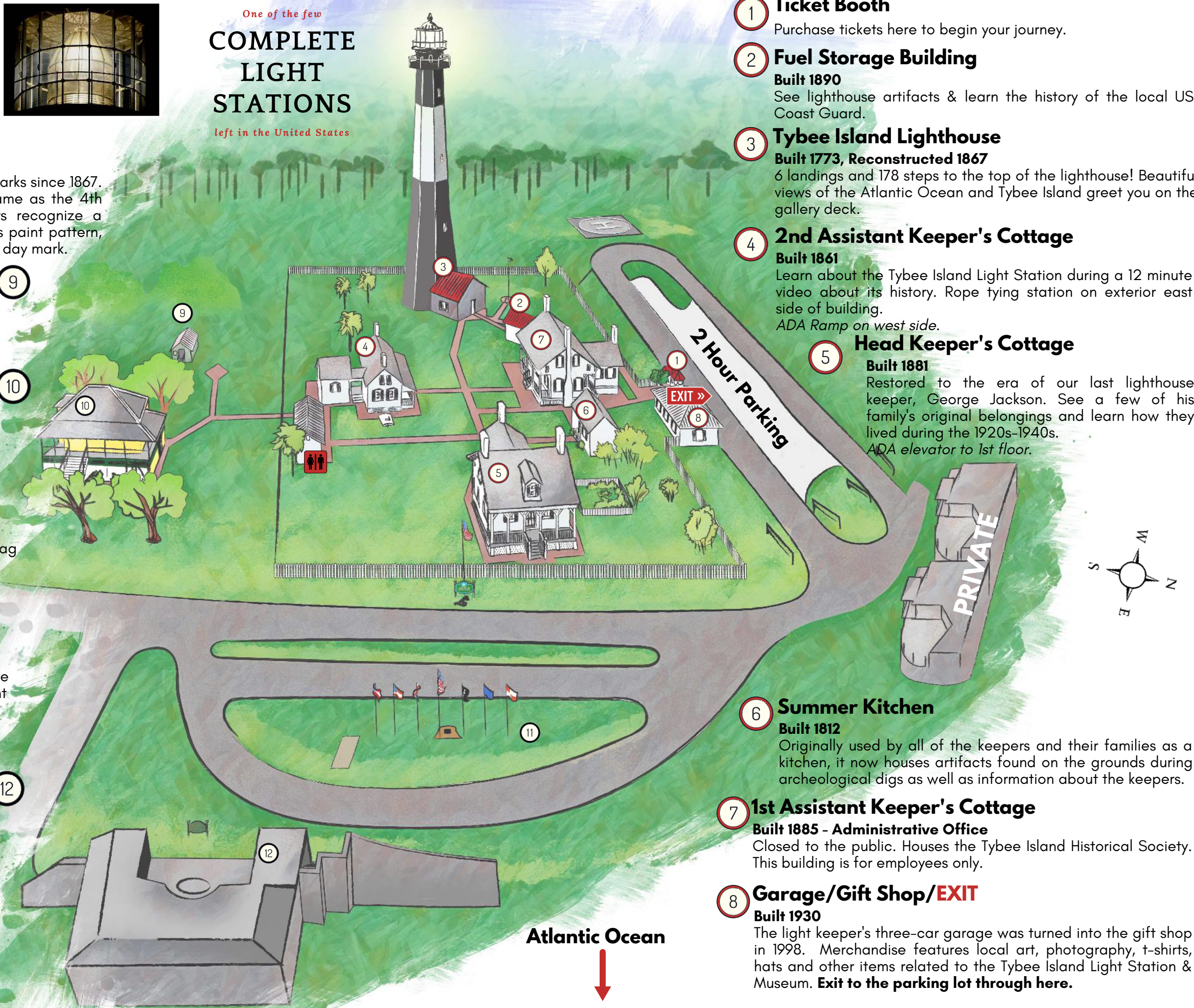


United States Flag - Current

Tybee Island Museum

**Housed in Fort Screven's Battery Garland
Built 1898-1899**

A huge 12-inch "non-disappearing" rifled long-range cannon was mounted on the top of the battery. Most of the lower rooms, which now contain the Museum's exhibits, were used to store smokeless gun powder and projectiles, each weighing over 700lbs. The Battery served as part of the United States' Coastal Defense System until it was decommissioned in 1945. Battery Garland is operated by the Tybee Island Historical Society and has served as the Tybee Museum since 1962.



1 Ticket Booth

Purchase tickets here to begin your journey.

2 Fuel Storage Building

Built 1890
See lighthouse artifacts & learn the history of the local US Coast Guard.

3 Tybee Island Lighthouse

Built 1773, Reconstructed 1867
6 landings and 178 steps to the top of the lighthouse! Beautiful views of the Atlantic Ocean and Tybee Island greet you on the gallery deck.

4 2nd Assistant Keeper's Cottage

Built 1861
Learn about the Tybee Island Light Station during a 12 minute video about its history. Rope tying station on exterior east side of building.
ADA Ramp on west side.

5 Head Keeper's Cottage

Built 1881
Restored to the era of our last lighthouse keeper, George Jackson. See a few of his family's original belongings and learn how they lived during the 1920s-1940s.
ADA elevator to 1st floor.

6 Summer Kitchen

Built 1812
Originally used by all of the keepers and their families as a kitchen, it now houses artifacts found on the grounds during archeological digs as well as information about the keepers.

7 1st Assistant Keeper's Cottage

Built 1885 - Administrative Office
Closed to the public. Houses the Tybee Island Historical Society. This building is for employees only.

8 Garage/Gift Shop/EXIT

Built 1930
The light keeper's three-car garage was turned into the gift shop in 1998. Merchandise features local art, photography, t-shirts, hats and other items related to the Tybee Island Light Station & Museum. **Exit to the parking lot through here.**