



## Enjoy your visit

The Fort Gratiot Light Station's 5 acres include the Lighthouse (1829), Light Keeper's Duplex (1874), Fog Signal Building (1900), Single Keeper's Dwelling (1932), former Coast Guard Station (1932), and Equipment Building (1939).

The Port Huron Museums offer tours of the Lighthouse, Fog Signal Building and Light Keeper's Duplex. Tours are available April through December.

For information on tour fees, Museum Store hours or other museum-sponsored programs, call (810) 982-0891 or visit the museum website at [www.porthuronmuseums.org](http://www.porthuronmuseums.org).

## Volunteers welcome

Volunteer opportunities abound at the Fort Gratiot Light Station County Park. Please consider assisting the light station and St. Clair County parks in our ongoing restoration efforts, or help the Port Huron Museums by volunteering in the Museum Store or become a trained docent providing tours and historical information to park visitors.

For more information or to volunteer, go to:

- [www.fortgratiotlight.org](http://www.fortgratiotlight.org)
- [www.porthuronmuseums.org](http://www.porthuronmuseums.org).

## Become a Friend

The Friends of the Fort Gratiot Light is a 501(c)3 organization whose mission is to restore, preserve and maintain the historic Fort Gratiot Light Station. Working alongside St. Clair County Parks and Recreation Commission and Port Huron Museum, the Friends have done major restorations on the Lighthouse, Equipment Building, Fog Signal Building and Duplex Building, but there is much more to be done.

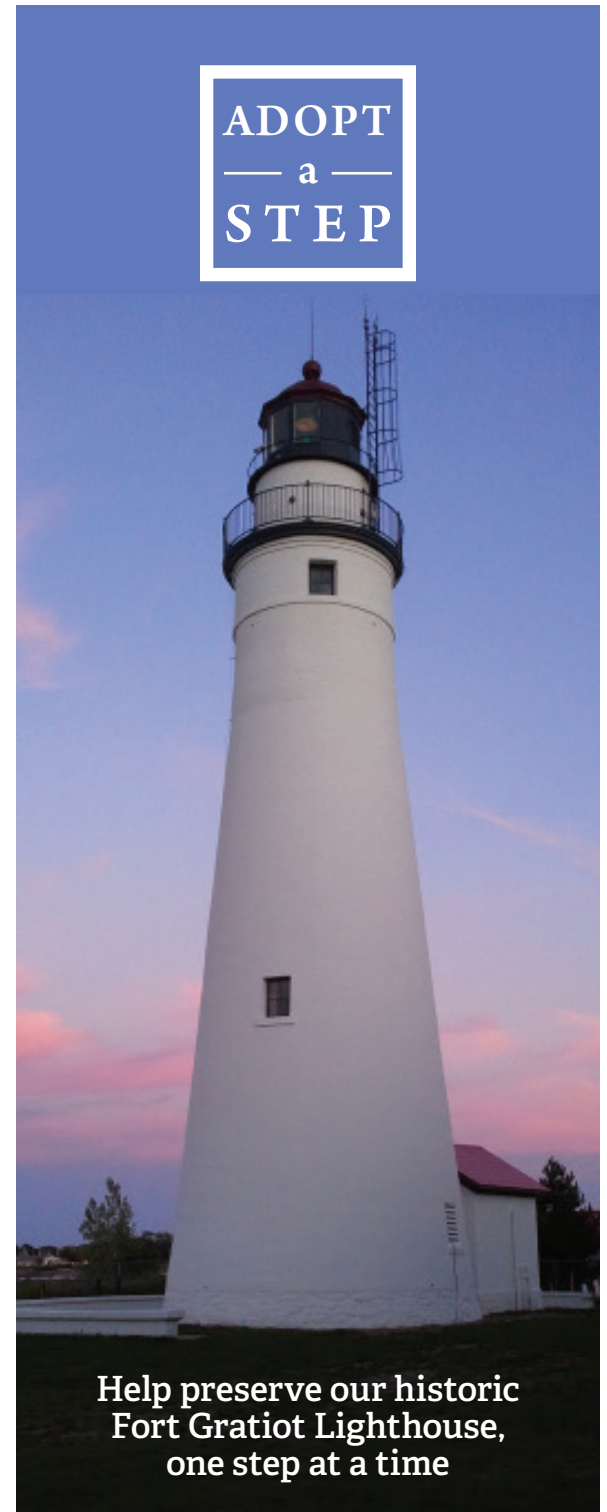


Please consider becoming a friend to the Fort Gratiot Light Station County Park and the Fort Gratiot Lighthouse. The motto of the Friends of the Fort Gratiot Light is "Restoring the Past, Building the Future."

The willingness to donate your time, talent or treasure to support the Friends' mission is all that's required to be a Friend of the Fort Gratiot Light.



ADOPT  
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STEP



Help preserve our historic  
Fort Gratiot Lighthouse,  
one step at a time



# Adopt-a-Step at the Fort Gratiot Light

The Fort Gratiot Light has been standing guard on the shores of Lake Huron since 1829, making it the oldest lighthouse in Michigan. It is being preserved for future generations by the partnership of St. Clair County Parks and Recreation Commission, the Friends of the Fort Gratiot Light, staff and volunteers from the Port Huron Museums — and you.

By adopting a step, your contribution will support ongoing efforts to restore, preserve and promote this important part of Great Lakes history.

The historic Lighthouse stands 82 feet tall. Generations of light keepers and visitors during nearly two centuries have climbed its 94 winding steps, which open up on a small open-air observation deck around the light.

Your contribution will be recognized on a plaque with your name and brief message that will be placed on a board inside the Lighthouse for all visitors to see. A numbered brass plate will be attached to the step you adopt.



**The spiraling stairs inside the Fort Gratiot Lighthouse were originally made of yellow pine. The metal stairs were installed in 1862. Visitors walk up 94 steps to reach the observation deck at the top of the 82-foot-tall Lighthouse.**



## Join the Adopt-a-Step preservation program

Your recognition plaque will be displayed prominently in the Lighthouse. It is limited to 3 lines, with a maximum of 21 characters (including spaces) per line.

## How to adopt a step

For information on how to adopt a step in the oldest lighthouse in Michigan, please contact the Friends of the Fort Gratiot Light:

[www.fortgratiotlight.org](http://www.fortgratiotlight.org)  
or (810) 858-7198

Please make checks payable to: Friends of the Fort Gratiot Light and indicate "Adopt-a-Step" on the check's memo line.

To pay via credit card visit the Friends of the Fort Gratiot Light website and click on "Donate" and find the Adopt-a-Step link.

## Our donation scale:

- The first 10 spiraling stair steps: \$1,000 per step
- The middle 74 spiraling stair steps: \$500 per step
- The last 10 spiraling stair steps: \$1,000 per step
- The Ladder to the Light (the final 10 steps the Light keeper used to maintain the light): \$10,000