

# *Crisp Point*

## **L i g h t h o u s e**

Come visit  
one of  
Michigan's  
best kept  
secrets.





## IMPORTANT DATES

- 1896 Crisp Point Light proposed
- 1902 Project approved
- 1903 Fog signal building constructed
- 1903 Boiler destroyed by storm  
Machinery for second fog signal installed
- 1903-4 Lighthouse constructed
- 1904 Became operational
- 1906 Brick service room built connected  
to lighthouse tower
- 1907 Landing crib built
- 1965 All but light tower destroyed by Coast Guard
- 1993 Light was decommissioned
- 1996 Brick entrance building destroyed  
by erosion & storms
- 1997 Light listed as the most endangered  
lighthouse in the U.S.A.
- 1997 Luce County becomes owner, gives 40 year  
lease to Historical Society
- 1998 Rock brought in to save tower
- 1999 Road extended to lighthouse, tower painted,  
upper windows installed
- 2000 Trees planted to stop wind erosion
- 2001 Boardwalk constructed
- 2002 Benches were installed
- 2003 Large stone brought in for erosion control
- 2006 Stone brought in to protect east side of tower
- 2006-8 Entrance building was rebuilt
- 2007 More large stone brought in to protect  
east side of tower

## FUTURE PROJECTS

- Build a restroom
- Rebuild some of the smaller buildings
- Will need more stone for erosion control
- Constant painting and repair

**Surrounded by thousands of acres of forests on the shores of Lake Superior ...a more peaceful and beautiful place you will be hard pressed to find.**

Crisp Point was one of the four original Lake Superior Life Saving Stations. It was built in 1875 and was operational in 1876.

Crisp Point Lighthouse was first proposed in 1896 and every year thereafter until finally approved in 1902. The land was purchased—fifteen acres—at a price of \$30. The deed was dated May 21, 1903.

The lantern room was crowned with a fixed 360-degree red fourth order lens. The lighthouse tower stands fifty eight feet from its base to the ventilator ball of the lantern. The fog signal building was a brick structure, 22'x 42', with a tin tile roof. A brick service room was connected to the tower in 1906. The landing crib was 12' wide by 132' long with a bulkhead 20' square. It was built on the west side of the boathouse, filled with stone and decked.

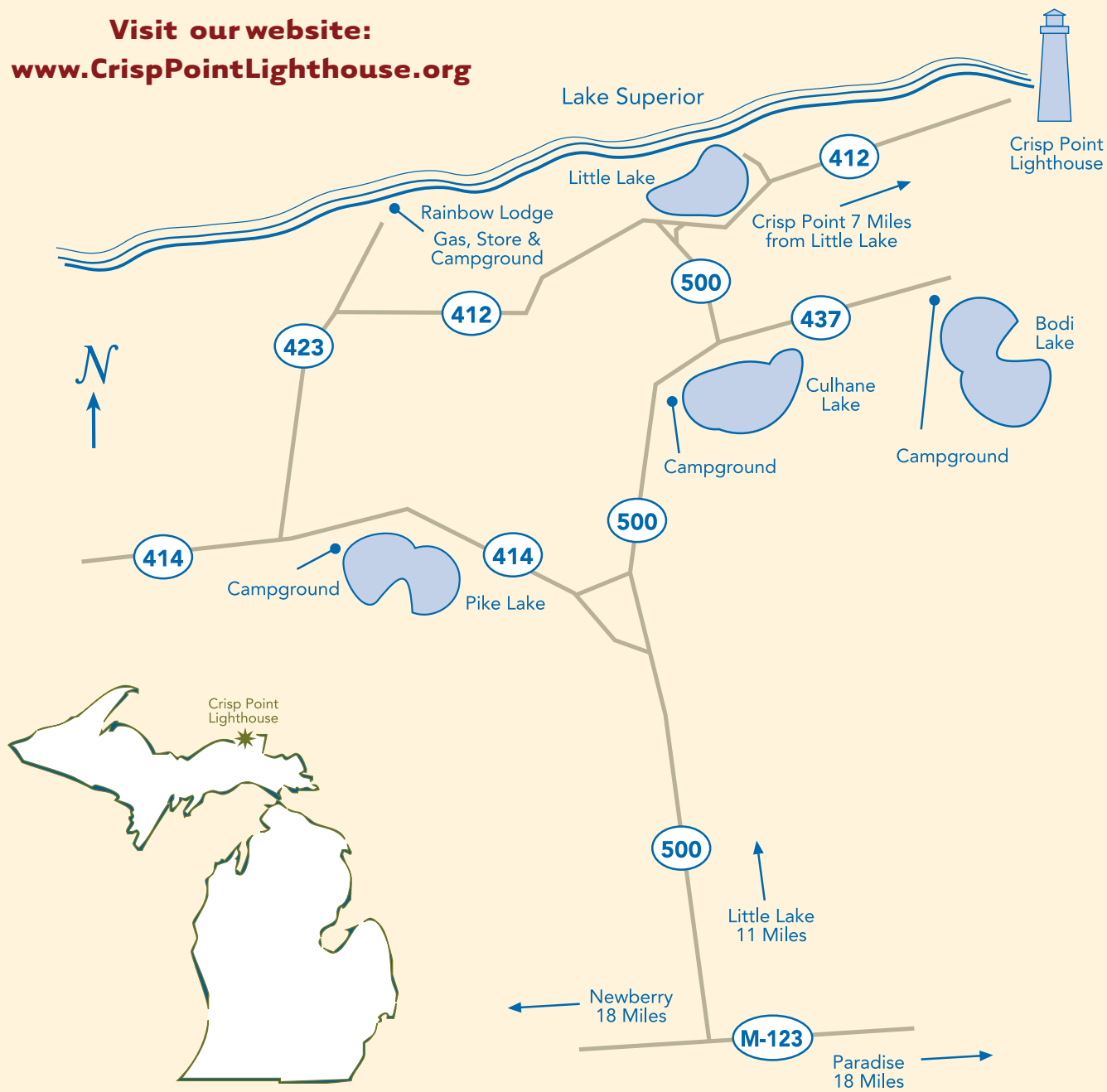
In all, there was a two family brick light keepers dwelling with basement, brick fog signal building, oil house, two frame barns, boathouse and landing, tramway, tower, and service entrance room as well as the lifesaving station buildings.

The Crisp Point Light Historical Society was formed in 1992 to restore and preserve the Crisp Point Lighthouse for our and future generations to learn about and enjoy as a non-commercial historic attraction. There is still much restoration and preservation work to be done.

The solitude and tranquility felt at the light are irreplaceable and the sunsets are some of the best you'll see anywhere. All troubles seem small when surrounded by the power of God.



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