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Sodus Bay Historical Society
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The Sodus Bay Historical Society (SBHS) was established in 1972. The mission of the Society is:

- To collect, preserve and exhibit records, writings, historical items, and artifacts;
- To preserve and disseminate information in the field of history connected with the Sodus Bay area;
- To serve the educational and cultural needs of the Sodus Bay area;
- To support the preservation of historic structures, sites and monuments; and
- To maintain a museum in the historic lighthouse with an emphasis on local maritime history.

The Society has operated the Sodus Bay Lighthouse as a museum since July 4, 1985. The Society is a state-chartered, nonprofit institution supported by admissions, donations, grants, and visitor fees. SBHS is a steward, linking the past with the present to make the Lighthouse Museum and grounds an educational, enjoyable, and attractive destination/experience for area residents, their guests, and tourists from around the world.

Established in 1824 by an act of Congress, the original lighthouse was built on Great Sodus Bay for \$4,500. A round brick tower with a separate dwelling house was constructed of rough split rock. A year later, Ishmael D. Hill, a veteran of the War of 1812, was appointed as the first lighthouse keeper.

By 1868, the original lighthouse was in need of extensive repairs. In 1870, demolition was recommended, and a new lighthouse was built with an adjoining tower and dwelling for the keeper. It was constructed of limestone imported from Canada and completed in 1871. The original tower and house materials were used as a jetty to protect the bank from erosion.

In 1901, the tower light was decommissioned and replaced by a light on the pier erected in 1834. During the span of 76 years, from 1825 to 1901, fifteen keepers were responsible for the care of these two navigational aids to mariners on Lake Ontario.

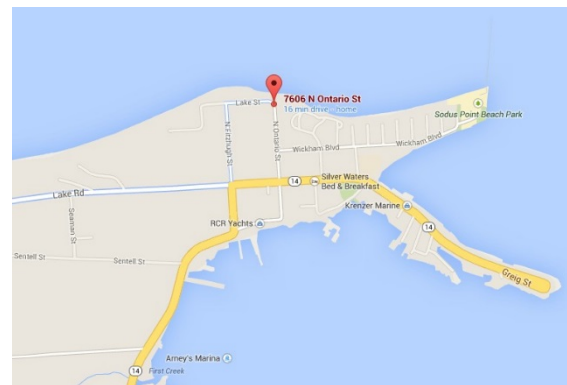
We are currently closed.
When we are able to open, it will be posted on
our website at sodusbaylighthouse.org.

You can visit our museum gift store anytime at
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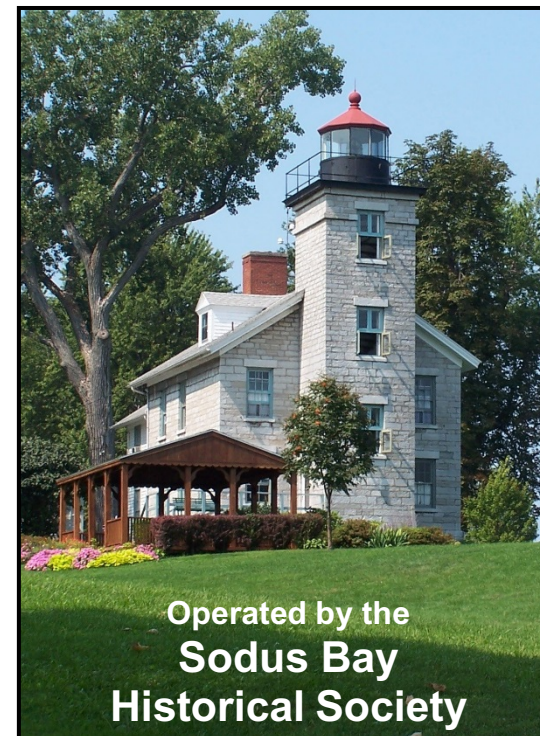
Adults: \$6.00
Students (Grades K-12): \$3.00
Preschool Children: FREE
SBHS Members: FREE

Active-duty military personnel and up to 5 family members receive free admission between Armed Forces Day and Labor Day

Admission discounts are available for prearranged tours of 10 or more persons. Please call for information.



Sodus Bay Lighthouse Museum



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History . . .

The Sodus Bay Historical Society actively promotes local history for the enjoyment of area residents and visitors and preserves local history to ensure future generations benefit from the knowledge of the past.



1871 Lighthouse
(Photo from 1880s)

Our staff and docents are friendly, knowledgeable, and responsive. They bring history alive for our visitors.

We operate the Sodus Bay Lighthouse Museum and have built our collection over the last 35 years. Our acquisitions focus on maritime artifacts and artifacts depicting the history of the Sodus Bay area.



Tools of the Lighthouse Keeper



War of 1812

We provide educational forums such as school tours, lectures, and our popular "History Alive!" events.

Community . . .

The Sodus Bay Historical Society provides vibrant programming which deepens the sense of community in the Sodus Bay Area.

Our Summer Concerts provide weekly entertainment from July 4th through Labor Day, drawing hundreds of area residents and vacationers together every Sunday afternoon.



Each year in early July, we host our Independence Extravaganza, which includes a variety of community-oriented events including the first concert of the season.

The beautiful gardens at our historic lighthouse can be rented for outdoor wedding ceremonies. With spectacular photo opportunities overlooking Lake Ontario, many couples choose the Lighthouse as a site for their most special day.



Beauty . . .

The Sodus Bay Historical Society maintains the Sodus Bay Lighthouse and its grounds to ensure visitors enjoy an inviting atmosphere and the highest possible standards of natural beauty.

The Museum is the most visited spot in Wayne County. It is ideally situated to afford sweeping vistas of Lake Ontario, the entrance to Sodus Bay, and the Chimney Bluffs.



The Lighthouse building, completed in 1871, is built of limestone, and is a superb example of bygone standards of design and craftsmanship.

Our gardens are designed to bloom throughout the season, and are situated to be visible from virtually every spot on the grounds. By enhancing the wonderful natural beauty of our site, everyone benefits: local residents, frequent visitors, and tourists passing through.



Join Us . . .

The opportunity to be a part of the Sodus Bay Historical Society (SBHS) awaits you! You can help us fulfill our mission by becoming a member, through your generous donations, and/or through your time and talents as a volunteer.

Advantages of membership:

- Pride and satisfaction in supporting an organization dedicated to preserving the history of the Sodus Bay area and maintaining and operating the Sodus Bay Lighthouse Museum
- Make a difference by taking an active role to make Sodus Bay history come alive, maintain our gardens, assist in our community events
- Enjoy camaraderie with equally passionate community members
- Appreciate the inviting atmosphere and scenic vista of the Lighthouse and grounds overlooking Lake Ontario; the value of tourism to the area cannot be overstated
- Enjoy the many events provided by SBHS (e.g., concerts, 5K race, speakers, presentations, members-only tours, social events, etc.)

You'll also receive a number of tangible benefits:

- Unlimited Museum admission
- Electronic subscription to SBHS's newsletters
- Invitations for members-only events, including our annual dinner and holiday open house
- A 10% discount in the Museum Store
- Tax-deductible donations

Join us! Fill out and mail the Membership Application on the reverse panel.