

Visit Mathews County and the New Point Comfort Lighthouse



The 200th anniversary of the first illumination was celebrated on Jan. 17, 2005. It is the third oldest lighthouse still standing on the Chesapeake Bay, 10th oldest in the United States. Today, it may be seen from the New Point Comfort Observation Walkway located at the southern end of Route 600. Virginia Highway Historical Marker N-89.

Location: New Point Comfort at the entrance to MobJack Bay in the Chesapeake Bay

Coordinates: 37.3006°N 76.2775°W

Year first lit: 1805

Automated: 1930

Deactivated: 1963

Construction: sandstone masonry

Tower shape: Octagonal tower

Height: 58 ft

Original lens: fourth order Fresnel lens

Range: 13 miles

Characteristic: Fixed white



New Point Comfort Light was an early beneficiary of conservation efforts, being transferred to Mathews County in 1975, three years after being listed in the National Register of Historic Places. In 2001 a taskforce was formed by the county to oversee the preservation of lighthouse. The tower still stands, surrounded by water, visible from a walkway constructed at the southern tip of the county.