



BIG RED

This is Big Red...

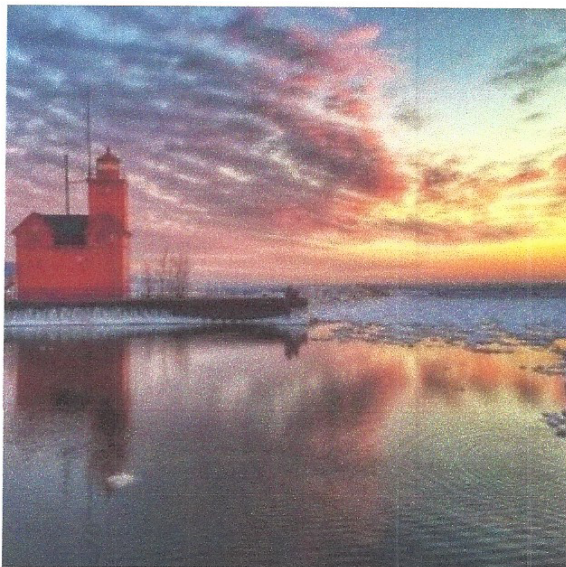
The History



The first lighthouse built at this location was a small, square wooden structure built in 1872. In 1880 the Lighthouse Service installed a new light atop a metal pole in a protective cage. The old lantern was lowered by pulleys for service.

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The Seasons



Big Red has stood tall in the Holland Harbor for nearly 100 years. Through rain and shine, through blistering summer days to cool autumn evenings. From the icy austerity of Winter's

relentless march as it gives way to
the promise of Spring.

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The Heritage



The work of the Holland Historical Commission has enlisted the hours and the dedication of both local and seasonal residents whose love for the majesty and history of this iconic structure spans generations.

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Welcome to Big Red!

When planning to visit *Bed Red*, please take into account the fact that private property surrounds the access points to this historical treasure, so a bit of navigation around, and respecting of private property will help not only ensure your visit is enjoyable but keep the neighbors happy as well..

*Pedestrian access to **Big Red** is available on Tuesdays and Thursdays to local residents from Memorial Day to Labor Day.*

Please note overhead view of the Access points to the historical site at right. >

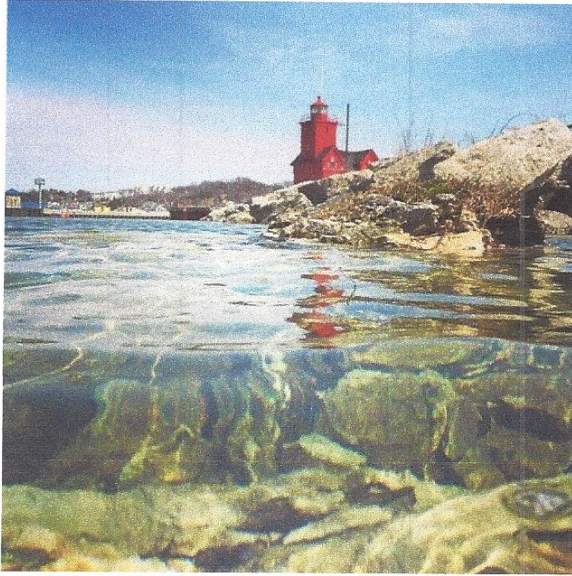
Out-of-state visitors may visit from 11am to sunset Mondays through Fridays. There is parking for four cars beyond the gatehouse, available when the gatehouse is staffed. Otherwise, parking is outside (not at marina or yacht club). Bicycles must be left in the bike rack at the gatehouse. It is a quarter-mile walk to the lighthouse from the

park entrance; the walk is across sand and gravel and is not handicapped-accessible. No beach towels, dogs, or coolers can be carried in to the park. Visitors may stay for one hour.

The gatehouse will be staffed weekends during May; this includes the weekends of Tulip Time. There will be an opportunity to park within the gate at that time.



Overhead View of Pedestrian Access points to Bi...



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