

Cape Canaveral Lighthouse Foundation
Guidelines on Visitors Climbing the Cape Canaveral Lighthouse
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Visitors may climb to the 3rd level or 5th level, depending on the number of visitors, as long as they meet the following requirements:

1. Proper footwear, closed toe or sandal with back strap, NO flip flops or high heeled shoes.
2. Climbers must be able to climb without assistance.
3. No infants, children, adults, or animals may be carried.
4. No children under 4 feet tall may climb above the 1st level.
5. No food or drink except closed water bottles allowed in the Lighthouse.

Visitors may not climb above the 5th level of the lighthouse unless all conditions above and below are met. The opportunity to climb is tightly controlled due to logistics and safety issues.

1. All requests must be approved by CCLF President or his/her delegated representatives prior to the climb. Requests should be made at least 48 hours in advance.
2. Requestors must meet one of the following criteria:
 - a. VIPs as determined by CCLF President or his/her delegated representatives.
 - b. Auction prize winners
 - c. Sizeable donors (\$500+)
 - d. Someone who has done something significant to help Cape Canaveral Lighthouse or Museum, as determined by CCLF President or his/her delegated representatives.
 - e. A request from the Air Force
 - f. Lifetime member and guest (one guest per member and one-time only)
3. All climbers must sign the liability release form (Hold Harmless Agreement). Parent or Guardian must sign for anyone under 18 years old.
4. Maximum number allowed to the top at the same time is 4-5 guests plus 2 docents.
5. No children under twelve years old will be allowed to climb to the top due to safety issues.
6. Climbs to the top will occur independently and not be part of a regular tour.
7. Two docents must be present for any climb. They must be qualified and able to lead and follow the visitors to the top. One other Foundation docent or volunteer will remain at the bottom.

Docent Guidelines for the climb. The #1 priority during the climb is **SAFETY!!**

1. If a trip to the top is approved but on the day of the climb you don't think the person can make the climb, **DON'T GO TO THE TOP**, reschedule if necessary
2. Don't rush, take it easy.
3. If when you get to the top the wasps are bad, don't go out on the catwalk.
4. If the catwalk is wet or there is excessive wind, don't go out on the catwalk.
5. If there is lightning in the area, vacate the lighthouse entirely.