Cape Canaveral Lighthouse Fast Facts

The following facts apply to the current lighthouse at Cape Canaveral. A smaller, brick lighthouse was built in 1848 until replaced by the current iron lighthouse in 1868.

ACTIVE Yes

LOCATION One mile inland on Cape Canaveral, Florida

COORDINATES 28°27'37.26"N

80°32'36.42"W

CONSTRUCTION 1868 cast-iron, brick lined tower with concrete foundation

1893-1894 moved one mile inland to avoid flooding

TOWER SHAPE Conical tower with balcony and lantern room

TOWER HEIGHT 151 feet (46 m) 176 stairs

FOCAL HEIGHT 137 feet (42 m)

OPTICS 1868-1993, 1st Order Fresnel lens

1993-present, DCB-224 beacon

CHARACTERISTIC 2 white flashes in 5 seconds, followed by 15 second eclipse

DAYMARK black and white horizontal bands with black lantern room

RANGE 24 nautical miles (44km; 28 mi)

ELECTRIFIED 1931

AUTOMATED 1954

MANAGING AGENT United States Space Force (45th Space Wing)

United States Coast Guard maintains the light

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