

Middle Bay Lighthouse

Commissioned: 1885

Decommissioned: 1963

Deactivated: 1967

Coordinates: 30.4382° N, 88.0112° W

Middle Bay Light, also known as Middle Bay Lighthouse and Mobile Bay Lighthouse, is an active hexagonal-shaped cottage style screw-pile lighthouse. The structure is located offshore from Mobile, Alabama, in the center of Mobile Bay (3 miles SW of Point Clear). It is not open to the public, but may be viewed by boat.

Its original optic was a Fourth Order Fresnel lens; currently displayed at the museum at Fort Morgan, Alabama (also on display are the lenses from Sand Island and Mobile Point). In 1905, the lens and the lantern room were removed and two small red acetylene lights were placed on an iron post. A single light is all that burns today.

Fact or fiction? In the early World War I era, the light keeper's family needed fresh milk for his family; hence, a cow lived on the deck.

Mobile Bay Lighthouse was placed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1975.

