

Umpqua River Lighthouse, Oregon

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Winchester Bay, Oregon, near Reedsport, is the site of the Umpqua River Lighthouse. It was the first lighthouse on the Oregon coast and was originally lit in 1857 to mark dangerous shifting sandbars that had caused many shipwrecks. Six years after its construction, the lighthouse collapsed from heavy rains and flooding. The current brick lighthouse was built in 1890 and lit in 1894, with a two-ton first-order Fresnel lens constructed from 616 glass prisms using alternating two white lights and one red.



The stamp (Scott #4149) was issued on June 27, 2007, in a pane of 20 as part of a set of five stamps depicting Pacific Lighthouses. It was the fourth set of lighthouse stamps in a series of seven. The operational 65-foot lighthouse is leased by the Coast Guard to the Umpqua Valley Museum and is located next to Umpqua Lighthouse State Park.

This postal card (Scott #UX506) was issued along with four others in 2007 to commemorate Pacific Coast lighthouses. The reverse side has a full picture of the stamp.



Further Information:

<https://umpquavalleymuseums.org/museums/umpqua-river-lighthouse/>

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