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Portland Light, Cape Elizabeth, ME



So, where were we? Oh yes, Amarillo, Texas, heading for Florida.

Well, I decided I needed to see a lighthouse. And I chose one in Maine. It was "on the way" *if* you chose the right "way."

Portland Head Light sits on the Atlantic coast, about 5 miles from downtown Portland, Maine's largest city (pop. 69,769).

Situated on the point of Cape Elizabeth, the lighthouse stands 80 feet above ground and 101 feet above water.

It was built in 1787 (completed in 1791) at the directive of some guy named George Washington – yeah, that guy! -- at a cost of $1,500.

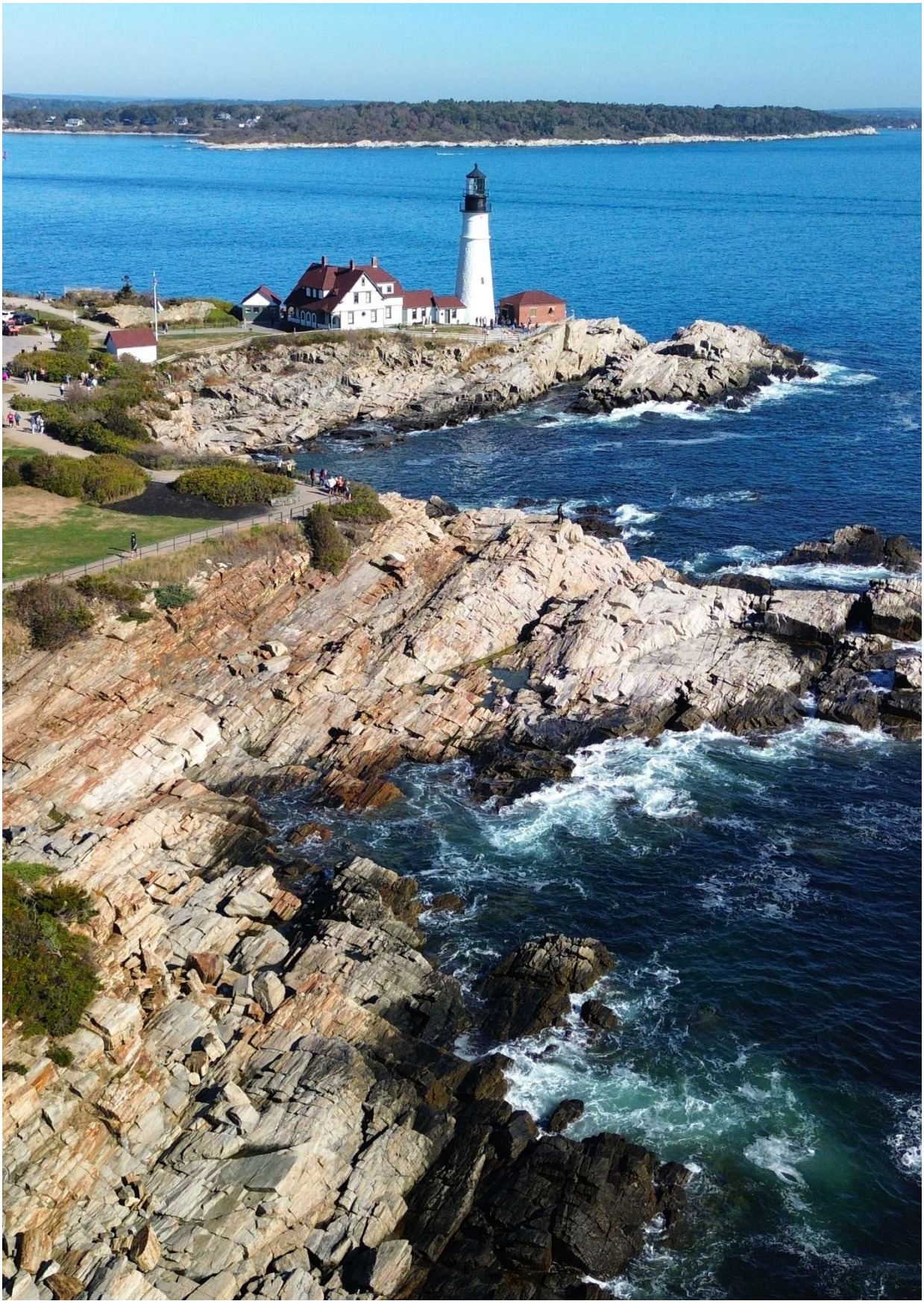
Fort Williams Park covers most of the cape, with the lighthouse being the most popular attraction.

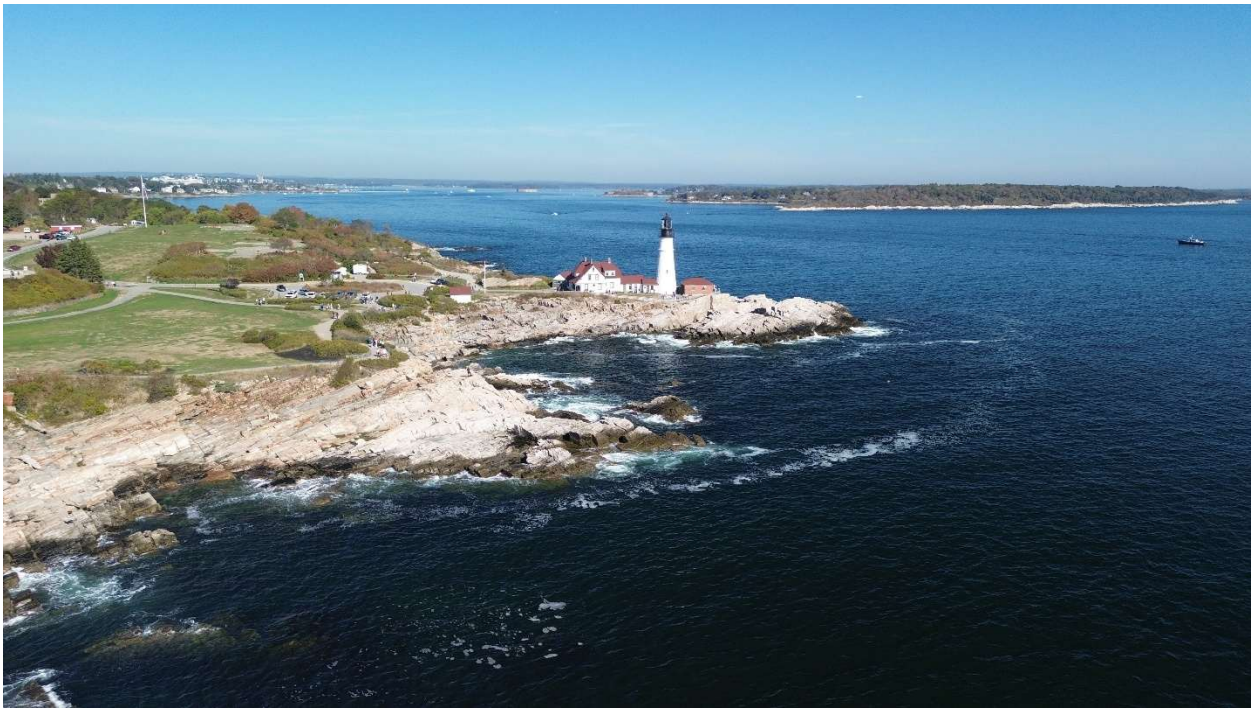
I had come here the day before, just before sunset. It was nice, and there were a lot of people wandering around and chilling out with the calm surf on the rocks and the unique lighthouse vibe. But the hills and tall trees had already blocked the setting sun, so I was too late for a brightly lit photo.

Hence, I returned mid-morning for some ground-based photos and a short stint of Little Bird's aerial pics and video. Rare to find an almost windless day on the Maine coast, but this was the second time that LB found one.













So, yeah, kind of a long way to drive to get those photos, but it actually was a “while I’m there” kind of thing. I came up primarily to video my brother’s band, Retro Rockets (I know you’ve heard of them), playing a very unique sunset gig on the summit of the Great Blue Hill just south of Boston (I know you’ve heard of it).

And that’s where I was headed next.