



National Historic Lookout Register

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Check www.firelookout.net for a complete listing of the more than 500 fire lookouts in the United States and around the world that are listed on the NHLR. There are pictures, descriptions, a map on how to get there and even the current weather at the site! If the lookout appears to need some maintenance, check www.firelookout.org to see how you can help!

Newest Canadian Listing To Be Available on Rentals

With 15 nominations this quarter, Massachusetts has all 41 active fire towers in the Commonwealth recognized on the Register. There are also listings for Arizona, New Mexico, and Tennessee, plus recognition of World Lookout Register #19 in Canada. It is the first lookout in British Columbia to be available for rental.



Skycastle Lookout

World #19, Canada #09, BC #02

First established by the British Columbia Forest Service (now the Ministry of Forestry) in 1949, the current Lemmon Lookout (renamed **Skycastle Lookout**) was constructed in 1967. It is a BC design 14'x14' wooden cab with catwalk on an 18' concrete block base. It was staffed until 1975 and then placed on stand-by status. The structure was recently restored by Skycastle Lookout Adventure Vacations in Slokan, BC and is now the first lookout in Canada available for vacation rentals (slocany@yahoo.com).

US #618, MA #29

North Attleboro Fire Tower has the distinction of being the last lookout established by the Mass. Bureau of Forest Fire Control to cover an unguarded area in the statewide fire detection grid. Constructed in 1972, it is a 75' steel tower with a 10'x10' wooden cab and an observation deck below.

US #619, MA #30

The first fire tower in this area was to the northeast on Prospect Hill. It was a 48' iron tower constructed in 1916. At the request of the Navy, the Bureau of Fire Control constructed **Norwell Fire Tower** in 1956 to replace it. It is a 70' steel tower with a wooden 10'x10' cab.



Oxford



Phillipston

US #620, MA #31

Located on the Oxford State Forest, the original **Oxford Fire Tower** was a 68' iron tower built in the early 1920s. It was destroyed in the disastrous 1938 hurricane. Built in 1939, the current 68' steel tower has a 10'x10' wooden cab.

US #621, MA #32

The first **Phillipston Fire Tower** was a 68' iron tower opened in 1928 on land owned by the Harvard University forestry program. It too succumbed to the 1938 hurricane. A temporary wood tower was erected while the present 68' steel tower with 10'x10' wooden cab was constructed in 1939.

US #622, US #622, MA #33

The original version of **Rehobeth Fire Tower** was a 28' steel tower with a 8'x8' cab on nearby Richmond Hill in 1912. In 1916 the structure was moved to Great Meadow Hill and a 12' extension and spiral staircase were added. The present 68' steel tower with 10'x10' wooden cab was built in 1931. In 1955 the U.S. Army requested it be moved and it was reconstructed at its present location on Long Hill.

US #623, MA #34

Located on the Shawme-Crowell State Forest, the first **Sandwich Fire Tower** was constructed by the CCC in 1934. It was a 60' Aermotor tower with 7'x7' steel cab. In 1966 it was replaced with the present 75' steel tower with 10'x10' wooden cab on Telegraph Hill.

US #624, MA #35

Over the years this location has had three lookouts: **Borden Mountain**, **Tower Mountain**, and **Savoy Mountain**. The first was a tree top station in 1913 built to supplement Mount Greylock. Then came a 45' steel tower with an 8'x8' cab. The present 68' steel tower with a 10'x10' wooden cab went into service in 1932. It is in the Savoy Mountain State Forest.



North Attleboro



Prospect Hill



Savoy



Sandwich