

A Prairie Lighthouse

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Thousands of miles from any Ocean is the Prairie Beacon of Cochin Saskatchewan (population 206). Located in the Village of Cochin, Saskatchewan stands a light house (the only one in Saskatchewan).



Located at the North end of the village the lighthouse is located on Pirot Hill, named by the then owner of the land where the light house is situated. After climbing the 158 steps to the 11.3 metre tall lighthouse, you have clear views of Jackfish and Murray lakes.



The idea was conceived of by Cochin's first mayor in 1988 and widely supported by the community and province. Approved in 1989 the project to build the lighthouse was started. It is a working lighthouse and is used by boaters in the summer and snowmobilers in the winter.



But most importantly for us philatelists, it gives us a nice picture postmark.

<http://www.cochin.ca/index.htm>

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