What are those towers along the coast?

Perhaps the most intriguing landmarks on the southern Delaware coast are the World War II observation towers. The cylindrical concrete towers were erected by the Army during World War II to watch for Nazi ships and submarines. Eleven towers dot the coast, stretching from Fenwick Island northward to Cape Henlopen.

Currently, only one tower is open to the public. Located at Cape Henlopen, the tower offers spectacular views of the coast. Through a partnership between the Delaware Seashore Preservation Foundation and The Fort Miles Historical Association, efforts are currently underway to restore Tower #3, located within the Delaware Seashore State Park on Route 1, just south of Dewey Beach. Once Tower #3 is restored it will be open to public and interpretive tours will be given.



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