



FACILITIES AT FORT FISHER

Historic Structures: Less than ten percent of the earthen fortification remains. Approximately 180 yards of the land face exists on the river side of U.S. 421 and seventy-five yards of the land face exists on the ocean side. The partial remains of Battery Buchanan are at the southern end of Federal Point (just south of the ferry landing).

Visitor Center: A fifteen-minute audiovisual program tells the story of Fort Fisher. Exhibits trace the history of Fort Fisher and blockade-running; and a large fiber-optic map—featuring hundreds of moving lights and exciting sounds of battle—outlines the fall of Fort Fisher in January 1865.

Trails, Monuments, Outdoor Exhibits: The tour trail is approximately one-quarter-mile long and encircles the remains of the fort on the river side of the highway. Exhibit panels containing photos and text are located at many locations along the tour trail. A restored gun emplacement is located at Shepherd's Battery. Battle Acre, a monument to Confederate dead, is located on the ocean side of U.S. 421. A pavilion located at the northern end of the parking lot houses a display on underwater archaeology.

Handicapped Accessibility: The visitor center and rest rooms are fully accessible. The tour trail is also accessible with assistance, but the restored gun emplacement is *not* accessible.

Picnic Facilities: None.

Gift Shop: The gift shop features flags, books, CDs, T-shirts, and many other unique items related to Fort Fisher and the Civil War.

Programs, Group Activities: At scheduled times throughout the year, costumed guided tours tell the story of the Confederate artillerists and U.S. infantrymen. Guides teach participants the "drill" with wooden rifles. Participants also learn the artillery drill (non-firing) on a bronze 12-pounder gun. Staff and volunteers also fire the 12-pounder and 32-pounder throughout the year. A 24-pounder Coehorn mortar is also live fired, with a ball!

Guided Tours: Regular guided tours are given daily on a scheduled basis:
Monday-Saturday: 9:30 a.m., 11:00 a.m., 1:30 p.m., and 3:00 p.m.
Sunday: 1:30 p.m. and 3:00 p.m. The 9:30 tour is only available from April through October. We ask that groups make reservations in advance.

Fees: No admission fees. There is a suggested donation at some special events.

HOURS OF OPERATION

April 1-October 31
9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. — Monday-Saturday
1:00-5:00 p.m. — Sunday

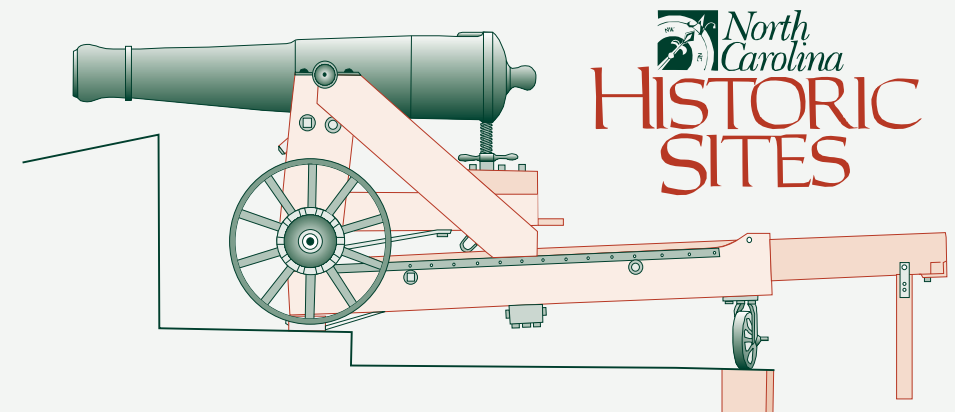
November 1-March 31 (Closed Monday)
10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. — Tuesday-Saturday
1:00-4:00 p.m. — Sunday

Closed on most major holidays.

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8-inch Columbiad with Front-Pintle Barbette Carriage

Heavy seacoast weapons of this type (and others) were mounted on the Land Face of Fort Fisher during the Civil War — Drawing by Mark Anderson Moore

