



Frederica Almanack

The Raid on Jekyll Island Horton House Living History Event to be Held July 14th

This July, come see what the colonists were fighting for, before they knew what independence was all about. On the afternoon of Saturday, July 14, the Jekyll Island Museum and Fort Frederica National Monument are teaming up to present a joint program on Georgia's early colonial history on the grounds of the Horton House Historic Site on Jekyll Island.

On Saturday July 7, Fort Frederica National Monument rangers and volunteers will share the story of the Battle of Bloody Marsh that took place between the British and the Spanish on St. Simons Island. Then, on Saturday, July 14, they will proceed to Jekyll Island, where they will help present the tale of the Spanish raid on Jekyll Island that followed in the aftermath, 265 years ago.

Horton House is one of the oldest standing tabby structures still in existence in Georgia. It was the home of Major William Horton. His original house, built in 1736, was destroyed by fire in July of 1742, when the Spanish troops retreated across Jekyll Island. The house that still stands today was rebuilt the following year on the



The Horton House ruins will host a living history event on July 14th. This picture is from a 1958 Historic American Buildings Survey. Photo by Jack E. Boucher, HABS

foundations of the burnt building.

The pointed attack on the property by the Spanish indicated a recognition of Horton's military standing and the strategic significance that Jekyll Island played in the defense and maintenance of the military fortifications at Fort Frederica.

On July 14, at 2:00 pm, the anniversary of that occasion will be marked at the site with interpreters dressed as British soldiers and indentured servants from the mid-

1700s. Through activities and demonstrations, they will present what life was like during Horton's occupation of the island.

Interpreters dressed as Horton's indentured servants will invite guests to participate in the colonial life of the island through activities that will share information about William Horton, his family, his servants, and his property on Jekyll Island, as well as their significant role in producing goods to supply the needs of the fledgling British colony.

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A Message from the Fort Frederica Superintendent

Welcome to Fort Frederica National Monument! The park offers a variety of opportunities to learn about the historic role of Fort Frederica. The park staff is doing a wonderful job of maintaining the resources and providing visitors with opportunities to explore the site's history.

The busy summer season is upon us and already the archeology camps are finished. The students from Glynn County had a great time learning how to be archeologists. I hope that they will use this hands-on experience to become stewards of our historical resources and maybe the next generation of National Park Service employees.

In the month of June, not only did we have mosquitoes but we also had the Hands-on History Camp. The camp, like the archeology camp, hopefully groomed some more stewards of our history. All these activities would not be possible without a dedicated staff.

Kudos to the Interpretive and Facility Management Divisions for the hard work with visitor services and resource management.

As you can see, we have a great deal of activities going on at the site this summer. We encourage you to ask questions, meet the staff and help us to preserve this national treasure for future generations. Have a wonderful visit at your National Park!

Tyrone Brandyburg,
Acting Superintendent

Hot Dry Summer at Fort Frederica

Fort Frederica is in an extreme drought. In fact, the park normally uses well water to water the grounds around the visitor center, but we are 7 ft below the level that the pumps will pull water, normally 3 feet. We are in an extreme fire danger and are asking you to be very careful and completely extinguish all cigarettes while on park grounds.

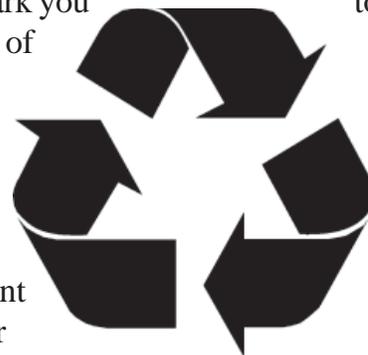
If you see any suspicious activity please report it to any uniformed employee.

In addition, during this hot, dry time of the year please make sure to drink plenty of water and tour the grounds at a slow, even pace. Fort Frederica is concerned about **your** safety.



Help the Park— Recycle Your Brochure

While visiting the park you may notice a couple of wooden boxes for recycled brochures at the Visitor Center and near the Cemetery. Due to rising costs to print these beautiful color pamphlets, we are trying



to conserve our resources by reusing the brochures for future visitors. If you do not want to keep your brochure as a souvenir please do your part by using the recycling boxes.

Thank you!

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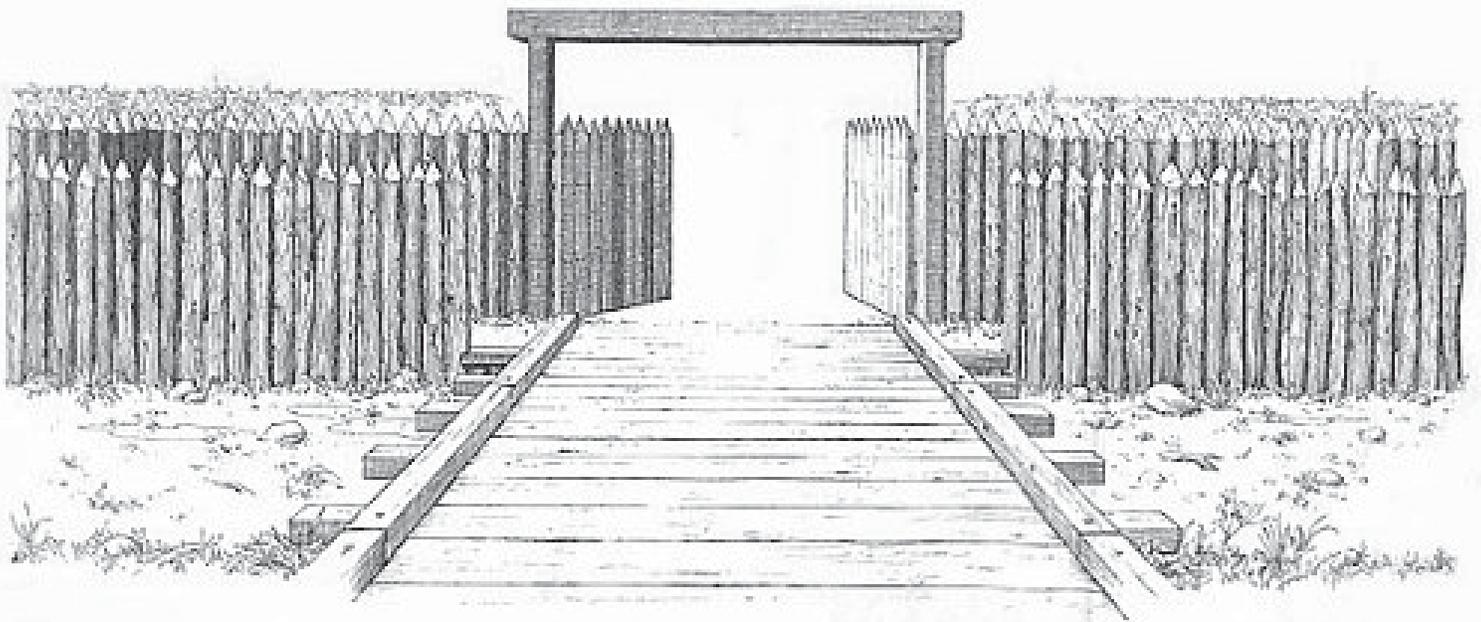


Welcome to Fort Frederica National Monument.

You are in store for an adventure through a surprising history. Frederica's stories range from the broad - clash of empires, life and death battles that will decide the fate of an entire region - to personal stories of struggle, hardship and victory/defeat. You have many options to uncover these tales.

Over the next few pages, this guide will help you get the most out of your visit today.

Enjoy!



Visitor Center Museum

Fort Frederica National Monument's Visitor Center is open from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m. daily. It offers exhibits that feature many of the artifacts recovered from archeological digs. Interactive computers and hands-on activities are designed to introduce the site's history and prepare visitors for the exploration of this town and fort.

Allow 10-20 minutes in the museum exhibits.

Orientation Film

History Uncovered is a good place to start your exploration of Fort Frederica. It provides an introduction to the history of Fort Frederica and its archaeological resources. The British-Spanish struggle for control of the region is brought to life utilizing living history interpreters and subject experts.



Running Time: 23 minutes
Shows every 30 minutes in the Visitor Center Theater.

Kid's Activities

History comes to life for kids at Fort Frederica.

Junior Ranger Program. Experience one of the most unique junior ranger programs in the National Park System. Kids can check out a soldier's haversack loaded with colonial tools and items that will help them complete activities to earn a junior ranger badge. The activities take about 1 1/2 hours to complete.

Try-on Colonial Clothes. Dress as a colonial lady or soldier. Located in the Visitor Center Museum.

18th-Century Games and Activities Table. Try your hand at colonial games and learn about children in the 18th-Century. Located in the Visitor Center Museum.

Hands-On Musket Drill. Learn about the life of a British soldier by participating in a hands-on musket drill program. For more information, ask at the Visitor Center Information Desk.

Safety

Fort Frederica National Monument is committed to providing visitors with a quality and safe experience and you can help.

Safety Notes

- Please take note of any signs that guard against hazards.
- While walking the beautiful tree-lined streets, watch out for hazardous limbs.
- Please do **NOT** seek shelter under any of the huge live oaks if thunder and lightning are in the area.
- Please stay out of ruins to help us preserve them for the future.

Although we strive for a safe environment, we may miss something. Please let us know how we can improve.

Accessibility

At Fort Frederica National Monument we want everyone to be able to experience the surprising history of Fort Frederica. To accomplish this goal, we offer a few services to allow everyone the opportunity to explore this history fully.

Golf Carts - for those with mobility impairment a golf cart can be used. Simply inquire with a ranger or volunteer at the front desk. In order to reserve a cart you will need to supply a driver's license, which will be returned upon the return of the cart.

Open Captioning for the film *History Uncovered* - captions are specifically designed for viewers with hearing loss to enable their full participation when viewing the park film. The captions include information regarding on- and off-screen sound effects such as music or laughter. Captions also hold secondary benefits for people who are learning a foreign language, or learning how to read, as well as those who understand best by processing visual information.

Audio Description for the film *History Uncovered* - audio description describes the visual content of the film. It provides individuals who are visually impaired with information that further describes the visual content not provided by the primary audio track. An audio description narrator describes actions, gestures, scene changes, and other visual information.

If there is any way that we can make your visit better, please let us know.

Interpretive Programs

Interpretive programs offer a great way to discover the many layers of Frederica's history.

Audio Tours. This 45-minute tour takes you through the heart of Frederica to the Fort. Narration and the sounds of the town helps bring the town to life.

Guided Tours. Explore Frederica's history with a park ranger.

Historic Weapons Programs. Learn about the life of a British soldier and experience a musket firing demonstration.

For more information about today's schedule ask at the Visitor Center Information Desk.



Bloody Marsh

Six miles south of the main unit of Fort Frederica National Monument is a small site that memorializes the final battle between British and Spanish forces on St. Simons Island. The site has a few exhibits and a great view of what is now known as Bloody Marsh. Bloody Marsh is located on Demere Road. For directions, please ask at the Visitor Center desk.



The Spanish Side of the Story

Consider travelling a few miles south to visit the Castillo de San Marcos and Fort Matanzas located in St. Augustine, FL. These National Park Service sites tell the story of the Spanish settlement and claims to the region and figure prominently in the history of Fort Frederica.



Maintenance Matters

Trails play an important role in leading visitors to the many features of the cultural landscape at Fort Frederica National Monument. After getting orientation information at the Visitor Center, visitors can walk on a tabby walkway trail behind the Visitor Center which leads directly to the town site, the British community that had such an important symbiotic relationship with the soldiers stationed at Fort Frederica. After crossing the remnants of the moat which once encircled the town site, this tabby trail leads to the streets and alleys of Frederica town. These streets and alleys serve as access trails for exploring the remains of this once bustling community on the Frederica River. Feel free to roam these street and alley trails as they lead to various wayside exhibits that will explain to you buildings that were constructed there over 250 years ago!

Trails outside the park also play an important part in getting visitors to the front door of Fort Frederica National Monument. St Simons Island has a wonderful and extensive bike trail system, and with energy costs for fuel at all time highs this summer, visitors to our community should consider using this system to bike their way to the national monument!

The bike trails on SSI are on public right-of-way and are fantastic opportunities to get out of your car and explore the island. All trails have a concrete surface, run parallel to major roads and, as you might expect for an island community, offer effortless travel on a flat terrain. And it doesn't

matter whether you are staying along the beaches, in the Village, or at an inland hotel, the trails are readily available to most hospitality areas.

Simple rules apply when using the bike trails. Ride on the right and pass on the left. If you're coming upon a slower traveler in front of you, whether a jogger or biker, it's always advisable to give them a friendly shout so they know you'll be overtaking them. Please use "stop, look, and listen" when approaching vehicle intersections, but quite often, the friendly locals will allow bikers to proceed in front of them. A tip of the hat or a friendly wave back is almost always met with a return smile. Traffic light buttons are provided at major intersections to change the light. A short wait for the green will get you across safely.

Fort Frederica National Monument is made up of two, distinct, detached units, and both have a bike trail that leads directly to them. The Bloody Marsh Unit, 1806 Demere Road, is alongside the Demere Road bike trail which can be reached from the Demere/Frederica Rd intersection, or from the Ocean Blvd cutoff in the Village. Please stop and walk your bike across Demere Road to enter through the gate at Bloody Marsh. Ranger programs for the family are available at Bloody Marsh throughout the year or interpretive exhibits are available there if you wish to explore on your own. The main park area, 6515 Frederica Road (where Fort Frederica is located), is also along a bike trail; in fact, the Frederica Road trail ends at Fort Frederica so you can't

miss us! If you choose to bike both units in a single trip this summer, the two trails meet at the Demere/Frederica Road intersection and the units are about 6 miles apart. Numerous businesses are located along the route so you can replenish your liquids easily during our humid summer.

We hope you'll consider using the bike trails as an alternative to using your vehicle this summer. It not only alleviates traffic on our busy island roads, but is a healthy way to explore our friendly island. Also, you'll be supporting the National Park Service "Greening of the National Parks" initiative, which encourages innovative transportation and building solutions that minimize human disturbance on the environment. If further information about these alternative ways for visiting Fort Frederica this summer is desired, please call the park at 638-3639.

The entire staff at Fort Frederica National Monument has a strong commitment to maintain the national monument so you have a safe and well-kept facility for your entire family to enjoy. Whether it is the upkeep of the trail system, awareness of environmental concerns, the preservation of the cultural landscape and its features, or the protection and care of the natural environment, we strive to provide you with an educational experience that broadens your thinking about our cultural past and future. Let us know how we're doing. Your suggestions may be able to help us improve for those who follow in your footsteps.

Fort Frederica National Monument 2007 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

All programs, dates and scheduled times subject to change (912) 638-3639
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| JULY | AUGUST | SEPTEMBER | OCTOBER | NOVEMBER | DECEMBER |
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| <p>21 Bloody Marsh Musket Program 2:00 PM</p>  <p>Daily Ranger Programs 11 & 2</p> | <p>25 Bloody Marsh Musket Program 2:00 PM</p>  <p>Daily Ranger Programs 11 & 2</p> | <p>Public Lands Month 1 Frederica Folkways: The Life of a Soldier 2:00 PM</p> <p>22 Bloody Marsh Musket Program 2:00 PM</p> <p>29 An Evening in a Colonial Tavern 7:00 PM</p> | <p>13 Frederica Folkways: Making Tabby 2:00 PM</p> <p>27 Bloody Marsh Musket Program 2:00 PM</p> | <p>3 Frederica Folkways: Taverns 2:00 PM</p> <p>18 Bloody Marsh Musket Program 2:00 PM</p>  | <p>3 Frederica Folkways: The Life of a Soldier 2:00 PM</p> <p>15 General Oglethorpe's Birthday Celebration</p> <p>25 Christmas Day (Park Closed)</p> |

Birds of Prey at Fort Frederica



Meet the Red-Tailed Hawk, the Osprey, and the Buzzard (aka Turkey Vulture) they are all birds of prey that can be seen in the Frederica area. There's little chance that you'd be able to get very close up to any of these birds in the field. If you are very lucky, however, you might see one flying by looking for food.

The trouble is, when you see a bird of prey in the sky, all you see is a silhouette, like the picture above. And they all look the same – because it's impossible to tell what color they are, or how big they are. So in the wild, the best way to be able to tell whether you've seen a hawk, an osprey, or a buzzard, is to be able to recognize those silhouettes.

So the following is "Denise Spear's Super Quick and Dirty Cheat Sheet for Dummies" to identify these three birds:



Red-tailed hawks have tails that look like fans. They are occasionally spotted around Frederica's town site.

Ospreys (aka fish hawk) have a wrist or bend in their wings. A nesting pair has been reported outside of the park near Sea Island Road.



Buzzards (aka Turkey Vulture) have finger-like feathers on the end of each wing. They are the most commonly spotted "big bird" at Frederica.

Horton House Event, *continued*

Re-enactors dressed as British soldiers will describe military life, tell the events of the Battle of Bloody Marsh and the raid on Jekyll Island, and discuss why Horton was a target for the Spanish.

Musket demonstrations, children's games, food and drink, and interactions with the interpreters will provide a fun and memorable way to learn about the early colonial life of the island.

During the living history event, the parking spaces immediately in front of Horton House will be reserved for off-loading vehicles and handicapped parking only. General parking will be available both before and after the split-rail fencing and along the side of Clafin Road. The site is also a pleasant bike ride away from the historic district or the Clam Creek picnic area.



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Fort Frederica National Monument is a premier historical and archaeological site that shares and preserves the history associated with the British settlement of the Colony of Georgia and the struggle with Spain for control of the region. The National Park Service values working with partners and the public to bring this special history to life.

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The National Park Service cares for the special places saved by the American people so that all may experience our heritage.

Fort Frederica Needs You!

Are you interested in history? Would you like to help share the story of Fort Frederica and the early settlement of the Colony of Georgia? Do you want to help the National Park Service preserve this incredible place for future generations?

If so, please consider becoming a National Park Service volunteer. If you are interested in making a difference in your national park, please visit the Visitor Center to get a volunteer application or contact volunteer coordinator Jon Burpee at 912-638-3639 or e-mail Jon_Burpee@nps.gov.

An Evening in a Colonial Tavern

On September 29, visitors will have a special opportunity to check out the night life of Frederica. A special living history program will immerse visitors in an important aspect of colonial culture. Visitors are invited to join some of Frederica's 18th-century residents at the site of the Bennett Tavern.

Taverns were an important focal point of colonial towns like Frederica. Visitors will enjoy an evening in a colonial tavern and learn some of the stories of Frederica's past, participating in tavern games and singing period tavern songs. Non-alcoholic refreshments will be served to participants. "An Evening in A Colonial Tavern" will begin at 7:00 p.m. Regular park admission fees will be charged.



*A Demonstration of the new King's Arm,
Long Land Pattern Musket.*

Including,

A Description of the Battle of Bloody Marsh

and the

*Method used to win the late war
against the forces of Spain*

and the

*effects of this war upon the future of
Frederica and the Colony of Georgia*

As told by

*A Soldier in his Majesty's Army
serving in the 42nd Regiment of Foot.*

Saturday, July 21, August 25 & September 22, 2007.

2:00 PM

Battle of Bloody Marsh Site.

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Every year, hundreds of young visitors complete the requirements to earn a Fort Frederica Junior Ranger Badge. If you want more information on the Junior Ranger program ask a ranger in the Visitor Center.

A few of the latest Junior Rangers include:

- ★ Bryan Chipman, age 12, Bend, OR
- ★ Jennifer Chipman, age 10, Bend, OR
- ★ Deanna Mortensen, age 14, Leadore, ID
- ★ Gwendolyn Ensz, age 7, Brazil, S. America
- ★ Anna Ensz, age 13, Brazil, S. America
- ★ Hudson Ensz, age 11, Brazil, S. America
- ★ Darrell Andrews, age 9, Bear, DE
- ★ Mary Kate Craffey, age 7, Boston, MA
- ★ Jim Ashton, age 7, Athens, GA
- ★ Jo Ashton, age 10, Athens, GA
- ★ Sullivan Smith, age 9, Cookville, TN
- ★ Skyler Smith, age 12, Cookville, TN
- ★ Thomas Park, age 10, Madison, AL
- ★ J.C. Park, age 12, Madison, AL
- ★ Corey Middleton, age 11, Morehead, KY
- ★ Casey Middleton, age 7, Morehead, KY
- ★ Montgomery Rivers, age 10, Morehead, KY
- ★ Josie Alexander, age 6, New York, NY
- ★ Ben Alexander, age 9, New York, NY
- ★ Elizabeth Hudson, age 8, Rome, GA
- ★ Andrew Hudson, age 11, Rome, GA
- ★ Lora Tomova, age 6, Atlanta, GA
- ★ Jack Watkins, age 7, Washington, DC
- ★ Steven Cooler, age 11, Savannah, GA
- ★ Matthew Carter, age 10, Savannah, GA
- ★ Elisa Dore, age 11, Alpharetta, GA
- ★ Anna Katherine Drew, age 9, Columbus, GA
- ★ Josh Rabinowitz, age 8, Richmond, VA
- ★ Kirra Gibson, age 8, Carolina Beach, NC
- ★ Madison Immel, age 9, Peachtree City, GA
- ★ Harrison Immel, age 8, Peachtree City, GA
- ★ Dillon Leovic, age 10, Durham, NC
- ★ Katie Cronk, age 13, Atlanta, GA
- ★ Lindy Cronk, age 11, Atlanta, GA
- ★ Morgan Willis, age 7, Chester, VT
- ★ Samuel Walker, age 8, Richmond, MI
- ★ Zachary Lee Stevenson, age 6, Cleveland, NC
- ★ Donny, age 7, St. Simons Island, GA
- ★ Maria Chiarel, age 9, St. Simons Island, GA
- ★ Sarah Durham, age 10, St. Simons Island, GA
- ★ Rose Parker, age 7, Sandersville, GA
- ★ Caleb Parker, age 8, Sanderville, GA
- ★ Gabe Parker, age 9, Live Oak, FL
- ★ Jake Day, age 12, Live Oak, FL
- ★ Nate Day, age 6, Live Oak, FL
- ★ Kate Day, age 11, Live Oak, FL
- ★ Anthony Brunson, age 12, Evans, GA
- ★ Nellie Brunson, age 10, Evans, GA

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