

Fort Monroe National Monument



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Captain John Smith

Captain John Smith and his crew were the first Europeans to see this spit of land. The following year they surveyed the site and Smith proclaimed it a "little isle fit for a castle." In 1609, the settlers built a wooden structure large enough to hold 50 men and seven cannon, calling it Fort Algernourne.

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