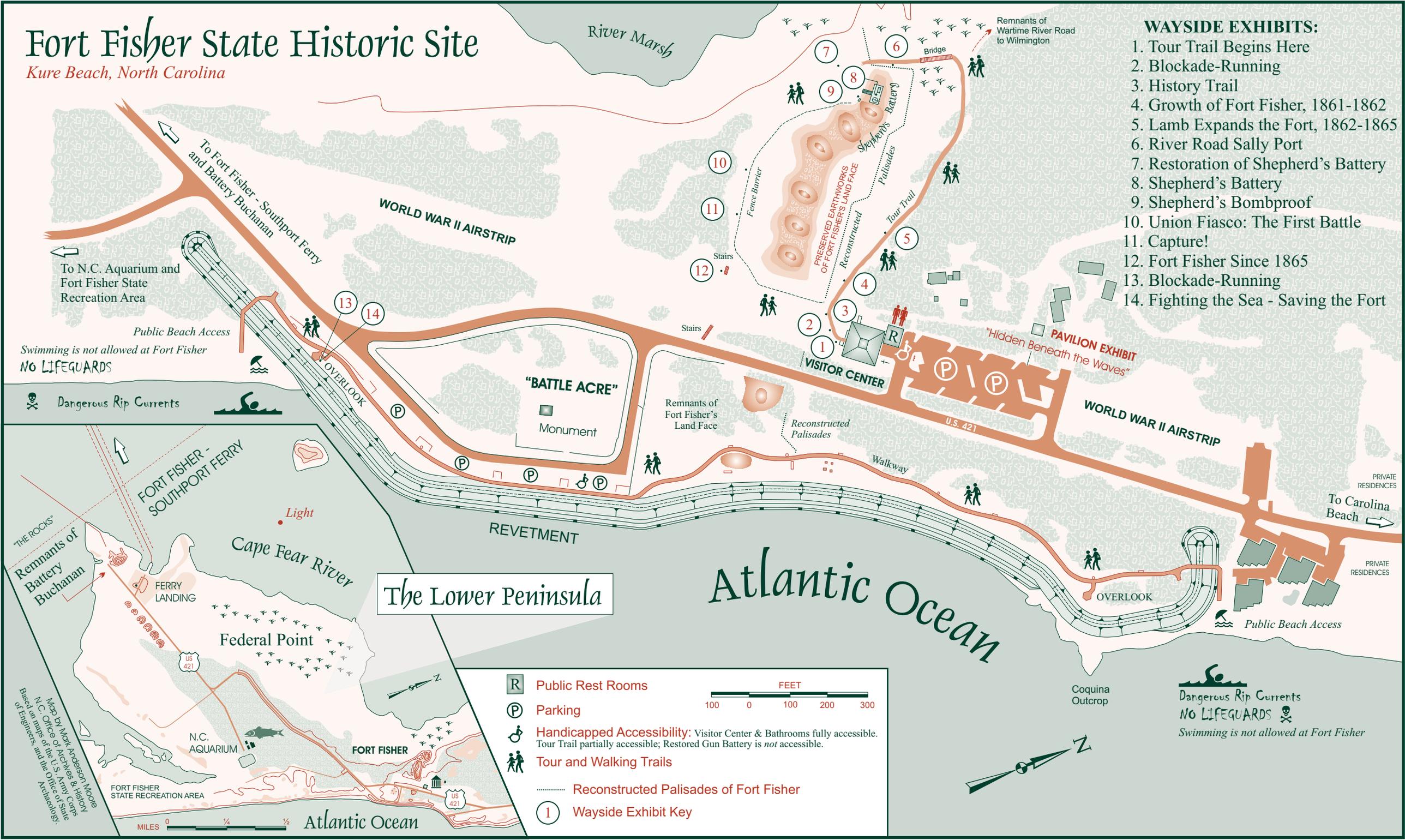


Fort Fisher State Historic Site

Kure Beach, North Carolina

WAYSIDE EXHIBITS:

1. Tour Trail Begins Here
2. Blockade-Running
3. History Trail
4. Growth of Fort Fisher, 1861-1862
5. Lamb Expands the Fort, 1862-1865
6. River Road Sally Port
7. Restoration of Shepherd's Battery
8. Shepherd's Battery
9. Shepherd's Bombproof
10. Union Fiasco: The First Battle
11. Capture!
12. Fort Fisher Since 1865
13. Blockade-Running
14. Fighting the Sea - Saving the Fort



To Fort Fisher - Southport Ferry
To N.C. Aquarium and Fort Fisher State Recreation Area
Public Beach Access
Swimming is not allowed at Fort Fisher
NO LIFEGUARDS
Dangerous Rip Currents

Remnants of Battery Buchanan
FERRY LANDING
Cape Fear River
Light
Federal Point
N.C. AQUARIUM
FORT FISHER STATE RECREATION AREA
Atlantic Ocean

The Lower Peninsula

R Public Rest Rooms
P Parking
♿ Handicapped Accessibility: Visitor Center & Bathrooms fully accessible. Tour Trail partially accessible; Restored Gun Battery is *not* accessible.
🚶 Tour and Walking Trails
 Reconstructed Palisades of Fort Fisher
1 Wayside Exhibit Key

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To Carolina Beach
PRIVATE RESIDENCES

Coquina Outcrop

PAVILION EXHIBIT
"Hidden Beneath the Waves"

VISITOR CENTER

"BATTLE ACRE"
Monument

WORLD WAR II AIRSTRIP

River Marsh

Remnants of Wartime River Road to Wilmington

Bridge

Shepherd's Battery

Fence Barrier

Stairs

Stairs

Remnants of Fort Fisher's Land Face

Reconstructed Palisades

Walkway

U.S. 421

WORLD WAR II AIRSTRIP

OVERLOOK

Public Beach Access

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.

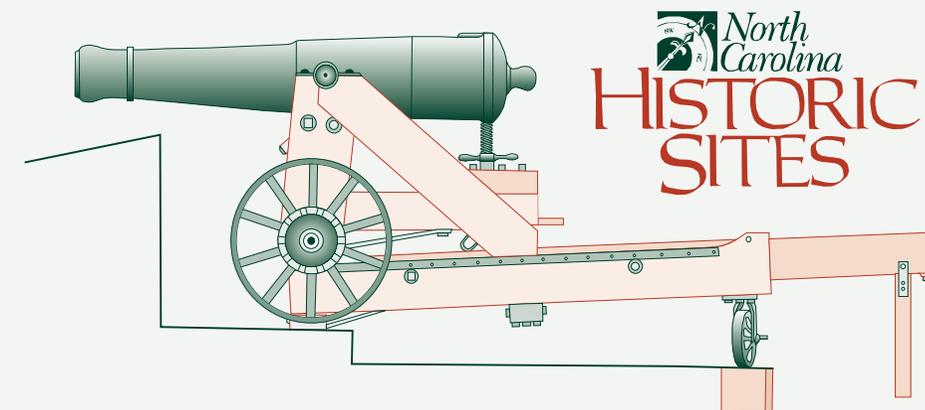
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8-inch Columbiad with Front-Pintle Barbette Carriage

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