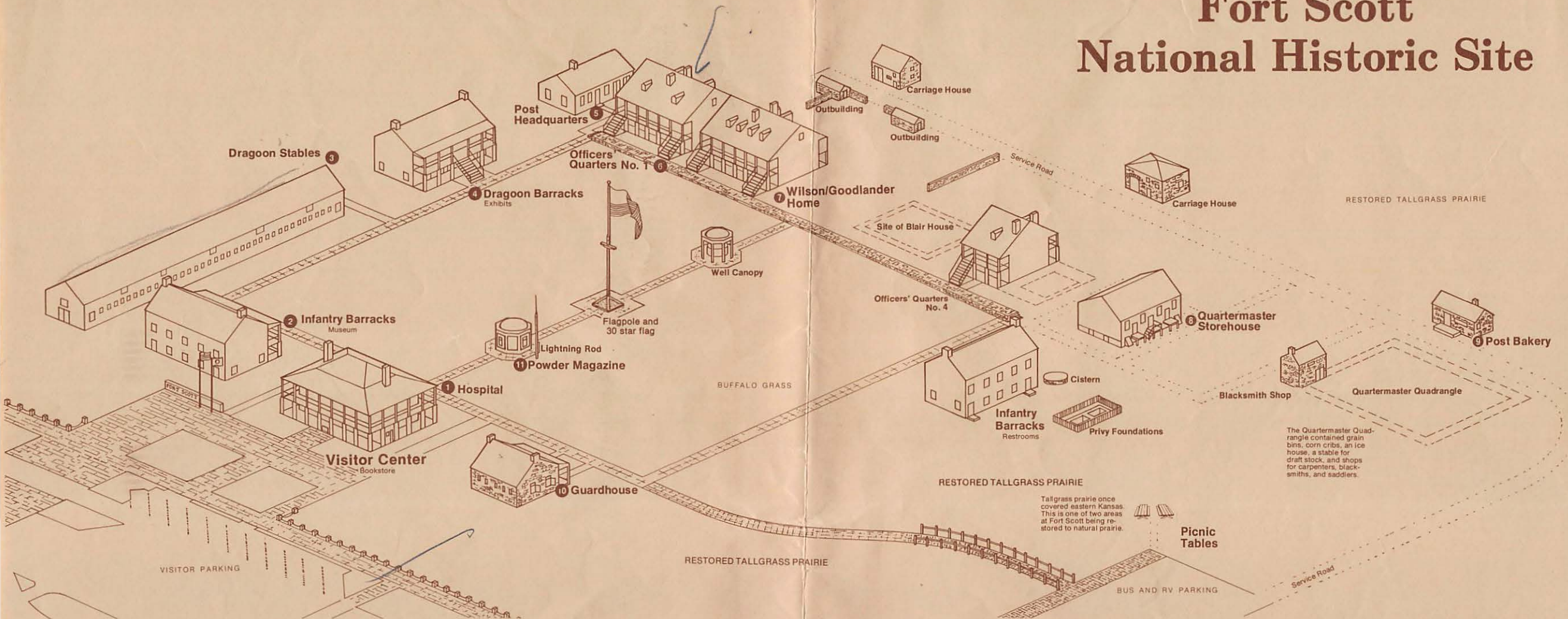


Fort Scott National Historic Site



Follow this map for a close look at the fort and the life of the frontier army. The main buildings are numbered and briefly identified below.

1 Built in 1843 for the treatment of the sick and wounded, now used as the fort's visitor center. One of the two original wards is refurbished. *Restoration*

2 The original barracks on this site was constructed in 1844, some work being done by units of the 4th Infantry. The present building houses a museum. *Reconstruction*

3 The original stables (built 1843) held over 80 stalls for horses and several rooms for storing feed and tack. Prairie hay was purchased locally and stored loose (not baled) in the loft. *Reconstruction.*

4 First occupied by Co A of the 1st Dragoons in 1844. The soldiers bunked on the upper level, took their meals in the mess hall on the ground floor. *Reconstruction*

5 The commanding officer and his adjutant ran the post from this building. It held their offices, a court-martial room, and store-rooms for artillery. *Reconstruction*

6 Officers and their families lived comfortably in houses like this. Captain Swords and his wife occupied one unit of this duplex. *Restoration*

7 Built in 1845 as military quarters this building was also a private residence, home for needy children and civic meeting place. The partially restored interior contains exhibits describing its construction and various uses.

8 The post's diverse military supplies—everything needed to put a fighting force into the field—were delivered to, stored in, and issued from this building. *Restoration*

9 Bread was a staple of the soldier's diet. His daily ration (18 ounces) was baked in ovens here by bakers chosen from each company on a rotating basis. *Restoration*

10 Military discipline was strict in the frontier army. Solitary confinement and a diet of bread and water were common punishments for enlistment men. *Reconstruction*

11 The magazine, completed in 1844 and demolished in 1868, gave safe storage to the fort's explosives: powder, cartridges, fuses, and primers. *Reconstruction*