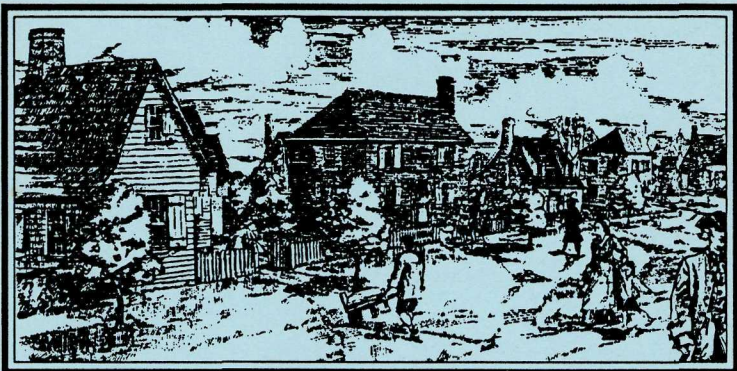




Fort Frederica

National Monument

St. Simons Island, Georgia



LEARN ABOUT GEORGIA'S COLONIAL PAST AT FORT FREDERICA NATIONAL MONUMENT

The coast of Georgia was the only stretch of land on the North American eastern seaboard still disputed in the 1730's. Both the Spanish at St. Augustine and British in South Carolina claimed the land. To solidify their claim, the English established Savannah in 1733. Three years later, Georgia's founder James Oglethorpe established the fort and town of Frederica. The fort was the headquarters for the several military outposts on this southern tip of British North America. Famous English Botanist William Bartram described Fort Frederica as "the largest, most regular, and perhaps the most costly" North American British fortification. Once founded, the town quickly grew in size to one thousand residents and became self sufficient. After a failed siege on St. Augustine by Oglethorpe and numerous depredations committed by both Spanish and English forces, the Spanish sought to destroy Frederica. In the summer of 1742 Spanish and British troops clashed near the town. The British were victorious. The troops were removed after Spain and England signed a peace treaty. The town economy dried up and settlers began to move away. In 1758, a great fire burned the entire town.

FREDERICA TODAY

Fort Frederica National Monument is an archaeological site and a time capsule for visitors to explore the remnants of this once thriving colonial frontier community. A visitor center houses a museum and auditorium. The film "This Is Frederica" gives visitors a glimpse of what life was like at Frederica. Ranger led tours, living history programs and celebrations are offered periodically. A museum shop offers colonial reproductions, gifts, and numerous publications. An excellent 45 minute audio tour of the site is also offered by the museum shop for a modest fee.

Fort Frederica National Monument is well suited for visits by individuals, families, and bus groups. School groups need to make arrangements in advance by calling the park. *All buildings are accessible to the handicapped.* The Bloody Marsh Battle Site is located six miles south of Frederica and is a detached unit of the park.

Hours: Park grounds are open daily from 8:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. The visitor center opens at 9:00 A.M. The park is closed Christmas Day.

Admission: \$4.00 per automobile. \$2.00 per adult on bicycles, large van or on foot; free admission for children under 17 years; Commercial bus fees; Free admission for National Park Pass Holders (Annual Park Pass, Golden Eagle, Golden Age, and Golden Access passports).

Directions: Fort Frederica National Monument is located on the northern end of St. Simons Island, 12 miles from Brunswick, Georgia. From U.S. 17, take the F.J. Torras Causeway to St. Simons. At the first traffic light turn left onto the Sea Island Causeway. Follow this road for 1-1/2 miles and at the next traffic light turn left on to Frederica Road. Follow Frederica Road for 2 miles; park entrance located 300 yards past Christ Church.

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