



## Ninety Six National Historic Site Ninety Six, S.C.

Ninety Six National Historic Site is an area of unique historical significance. Several theories exist about its unusual name. One explanation is that English traders in the early 1700's estimated it to be 96 more miles to the Cherokee village of Keowee in the upper South Carolina foothills.

By the mid-1700's, European colonists found it a favorable place to settle. During Ninety Six's early days, trouble with local Indians increased. In 1760, Cherokees twice attacked Fort Ninety Six, built for the settlers' protection. By the mid-1700's, Ninety Six village reached its peak with a growing population, 12 houses, and a newly constructed courthouse and jail.

Ninety Six also figured prominently in the southern campaign of the American Revolution. The first land battle south of New England was fought here in 1775. In 1780, the British fortified the strategically important frontier town. From May 22 - June 18, 1781, General Nathanael Greene with 1,000 patriot troops staged the longest field siege of the Revolutionary War against 550 loyalists who were defending Ninety Six.

### *What To Do*

Begin your tour at the Visitor Center and learn about the historic events which occurred here through museum exhibits and a film. A ranger is on duty to provide information and assistance.

Along the mile-long trail you will see original features of old Ninety Six including sunken roadbeds, siegeworks and the British built Star Fort. A partially reconstructed stockade fort and a furnished log house help interpret the civilian and military life of this backcountry town.



### *Hours and Location*

The park is located on SC highway 248 two miles south of Ninety Six, SC. It is open daily (except New Years, Thanksgiving and Christmas) from 8:00 AM-5:00 PM. The Visitor Center and restroom are handicapped accessible.

Ninety Six National Historic Site is administered by the U.S. National Park Service. For more information, contact the Superintendent, Ninety Six NHS, P.O. Box 496, Ninety Six, SC 29666. The park telephone number is (864) 543-4068.

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