

## FORT BRANCH

SELF-GUIDED TOUR

## 1. VISITOR'S CENTER / MUSEUM

- A. Registration and gifts Please register in our guest book before leaving. Become a supporter of Fort Branch with an annual membership. Remember your visit with gift items for family and friends.
- B. Cannons and carriages Eight of the fort's original twelve cannons are displayed here. Three others were recovered by the Federal Navy in May 1865. A brass cannon has never been accounted for.
- C. Display cases Exhibits feature Civil War artifacts from the fort, colonial artifacts from Hoggtown, and Native American artifacts from the area. Photographs and newspaper accounts of the recovery of the cannons are also on display.

## 2. WYNN(E) MONUMENT

These flag poles were donated by the Wynn(e) family of Martin County in memory of their ancestors who fought and died in the War Between the States. From left to right are the original North Carolina flag (adopted in 1861), the 34 star United States flag, and the 2nd national flag of the Confederacy, also known as the "Stainless Banner."

3. STEAM ENGINE

This steam engine, with original propeller attached, powered the "Ranger" which plied the Roanoke River in the late 1800's.

4. GRIST STONE

Stones such as this were used in water powered mills to grind corn into meat.

5. RECOVERY SITE

This is the view of the location in the Roanoke River where the cannons were recovered. Three by the U.S. Navy in 1865, three by Alabama salvagers in 1972, and the last four in 1977 through the coordinated efforts of various state agencies.

- 6. BRIDGE INTO FORT Constructed in 1977. This is the second Civil War entrance.
- 7. CANNON POSITION
- 8. CANNON POSITION Iron 6 pounder\*
- 9. CANNON POSITION Rifled 32 pounder\* en barbette
- 10. CANNON POSITION 24 pounder\* on siege carriage
- 11. RECONSTRUCTED CANNON POSITION Rifled 32 pounder\* en barbette
- 12. MAGAZINE Housed the powder, cannon balls, and other ordinance. Blown up by the evacuating garrison in April 1865.
- 13. CANNON POSITION 24 pounder\* on siege carriage
- 14. CEMETERY Located here prior to fort's construction. No soldiers were buried here.
- 15. RIFLE PIT Manned by troops to guard the left flank in the event of an infantry assault.
- 16. CANNON POSITION 12 pound howitzer, recovered by the Federal Navy in May 1865.
- 17. CANNON POSITION Brass 12 pounder, never accounted for.
- 18. COMMISSARY Built primarily below ground for storing food and other supplies.
- 19. CANNON POSITION Iron 6 pounder\*
- 20. CANNON POSITION 24 pounder\* on siege carriage
- 21. CANNON POSITION Iron 6 pounder\*
- 22. CANNON POSITION
- 23. RECONSTRUCTED CANNON POSITION RIFLED 20 POUNDER\*
- 24. CANNON POSITION
- 25. RECONSTRUCTED EXAMPLES OF WINTER QUARTERS Built and used by reenactors with the 1st North Carolina Volunteers / 11th North Carolina Troops.

<sup>\*</sup> can be viewed in visitors center / museum