

FORT MORGAN



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Special Events

Daily Tours – June & July

Tuesday Evening Events – June 6, 13, 20, 27
July 11, 18, 25

Fort Morgan State Historic Site, Gulf Shores, Alabama

Although no military members occupy Fort Morgan's grounds any longer, you are invited to experience the fort through their eyes. Throughout the 19th century, soldiers traversed the dark chambers and steep stairways throughout Fort Morgan at all hours of the day, protecting Mobile Bay during the Civil War and the Spanish-American War. Later, in the 20th century, the fort was used as a training base during World War I and guarded valuable U.S. territory during World War II.

Daily tours, beginning at 10:00 a.m., will be offered during the months of June and July. Living History interpreters dressed in period attire will guide visitors through the fort. Weapon demonstrations will provide an up-close experience of a soldier's life.

The one-hour evening events begin on the grounds at 7:00 p.m. each Tuesday for the months of June and July, and will give visitors a glimpse into what evenings were like for Confederate and U.S. troops over the centuries. Re-enactors dressed in period clothing will guide visitors through the fort, either speaking directly to them about the events that occurred there, or talking to each other as though it were 1861, allowing visitors to "eavesdrop" into a Confederate soldier's life to learn more about the time period.

Weather conditions may cause an event to be cancelled. Information will be posted to website and Facebook. Event will not be rescheduled if cancelled.

Directions: Fort Morgan is at the western end of Hwy 180, 22 miles west of Hwy 59 in Gulf Shores. You can also reach the site from Dauphin Island by riding the Mobile Bay Ferry.

Fee: Daily Tours – Admission charged
Tuesday Evening Events – \$5 per person (children under six free)
Active Duty Military and Veterans free with ID

For more information contact Heather Tassin, Site Director of Fort Moran, at heathertassin@fort-morgan.org or call 251-540-7665.

Conveniently located near Fort Morgan beach houses, the "Guardian on the Bay" has an active living history program, which puts on a number of events throughout the year, including an annual reenactment of the fort's famous Battle of Mobile Bay during the Civil War. During June and July, families can enjoy Evening Tours of the fort. Today, the Alabama Historical Commission owns and operates this historic site.

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About the Alabama Historical Commission

Located in historic downtown Montgomery at 468 S. Perry Street, the Alabama Historical Commission is the state historic preservation agency for Alabama. The agency was created by an act of the state legislature in 1966 with a mission to protect, preserve and interpret Alabama's historic places. AHC works to accomplish its mission through two fields of endeavor: Preservation and promotion of state-owned historic sites as public attractions; and, statewide programs to assist people, groups, towns, and cities with local preservation activities. For a complete list of programs and properties owned and operated by the AHC, hours of operation, and admission fees please visit ahc.alabama.gov