DAY TRIP TO FORT MOSE

From St. Augustine · St. Johns County, Florida

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STATE PARK

Run by Florida State Parks with the Fort Mose Historical Society. Museum, boardwalk, trail and a recreated fort; nothing of the original stands.

Fort Mose is six minutes from downtown St. Augustine, so it fits into a morning. Come Thursday to Monday, when the visitor center is open and the fort opens for tours at 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. The grounds, trail and boardwalk are open every day.

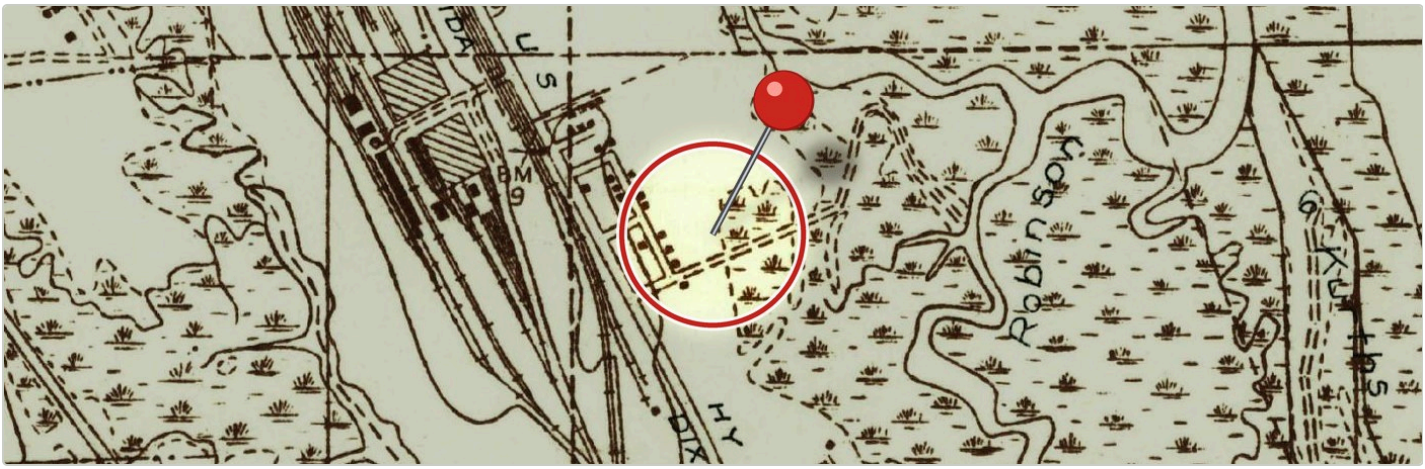
A SAMPLE DAY

☐	9:30	Leave downtown St. Augustine north on US 1.
☐	9:40	Walk the Flight to Freedom Trail and the boardwalk over the marsh.
☐	**10:00**	Join the fort tour, about an hour.
☐	**11:00**	The visitor center and museum, with its 16-minute film.
☐	12:00	Lunch at the picnic pavilion, or back in town.

On the first Saturday of the month, plan around the militia muster.

WHAT TO PHOTOGRAPH

- **The recreated fort.** It opens only for tours and events, so plan interior shots around the 10 a.m. or 1 p.m. tour.
- **The marsh from the boardwalk.** Wide views over the salt marsh where the settlement stood.
- **Birds.** The park names great blue herons, bald eagles and white ibis. Bring a long lens.
- **The militia muster.** Musket firing on the first Saturday of each month makes good video.



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DAY TRIP ESSENTIALS

DRIVE	3 mi, about 6 min each way from downtown St. Augustine. From Jacksonville: 36 mi, about 51 min.
HOURS	Grounds daily 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., 365 days a year. Visitor center and museum 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Thursday to Monday. The visitor center and fort are closed Tuesday and Wednesday.
ADMISSION	Park grounds free. Visitor center $2 per adult; children under 6 free.
FORT TOURS	At 10 a.m. and 1 p.m., about 60 minutes. The fort also opens for scheduled events.
EVENTS	Militia muster with musket firing on the first Saturday of each month.
RESTROOMS AND WATER	Restrooms and a water fountain, per the park's amenity list.
FOOD	A picnic pavilion. The park lists no food sales; eat in St. Augustine.
ACCESS	The park lists wheelchair-accessible amenities.
CONTACT	(904) 823-2232
WEBSITE	floridastateparks.org/parks-and-trails/fort-mose-historic-state-park

BEFORE YOU GO

- Check the status with the land manager before you go; conditions change.
- Keep out of unstable buildings and off fenced ruins.
- Leave artifacts where they lie. Removing them can be a crime.
- Carry water, a paper map and a charged phone; signal is often poor.

Coordinates 29.92778, -81.32528 · 29°55′40″N 81°19′31″W

Directions Google Maps

Full guide abandonedtowns.com/florida/fort-mose/

Details checked October 2026. Hours, prices and access change: confirm before you go.