



DAY TRIP TO GRAND GULF

From Port Gibson · Claiborne County, Mississippi



RIVER AND
LAKE



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MILITARY PARK

Open as Grand Gulf Military Park, per the park's own pages read October 2026. A few houses still stand along Grand Gulf Road on the old townsite, per current aerial imagery.

Grand Gulf Military Park holds what is left of the town: two forts, the cemetery, the Spanish House and a museum. Pay at the museum, walk the grounds, climb the tower for the river view, then drive down to the river and out to Fort Cobun. The park itself says a visit takes anywhere from 15 minutes to 15 hours.

A SAMPLE DAY

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| ☐ 9:00 | Leave Port Gibson on Oil Mill Road and Grand Gulf Road. |
| ☐ 9:30 | Pay at the museum and see the Civil War rooms and the yard behind: the jail, the carriage house and the blacksmith shop. |
| ☐ 10:30 | Walk to Fort Wade and the Spanish House on the hill above it. |
| ☐ 11:15 | Grand Gulf Cemetery, then the observation tower. |
| ☐ 12:15 | Picnic, then drive across the road to the river landing and out to Fort Cobun. |
| ☐ 13:30 | Back to Port Gibson. |

WHAT TO PHOTOGRAPH

- **Fort Wade.** The earthworks read best in low light, when shadows show the shape of the walls.
- **The cemetery.** Iron fences and box tombs under moss-hung oaks.
- **Sacred Heart Church.** The white frame church against spring redbuds.



USGS topographic map, 1955 (public domain). The ring and pin mark the town.

DAY TRIP ESSENTIALS

DRIVE	8 mi, about 19 min each way from downtown Port Gibson. From Jackson: 75 mi, about 1 h 37 min.
HOURS	9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Sunday, closed on Mississippi state holidays, per the park's About page. The home page says 9 am to 5 pm. Call ahead.
ADMISSION	\$7 adults; \$5 seniors 62 and over, military and veterans; \$1 K-12 (park fee page, read October 2026).
CAMPING	RV sites with full hookups at \$35 a night (\$30 for seniors), tent sites \$25 to \$30 plus admission. Call (601) 437-5911 to reserve.
RESTROOMS	Bath houses with laundry by the RV campgrounds, per the park's tour page.
FOOD AND WATER	The park's pages list picnic tables and a rentable pavilion and mention no food for sale. Bring lunch from Port Gibson.
WATCH FOR	Erosion on the cemetery ridge, which the park says has displaced graves. Keep to the paths.
CONTACT	Grand Gulf Military Park, 12006 Grand Gulf Road, Port Gibson, (601) 437-5911.
WEBSITE	grandgulfpark.ms.gov

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 32.03333, -91.05250 • 32°02'00"N
91°03'09"W

Full guide abandonedtowns.com/mississippi/grand-gulf/

Directions [Google Maps](#)

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