



**P** Public Parking

**●** Point-of-interest

**🔄** All visitors should use Moline Gate

**🚫** No public Access

**●** Has additional interaction

**🕒** Post is open sunrise to sunset.

**👤** Visitor Access and Control Center

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**🚗** The post speed limit is 25 mph.

### 16. Rock Island Arsenal Museum

The Rock Island Arsenal Museum explores the history of Rock Island Arsenal and its commands from 1805 to the Present.

The Museum is open **10 am to 4 pm Tuesday through Saturday** and closed on all federal holidays and the day after Thanksgiving.

For more information, call **309.782.5021**.

You can also get more information on the museum via their Facebook page at [facebook.com/riamuseum](https://facebook.com/riamuseum).

You may also find information on their website at [arsenalhistoricalsociety.org](https://arsenalhistoricalsociety.org).

### 18. Colonel Davenport House

Originally constructed in 1832 and completed in 1833, this is the former permanent residence of Colonel George Davenport.

The Colonel Davenport House is open **12 pm to 4 pm Thursday through Saturday** from May thru October plus Veteran's Day.

For more information call **309.786.7336** or **309.236.0741**.

You can also get more information on their website at [davenporthouse.org](https://davenporthouse.org) or on their Facebook page at [facebook.com/coloneldavenporthouse](https://facebook.com/coloneldavenporthouse).

### 21. Mississippi River Visitor Center

Overlooking Locks and Dam 15 on the Mississippi River, the Visitor Center provides a public face for the Corps of Engineers with a focus on natural history and engineering marvels on the upper Mississippi River.

The Visitor Center is open **9 am to 4 pm Wednesday thru Saturday** from and closed on Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Years Day.

You can get more information by calling **309.794.5338** or visiting their website at [missriver.org](https://missriver.org).

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The history of Rock Island Arsenal extends beyond 200 years. From the time it was first surveyed by Europeans, to the establishment of a U.S. Army fort, to the powerhouse arsenal that it is today, Rock Island has stood the test of time.

This self-guided tour is designed to accompany you as you journey through these last two centuries of rich history. Learn the history of the local Native Americans, a Civil War Prison Camp, and the industrial marvel that makes the Rock Island Arsenal one of the nation's greatest hidden treasures.

We encourage visitors to take this opportunity to learn more about our Nation, our Army, and our Communities. From our family here at Rock Island Arsenal to yours - we welcome you.

## U.S. ARMY A SELF-GUIDED TOUR OF ROCK ISLAND ARSENAL







# ROCK ISLAND ARSENAL

## PRODUCING ARMY READINESS SINCE 1862

This is our history of supporting  
our **Nation**, our **Army**, and our **Communities**



### GET STARTED!

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#### 1 Old Moline Bridge

In 1846, David Sears constructed a dam on the south side of the island. The top of the dam allowed access to the island.

#### 2 D.B. Sears Dam

The dam that Sears operated generated power for his mill that was located on Benham's Island.

#### 3 Rock Island National Cemetery

Established in 1863, the Rock Island National Cemetery is among the country's largest and oldest national cemeteries.

#### 4 Grave of General Rodman

Credited as the Father of Rock Island Arsenal, COL Thomas J. Rodman passed away in his quarters on 7 JUN 1871.

#### 5 Tank Test Track

Moved to its current location in 1941, the Tank Test Track is suited for multi-terrain testing of tracked units.

#### 6 The Confederate Cemetery

Moved to its current location in 1865, the Confederate Cemetery is the resting place for nearly 2,000 Confederate POWs.

#### 7 Old Post Cemetery

Originally established in 1862, this cemetery was designated as a burial site for Union guards of the Rock Island Prison Barracks.

#### 8 Living Memorial Walkway

The Living Memorial Walkway was dedicated on 17 JUL 2008 to honor the memory of those who have lost their lives while serving in the Global War on Terror.

#### 9 Memorial Field

Established in 1950 to honor arsenal employees who died in combat, Memorial Field is home to 26 artillery pieces.

#### 10 Original Stone Shops

The original stone shops of the arsenal were constructed between 1867 and 1893. They are comprised mostly of Joliet limestone.

#### 11 Rock Island Prison Barracks

The Barracks operated from 1863 to 1865 and housed almost 20,000 Confederate POWs during its operation.

#### 12 Sundial & Fort Flagler

Fort Flagler was a salute battery that was situated near the sundial. The sundial was a gift to the Rock Island Arsenal from Frankford Arsenal.

#### 13 Quarters One

Completed in 1872, Quarters One is a 20,000 square foot residence that has housed 38 former senior commanders at Rock Island Arsenal.

#### 14 Golf Club House

Established in 1897 by COL Stanhope E. Blunt, the golf club house is one of the oldest club houses in the region.

#### 15 Lions Head Bridge

Originally a bridge connecting the residential and industrial centers of the arsenal. An artificial lake sprawled beneath the bridge.

#### 17 World War I Storage Buildings

Part of the arsenal's World War I expansion, these storage facilities helped increase the arsenal's storage capacity over four times its pre-war capacity.

#### 19 1856 Bridge Pier

One of two structures that remain of the 1856 bridge, the first rail bridge to cross the Mississippi River.

#### 20 Clock Tower Building

The first permanent building that belonged to the arsenal, the Clock Tower Building was constructed between 1863 and 1867, and was originally designated Storehouse A.

#### 22 Government Bridge

The fourth bridge to cross Arsenal Island, the current Government Bridge utilizes the piers from the 1872 bridge. It was completed in 1896.

#### 23 Locks & Dam 15

The second-largest roller dam in the world, Locks and Dam 15 was completed in 1933 as part of the 9-foot channel project.

#### 24 1856 Bridge Crossing

The 1856 bridge from the Illinois side approached at this location. The bridge was destroyed in 1876. It would have travelled up what is now Sylvan Avenue to point 19.

#### 25 Manufacturing Center

The Kingsbury Manufacturing Complex occupies 1.5 million square feet of space and is home to Rock Island Arsenal's Joint Manufacturing and Technology Center.

#### 26 World War II Ordnance Storage

Designed to fit two whole locomotives within, Building 299 was constructed just before World War II for the covered loading and storage of war materiel.

#### 27 Old Ammunition Plant

The only building on post to ever house live ammunition, the Ammunition Plant was used between 1917 and 1919.

#### 28 Hydroelectric Power Dam

Completed in 1879, the hydroelectric Power Dam and Power Plant provides waterpower to the arsenal, and historically powered workshops and machinery.

#### 29 Wing Dam

Part of the four-foot channel project, the Wing Dam was completed to narrow the flow of water over the Rock Island Rapids.

#### 30 The Gathering Point

A local community art project that interprets the natural history of the river and legends of the Native Americans connected to Arsenal Island.

#### 31 Fort Armstrong Blockhouse

This replica of the Fort Armstrong Blockhouses was completed in 1916 for the centennial celebration of the original fort, which operated from 1816 to 1836.



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