

P Public parking access

Visitor Access and Control Center

2 Tour point-of-interest

31 Tour point-of-interest (no code)

Moline Gate (Visitors must use this gate)

Post is open to visitors sunrise-sunset.

The post speed limit is 25 MPH.

HOW TO USE THIS GUIDE

To use the codes that are listed on this tour and to access the information that is contained within them, you will need a compatible mobile device.

FOR ANDROID AND GOOGLE USERS
All Android devices that operate version 8.1.0 or later can use the built-in camera app.

FOR APPLE USERS
All Apple devices that operate iOS 12.4.2 or later can use the built-in camera app.

The estimated requirements to run this software:

- At least 128 MB of available storage*
- At least 1 GB of RAM
- Android 8.1.0 Oreo or later (or) Apple iOS 12.4.2 or later

* Estimated allocation required for installation of any third party software.

ACTIVATING THE CODES

1. Visit the point that you are interested in.
2. Match the corresponding number to the matching code.
3. With the camera on your phone, hover over the QR code.
4. Click the link that is displayed in the window.
5. The information on the point-of-interest will display.
6. Close this window and repeat as necessary.

Please note that these links are maintained on a U.S. Military website. If the link that appears does not show “.mil” in the path, do not proceed. Close the application and try again.

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IMPORTANT REMINDERS

- The U.S. Army does not endorse nor recommend any third party applications for the purpose of this tour and is not responsible for any license that the user may enter with the developer upon the agreement to install.
- Please remember that Rock Island Arsenal is an active military installation. Note that some points on this tour can only be viewed from the outside and some can no longer be seen. Other points have regular business hours. Be security aware and do not wander into restricted areas or locations that are off limits.
- Remember to obey traffic laws and obey posted signage.
- Use of a mobile device while you are driving is strictly prohibited.
- For your own safety, and the safety of the artifacts, please do not climb on any macro artifacts that are shown on this tour.
- Pictures are allowed north of Rodman Ave.



SELF-GUIDED TOUR OF ROCK ISLAND ARSENAL

The history of the Rock Island Arsenal spans over 200 years. From the time of the rapids first being surveyed by Europeans, to the establishment of a U.S. Army fort, to the powerhouse arsenal it is today, Rock Island Arsenal has withstood the test of time.

This self-guided tour is designed to accompany you through these last two centuries of leaps and bounds. Learn the history of the Sauk (Sac) and Meskwaki (Fox) Indians, the conditions of a prison camp during the Civil War, and the industrial marvel that makes the Rock Island Arsenal one of the nations greatest national treasures. Visitors are welcome and encouraged to tour this great American treasure.

From our family here at Rock Island Arsenal to yours – we welcome you

For more information on security requirements and procedures, please scan this code.

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ROCK ISLAND ARSENAL

PRODUCING ARMY READINESS SINCE 1862.

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



1 Old Moline Bridge STR-048
 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 STR-136
 The dam that Sears operated generated power for his mill works that was located on Benham's Island.

3 Rock Island National Cemetery BLDG-118
 Established in 1863, the National Cemetery is among the country's largest and oldest national cemeteries.

4 Gravesite of Colonel Thomas J. Rodman MARKER
 Credited as the Father of Rock Island Arsenal, COL Thomas J. Rodman passed away in his quarters on 7 June 1871.

5 The Rodman Gun MACRO
 A revolutionary design that cooled the cast of a cannon from the inside out which improved its overall structural integrity.

6 Tank Test Track STR-129
 Moved to its current location in 1941, the Tank Test Track is suited for multi-terrain testing of mechanized units.

7 Rock Island Confederate Cemetery MEMORIAL
 Moved to its current location in 1865, the Confederate Cemetery is the resting place for almost 2,000 Confederate POW's.

8 Old Post Cemetery MARKER
 Originally established in 1862, this cemetery was designated a burial site for Union guards of the Rock Island Prison Barracks.

9 Living Memorial Walkway & 9/11 Memorial STR-124 & 125
 The Living Memorial Walkway was dedicated on 17 July 2008 to honor the memory of those who have lost their lives serving in the Global War on Terrorism.

10 Memorial Field STR-111
 Established in 1950 to honor arsenal employees who died in combat, Memorial Field is home to thirty-one artillery pieces.

11 Original Stone Shops BLDG-60-68 BLDG-110
 The original stone shops of the arsenal were constructed between 1867 and 1893. They are comprised of Joliet Limestone.

12 Confederate POW Memorial STR-018
 From 1863 to 1865, the Rock Island Prison Barracks was in operation. It housed almost 20,000 Confederate POW's.

13 Sundial & Fort Flagler STR-306
 Fort Flagler was a salute battery that was situated near the sundial. The sundial was a gift to Rock Island from Fankford Arsenal.

14 Quarters One BLDG-301
 Completed in 1872, Quarters One is a 20,000 square foot residence that housed 38 senior commanders of Rock Island Arsenal.

15 Golf Club House BLDG-112
 Established in 1897 by COL Blunt, the golf club house is one of the oldest club houses in the region.

16 Lion's Head Bridge & Artificial Lake STR-057
 Originally a bridge connecting the residential and industrial centers of the arsenal. An artificial lake spanned the space beneath it.

17 Rock Island Arsenal Museum BLDG-160
 The second oldest museum in the Army, established 4 July 1905. It currently has over 1,200 small arms in its collection.

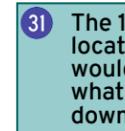
The Rock Island Arsenal Museum is open:
 12 pm thru 4 pm, Tue-Sat
 Closed on all federal holidays
 You can get more information on the Museum by calling 309.782.5021 or searching for the museum on Facebook.

18 World War I Era Storage Facilities BLDG-331-341
 Part of the arsenal's World War I expansion, these storage facilities helped increase the arsenal's storage capacity over four times.

19 Colonel Davenport House BLDG-346
 Originally constructed in 1832 and completed in 1833, this is the former permanent residence of George Davenport.

The Colonel Davenport House is open:
 12 pm thru 4 pm, Wed-Sat May through October
 12 pm thru 4 pm, On Veterans Day
 You can get more information by calling 309.786.7336 or 309.236.0741.

20 1856 Bridge Pier BLDG-347
 One of two structures that remain of the 1856 bridge, the first bridge to cross the Mississippi River.

31 NO MARKER
 The 1856 bridge from the Illinois side approached at this location. The bridge was destroyed in 1876. The bridge would have crossed onto Arsenal Island and travelled up what is now Sylvan Avenue before crossing just downstream of the Davenport House.

21 Clock Tower Building BLDG-205
 The first permanent building that belonged to the arsenal, the Clock Tower Building was constructed between 1863 and 1867.

22 Mississippi River Visitor Center BLDG-228
 Overlooking Locks and Dam 15 on the Mississippi River, the Visitor Center provides a public face for the Corps of Engineers.

The Mississippi River Visitor Center is open:
 9 am thru 5 pm, all week Memorial Day thru Labor Day
 9 am thru 5 pm, Tue-Sat Labor Day thru Memorial Day
 You can get more information on the Visitor Center by calling 309.794.5338 or visiting missriver.org

23 Government Bridge STR-226
 The fourth bridge to cross Rock Island, the current Government Bridge utilizes the piers from the 1872 bridge. It was finished in 1896.

24 Locks and Dam 15 STR-229
 The largest roller dam in the world, Locks and Dam 15 was completed in 1933 as part of the 9-foot channel project.

25 Ordnance Storage and Loading BLDG-299
 Designed to fit two whole locomotives within Building 299 was constructed just before World War II for loading and storage.

26 Ammunition Plant BLDG-250
 The only building on post to ever handle live munitions, the Ammunition Plant was used between 1917 and 1919.

27 Hydroelectric Power Plant and Dam STR-160 & 161
 Completed in 1879, the Hydroelectric Dam and Power Plant provided water power to arsenal work shops.

28 Wing Dam NO MARKER
 Part of the four-foot channel improvement, the Wing Dam was completed to narrow the flow of water over the Rock Island Rapids.

29 Fort Armstrong Replica Blockhouse BLDG-000
 A replica of the original Fort Armstrong Blockhouses, this blockhouse was completed in 1916 for the centennial celebration.

30 The Gathering Point STR-277
 A local community art project that interprets the natural history of the river and legends of the Native Americans connected to Arsenal Island.

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