

Park history

Constructed between 1898 and 1917, the Fort Worden of 100 years ago was home to nearly 1,000 troops and officers training to defend the Puget Sound from potential invaders.

As the headquarters of the defenses, Fort Worden was strategically placed at the north entrance to the Puget Sound, on the Strait of Juan de Fuca. The trio of fortifications at Admiralty Inlet, composed of Fort Worden, Fort Casey and Fort Flagler, was later coined as the "Triangle of Fire."

Fort Worden expanded during World War I and contracted again when the war ended, though the fort remained operational through World War II.

The rise of the airplane and improvements in warships soon rendered much of the early 20th Century military technology obsolete. The military closed Fort Worden in 1953.

Washington State Parks acquired portions of Fort Worden in 1957 but did not acquire all of its current property until 1989.

In addition to the fort itself, a historic lighthouse stands on adjacent land at Point Wilson and is part of most park-goers' experience. Though there has been a lighthouse on Point Wilson since 1879, the current lighthouse has been in operation since 1914. Its light became automated in 1976.

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- Annual pass: \$30
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Things to remember

- **Park hours** – 6:30 a.m. to dusk.
- **Winter schedule** – 8 a.m. to dusk. Although most parks are open year round, some parks or portions of parks are closed during the winter. For a winter schedule and information about seasonal closures, visit www.parks.state.wa.us or call the information center at (360) 902-8844.
- Wildlife, plants and all park buildings, signs, tables and other structures are protected; removal or damage of any kind is prohibited. Hunting, feeding of wildlife and gathering firewood on state park property is prohibited.
- One camping party is allowed per site. Maximum of eight people per campsite.
- Campsites may not be held for other parties.
- Camping check-in time is 2:30 p.m., and check-out time is 1 p.m.
- Extra vehicle overnight - \$10 per night in designated area for each vehicle in excess of the one allowed per site. Does not apply to vehicle towed by a recreational vehicle.
- Pets must be on leash and under physical control at all times. This includes beaches, trail areas and camp sites. Pet owners must clean up after pets on all state park lands.
- Quiet hours are 10 p.m. to 6:30 a.m.
- Engine-driven electric generators may be operated only between the hours of 8 a.m. and 9 p.m.



Fort Worden Historical State Park
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State Parks information:
(360) 902-8844

Camping Reservations:
Online at www.parks.state.wa.us or call (888) CAMPOUT or (888) 226-7688

Vacation rentals, meetings and conferences:
(360) 344-4400

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FORT WORDEN
Historical State Park



Park amenities and facilities

Fort Worden Historical State Park offers amenities and facilities to make your visit more enjoyable and comfortable, including:

- Food services, including full dining services
- Canteen along the beach for supplies and snacks
- 2 miles of beach
- Coast Artillery Museum – interpreting the military history of the fort
- Commanding Officer’s Quarters Museum – interpreting living on the fort during the early 1900s
- Port Townsend Marine Science Center and Natural History Museum
- Centrum - providing performances and concerts, conducting arts and education workshops year round
- Friends of Fort Worden visitor center and gift shop
- Watercraft launch and 235 feet of moorage
- Fishing pier
- Trailer dump stations
- 11 miles of hiking trails, 8 miles of bike trails and 2.6 miles of trails accessible to those with disabilities
- Kayak and bike rentals during the summer season



WELCOME TO FORT WORDEN!

Fort Worden Historical State Park is a 434-acre multi-use park with more than two miles of saltwater shoreline and a wide variety of services and facilities. The park rests on a high bluff overlooking Puget Sound. Many historic buildings remain at this

19th-century military fort.

This historic fort offers a full-service conference center, an ideal setting for seminars, conferences, retreats and family reunions. Historic 100-year-old Victorian parlors, spacious carpeted dormitories,

and full utility campsites can meet the needs of most any small or large conference group. The conference center has a dining facility and a wide range of meeting rooms. The park has a pleasantly informal atmosphere in a historically formal setting.

