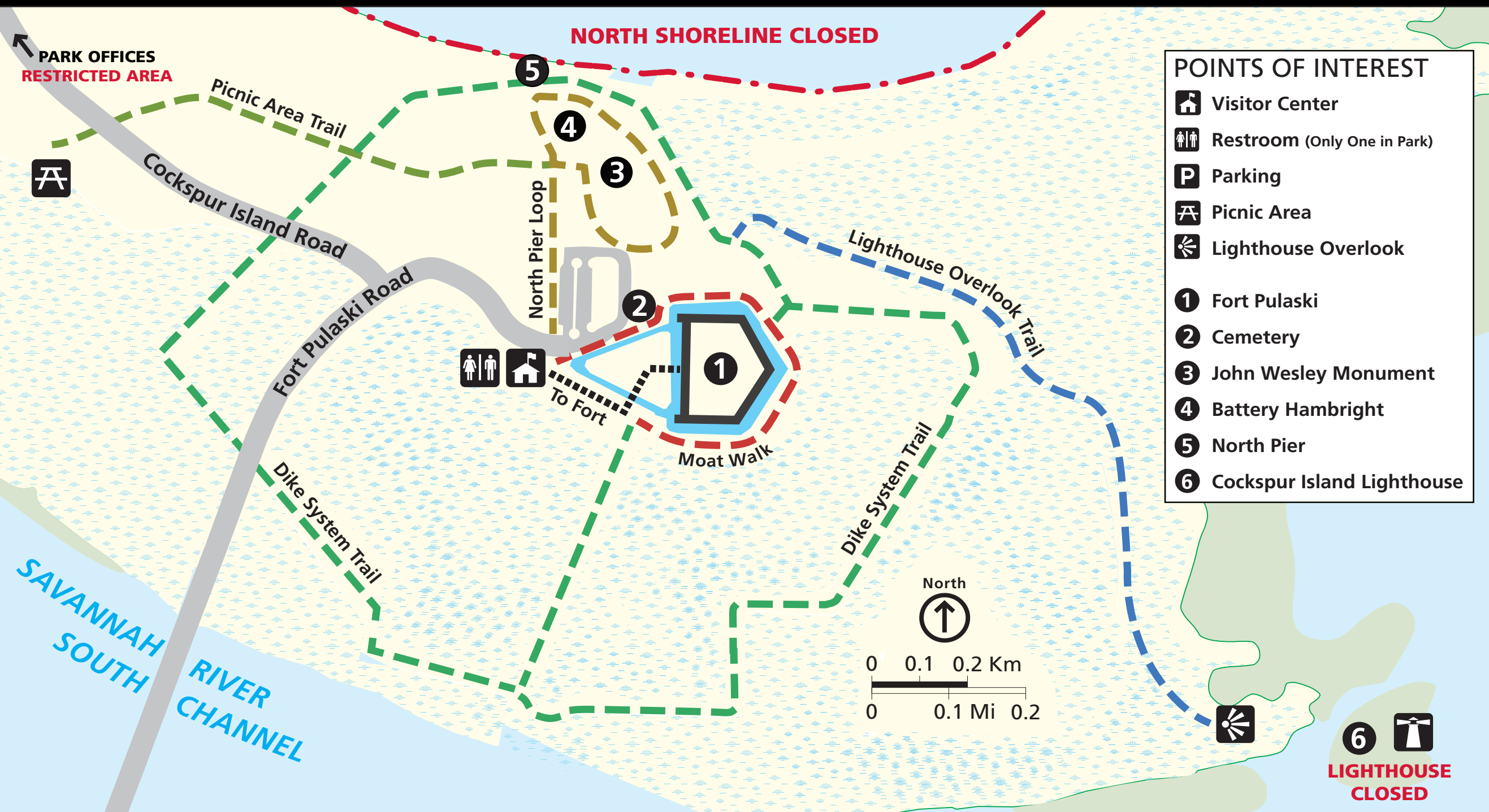


Fort Pulaski Trail Map

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POINTS OF INTEREST

- Visitor Center
- Restroom (Only One in Park)
- Parking
- Picnic Area
- Lighthouse Overlook
- 1** Fort Pulaski
- 2** Cemetery
- 3** John Wesley Monument
- 4** Battery Hambright
- 5** North Pier
- 6** Cockspur Island Lighthouse

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6 **LIGHTHOUSE CLOSED**

It's more than just a fort...

An adventure awaits you along the trails of Cockspur Island. Whether you enjoy history, nature, or both, you have an opportunity to experience all that Fort Pulaski National Monument has to share.

With its location just inside the mouth of the Savannah River, Cockspur Island has played an important role since the founding of the Colony of Georgia in 1733. In the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries, the island was home to a number of defensive forts built to protect the city of Savannah. This period culminated in the construction of Fort Pulaski from 1829 to 1847.

After the American Civil War, the military largely abandoned the fort, and by the end of the nineteenth century, the island was left to the keepers of the Cockspur Island Lighthouse as well as the attendants of a quarantine station built on the west side of the island. During this period, the flora and fauna of Cockspur began to reclaim the island.

Fort Pulaski was designated a national monument in 1924, Then in 1933, Cockspur Island and historic Fort Pulaski became part of the National Park Service. Park preservation efforts dominated the rest of the decade and after World War II the park was available to visitors near and far.

Today, the island and the trails are maintained and open to visitors looking to explore pristine marsh land, historic military fortifications, and a diverse collection of wildlife and native vegetation.

Moat Walk

Distance - 0.5 mile (0.8 km) Loop
Allow 30 Minutes

This leisurely walk highlights the walls, moat, cemetery, and battle scars visible on the southeast side of the fort. Several projectiles are still imbedded in the walls from the April 1862 battle.

North Pier Loop

Distance - 0.75 mile (1.2 km) Loop
Allow 45 Minutes

This walk highlights a few points of interest. Battery Hambright, named after Lieutenant Horace Hambright, U.S. Army, is a concrete gun battery constructed in 1899 that was designed to protect a minefield in the Savannah River.

The historic north pier meets the North Channel of the Savannah River. Materials were brought here to construct and later supply the fort throughout the century.

Follow the concrete trail in front of Battery Hambright and you will find the John Wesley Monument. Wesley, the founder of Methodism, landed on the island in 1736.

Picnic Area Trail

Distance - 2.0 mile (1.6 km) Round Trip
Allow 1 Hour

A great place to relax with plenty of shade. There are picnic benches, grills, and a covered pavilion available for visitor use.
Water is not available.

Dike System Trail

Distance - 1.8 mile (2.9 km) Loop
Allow 2 Hours

There are several spots to access this trail. Designed by the Army Corps of Engineers, the dike system allowed for tide control and drainage that aided in the construction and defense of Fort Pulaski. Today, the dike is twelve feet above sea level and helps protect Fort Pulaski from the tides. This is a great trail for views of the fort and the salt marsh.



A view of the white painted Cockspur Island Lighthouse from the overlook trail.

Lighthouse Trail

Distance - 1.5 miles (2.4 km) Round Trip
Allow 1.5 Hours

One of the park's most popular trails ends with a close-up view of the Cockspur Island Lighthouse. Built in 1856, the lighthouse marked the entrance of the South Channel of the Savannah River. The lighthouse witnessed the battle for Fort Pulaski up close up and was active until 1909. **Due to preservation efforts, the lighthouse and island are closed to the public.**

Think Safety First!

Use the following tips to help you prepare for your next trail adventure.

- Know the weather and plan accordingly. Bring sunscreen, insect repellent, a hat, sunglasses, and plenty of drinking water.
- Pets must be kept on a 6 foot maximum length leash at all times. Remove and properly dispose of pet waste.
- The north shoreline is closed to visitors. Please adhere to all closure signs along the trails.
- Place all trash in the garbage cans located in the parking lot.
- Lock valuables in the trunk of your car or take them with you.
- Georgia is the home to a variety of venomous creatures. If you are bitten or stung by a snake, insect, bee, or spider, contact a park ranger. If a severe reaction occurs contact 911 or go to the nearest hospital.
- There is an abundance of wildlife on the island. Most incidents occur as a result of teasing or handling an animal. This is their home. Don't approach wildlife.

In case of emergency call 911.

Climate Data for Savannah, GA

Month	Avg. High	Avg. Low	Avg. Mean	Avg. Precip.	Record High	Record Low
Jan	60°F	38°F	49°F	3.95 in	84°F (1957)	3°F (1985)
Feb	64°F	41°F	53°F	2.92 in	86°F (1989)	8°F (1899)
Mar	71°F	47°F	59°F	3.64 in	94°F (1907)	20°F (1980)
Apr	78°F	53°F	65°F	3.32 in	95°F (1986)	28°F (2007)
May	84°F	61°F	73°F	3.61 in	101°F (1945)	39°F (1963)
Jun	90°F	68°F	79°F	5.49 in	104°F (1985)	49°F (1913)
Jul	92°F	72°F	82°F	6.04 in	105°F (1986)	61°F (1972)
Aug	90°F	71°F	81°F	7.20 in	104°F (1954)	57°F (1986)
Sep	86°F	67°F	77°F	5.08 in	102°F (1925)	43°F (1967)
Oct	78°F	56°F	67°F	3.12 in	97°F (1986)	28°F (1952)
Nov	71°F	47°F	59°F	2.40 in	89°F (1961)	15°F (1970)
Dec	63°F	40°F	51°F	2.81 in	83°F (1971)	9°F (1983)

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