

Fort Dobbs: An Overview

As the only state historic site associated with the period, Fort Dobbs represents North Carolina's link with a global war for empire that crossed five continents, lasted nearly a decade and sowed the seeds of independence.

Fort Dobbs was named after the royal governor of North Carolina; Arthur Dobbs. Garrisoned by Provincial soldiers from 1756-1761, the fort served as a barracks, refuge for settlers, and supply depot for the British military. The fort itself defined the edge of the British Empire on the western frontier of North Carolina.

North Carolina Provincials served in several of the campaigns in the French and Indian War, fighting as far away as Pennsylvania and New York.

Fort Dobbs itself was attacked by more than 60 Cherokee on the night of February 27th, 1760. With the defeat of the Cherokee in 1761 and of the French in 1763, the frontier moved beyond Fort Dobbs and the military post was closed, destined to rot and disappear into farmland.



Special Events and Programs

Fort Dobbs offers students, home-school groups, and community organizations the opportunity to come face to face with North Carolina's past through

EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS

designed for your groups' needs. Join us today for an adventure which will engage and educate while bringing history to life!

- FIELD TRIPS
- SPECIAL EVENTS
- SCHOOL VISITS

Reservations are required for groups of 10 or more. Reserve your visit today!

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**Come Face to Face
With History!**

Fort Dobbs
State Historic Site



EDUCATOR'S GUIDE

*Fort Dobbs is open
Tuesday-Saturday from 9am-5pm
Offering interpretive
programming daily.*

438 Fort Dobbs Road
Statesville, NC 28625

Field Trips

One of three programs may be selected for your personalized field trip experience. Cost is \$4.00 per student (ages 5-18) including sales tax. Minimum of 10 students required.



Gone for a Soldier

Gain insight into the lives of the provincial garrison of the fort. Activities include watching a musket demonstration, learning 1750's military drill (3rd grade through high school), and exploring soldier's equipment and diet.

Entering Upon New Lands

Experience the daily lives of settlers on the NC frontier. Students learn about period construction techniques (including the chance to apply mud daubing to a log cabin, weather permitting), clothing, and food ways.

Archaeologist for a Day

Archaeology is vital to our understanding of Fort Dobbs. Following a guided tour of the archaeological site, students may engage in a simulated dig, learning about the scientific process of archaeology, while uncovering "artifacts" related to the occupation of the fort.

Special Events

Several times each year, Fort Dobbs presents Large special events for both public and home school groups. Contact site for dates. Advance reservations are required. Cost is \$6.00 per student (ages 5-18) including sales tax.



School Visits

Fort Dobbs staff will bring history to your school, group or community!

A costumed interpreter can come to your location and provide large or small group instruction about North Carolina's role in the French and Indian War (1754-1763). Please enquire as to fees.



Come See What History Holds for You!



In addition to programs, students can tour the 1756 fort site, view an exhibit on the fort's archaeological excavations and history located at the Visitor Center, shop in the *Petit Sutler* gift shop, relax at lunch time in the picnic shelter and playground, and walk the nature trail.

