

The Story of Fort Dobbs

The only site of its kind in North Carolina, Fort Dobbs State Historic Site is located near Statesville and provides a window into the tumultuous period of history known as the French and Indian War (1754-1763). Fort Dobbs represents the state's link to what truly was a global war for empire between England and France that crossed five continents, lasted nearly a decade and sowed the seeds of independence that determined the fate of North America.



The fort was named for Arthur Dobbs, Royal Governor of the Colony of North Carolina, who ordered its construction. From 1756 until 1761, Fort Dobbs served as barracks for the North Carolina provincial soldiers, shelter for settlers during Indian attacks and supply depot for the British Empire. The fort's location defined the western frontier for the colony of North Carolina in British North America. By 1764, Fort Dobbs was abandoned following the Treaty of Paris, which officially ended the war.

In 1973, the State of North Carolina completed its acquisition of the nearly 32 acres of the fort's original site aided by the Fort Dobbs Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR), which donated ten of the acres in hopes of the fort's eventual reconstruction. Fort Dobbs was designated as a state historic site under the purview of the NC Department of Cultural Resources in 1976.

Fort Dobbs is one of only a small number of National Registered Historic Sites in the U.S. that actively interprets the French and Indian War in an authentic living history style. Of these sites, it is the last one that has yet to be reconstructed.

An Invitation to Join

The Friends of Fort Dobbs is a not-for-profit organization which serves the site's mission "to preserve and interpret North Carolina's only French and Indian War fort." Without the Friends group, Fort Dobbs would not be able to offer the educational programming provided through various living history weekends, as well as off-site programming. As a member of the Friends of Fort Dobbs you will play a crucial role in ensuring that our past lives on and that future generations witness history come to life as never before.

Tax-deductible-memberships to the Friends of Fort Dobbs are excellent ways to recognize friends or honor someone special.



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Membership Form

Name

Address

City

State

Zip

Home Phone

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Membership Level:

☐ Recruit (\$10) ☐ Corporal (\$50)

☐ Sergeant (\$100)

Additional Member Name

☐ Lieutenant (\$250)

Additional Member Name

Payment options:

☐ Check

☐ Credit Card

Card Number

Exp. Date

Sec. Code

Join on-line at www.fortdobbs.org or mail your completed form and payment to:

Friends of Fort Dobbs
PO Box 241
Statesville, NC 28677

We welcome additional contributions to Fort Dobbs. For memorials, honorariums, or matching gifts from employers, please call the Friends of Fort Dobbs at 704-873-5882 or e-mail at info@fortdobbs.org.

Membership Levels

All members receive a subscription to *The Gazette* newsletter, a 10% discount in the *Petit Sutler* gift shop, and email notifications for special events.

Recruit (\$10) – for students under age 18

- One admission pass for War for Empire

Corporal (\$50) – for individuals

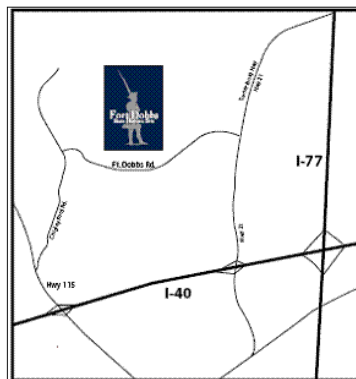
- Two admission passes for War for Empire

Sergeant (\$100) – for couples and families

- Two admission passes for War for Empire
- Invitation to annual meeting and social

Lieutenant (\$250)

- Four admission passes for War for Empire
- Invitation to annual meeting and social
- Fort Dobbs lapel pin



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