Fort Delaware & Fort DuPont State Parks

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Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control
Division of Parks and Recreation

Trails and Permitted Uses
- Riverview Trail (1.1 mi.)
- Prison Camp Trail (0.7 mi.)
- Delaware City Promenade (0.8 mi.)

The Parks

Fort Delaware
Fort Delaware, the Union fortress dating back to 1859, once housed Confederate prisoners of war. It was originally built to protect the ports of Wilmington and Philadelphia. Visitors take a ½-mile ferry ride from Delaware City to Pea Patch Island. A jitney provides transport from the island dock to the granite and brick fortress. Here, costumed interpreters take you back to the summer of 1864.

Fort DuPont
Named for Rear Admiral Samuel Francis du Pont, the Fort was actively used as a military base from the Civil War through World War II. Fort Delaware was critical in defending the Delaware Valley during the Civil War. The fortress also saw duty during the Spanish American War, where she was the key in a 'Three Fort' defense made up of Fort Delaware, Fort DuPont and Fort Mott (NJ). Fort Delaware was active until WWII, and her guns were never challenged. Following World War II, the Fort was turned over to the State of Delaware. Portions of the land were dedicated as a State Park in 1992.

Trail Descriptions

Prison Camp Trail
This loop trail on Pea Patch Island travels through a wooded area over grass and packed earth. Nature enthusiasts may view wildlife and several species of wading birds from the observation tower which is located along the trail.

River View Trail
The River View Trail of packed earth travels through tidal marsh, passes gun batteries, and offers a glimpse into Delaware history. The trail loops back to the parking area.