

CIVIL WAR

FORT DUFFIELD

Historic West Point Kentucky

Union Stronghold At The Mouth of Salt River



Fort Duffield as drawn by Charles I. Kelley
Co. 1, 9th Michigan Inf. Regt. 1861

- Kentucky's Largest and Best Preserved Earthen Fortification
- On the National Register of Historic Places and the Civil War Preservation Trust's Civil War Sites Official Guide
- Living History Events
- Over 10 Miles of Nationally Acclaimed Mountain Bike and Hiking Trails
- Picnic Facilities
- School and Group Tours Available by Appointment

Take a virtual tour of Fort Duffield online at:
<http://members.aol.com/FtDuffield/fort.html>

Location

U.S. 31W (Dixie Highway) at Salt River Drive
West Point, Kentucky

7.5 Miles South of the Gene Snyder Freeway (Hwy. 841)
and 9 Miles North of the Main Entrance to Fort Knox



Native son of Kentucky,
President Abraham Lincoln
said, "I think to lose Kentucky
is nearly the same as to lose
the whole game."

General William Tecumseh Sherman ordered the construction of a fort at this site to protect his supply base in West Point and to protect the City of Louisville from attack via the Louisville-Nashville Turpike and Ohio River.

This impregnable fortress, some 300 feet above the city was never challenged. However, its strategic position no doubt played an important roll in the Civil War in Kentucky.

On your visit to Fort Duffield, you will experience a panoramic view of historic West Point looking across the beautiful Ohio River to the scenic hills of Southern Indiana. Visit the serene gardens of Fort Duffield's Memorial Hill Cemetery which pays tribute to the 61 soldiers who died building the fort. Set your own pace with the self-guided walking tour brochure. Witness the ongoing restoration of one of Kentucky's nearly forgotten Civil War treasures.

Visiting Fort Duffield

The park is open daily year round 8 am until dark. The historic fort can be reached using the 1/4 mile hiking trail at the end of the parking lot. Walking tour brochures, trail brochures and rest rooms are available at the park.

Unauthorized vehicles, hunting and use of
metal detectors are prohibited.
Fort Duffield and park grounds are restricted
artifact recovery areas.

For Information or to Schedule a Private Tour
Contact: Fort Duffield Heritage Committee
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