



Scavenger Hunt

Welcome to Fort Sumter! Follow in the footsteps of the soldiers who lived and fought at the fort in order to learn more about Fort Sumter.

1. You are currently entering the sally port, or the entrance of the fort. When you enter, make a left and go to the sign next to the cannon display. What would two soldiers have used together to carry one of the heavier cannon balls?
2. Continue walking towards the row of cannons on the parade ground and locate the 15-inch Rodman. When was this cannon made? HINT: The date is engraved somewhere on the cannon.
3. You are currently in an area that was heavily damaged between 1863 and 1865 by Union artillery batteries located on Morris Island. Some of these artillery projectiles remain embedded in the brick wall. Walk along the wall. How many shells can you find?
4. Continue walking along the brick wall and go around Battery Huger, the large black structure. Go up the stairs at the end of the brick path. Turn left and walk towards the informational sign about the *H.L. Hunley*. This Confederate submarine was the first in military history to sink an enemy ship. What was the *Hunley's* target?
5. Next, go to the flagpole. Whose face do you see? This person commanded the Union garrison at Fort Sumter during the first battle. HINT: Read the inscription on the other side of the flagpole.
6. Go on top of Battery Huger and locate the informational sign about Morris Island. Which Union regiment led the assault on Fort Wagner on July 18, 1863?

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7. Locate the informational signs facing Charleston. What is name of the fort from which the first shot of the Civil War was fired?

8. Go down the stairs and enter the museum. Find the model of the fort. How many men was the fort designed to hold?

9. As you go through the museum, what objects can you find that a soldier would have used in his daily life while stationed at Fort Sumter? Write down two.

10. Look for the large US flag that flew over the fort during the first battle of the Civil War. How many stars are on this flag?

11. Exit the museum and go down the stairs to the parade ground. Turn left and find the informational signs along the black wall. Which war led to the completion of Battery Huger in 1899?

12. Find the granite monument on the parade ground dedicated to the Union garrison at Fort Sumter. Listed among the names is a woman known as the matron, a civilian who worked with the surgeon and hospital steward. Can you find and record the matron's name?

13. When you exit the fort through the sally port, look behind you. On the wall next to the entrance is a memorial dedicated to the Confederate soldiers who defended Fort Sumter. How long did the Confederates control Fort Sumter?

When you complete your scavenger hunt, don't forget to have a ranger check it!