

Fort Randolph State Historic Site



When completed, the Fort Randolph/Fort Buhlow State Historic Site will serve as a regional hub for historical interpretation of the Red River Campaign, Bailey's Dam, the burning of Alexandria, and the construction of Forts Randolph and Buhlow. This site is a joint cooperative effort of the Red River Waterway (RRWC) Commission, Department of Health and Hospitals, and Office of State Parks.

In order to create the Master Plan concept, which expanded the historical significance and preservation of the Civil War earthen structure, Moore Planning Group, LLC. researched other earthen fortifications, collaborated with both the RRWC and state parks for required park elements, and worked with the community and private entities to determine the project's value.

Located on the Red River in Pineville, Louisiana, the project is currently in the bidding and construction phase. After project completion, visitors will be able to learn about Bailey's Dam, an engineering marvel that saved the Union Fleet from certain destruction as they retreated down the Red River. Although the dam is no longer visible, a river overlook will mark the dam's location.



Visitors will be able to tour earthwork forts built by the Confederate forces. Construction began in September, 1864 as a response to the Union Fleet's Red River Campaign, and as a defense against the potential subsequent Union force activity along the Red River. Upon completion in early 1865, both forts were armed with heavy cannons and field artillery, and manned by over 800 soldiers. History shows, however, that the war in Louisiana concluded without either fort firing a single shot.

This facility will serve as a Central Louisiana destination for Civil War enthusiasts interested in exploring a currently unknown part of arguably the most important event in American history.

Construction began in early 2008 and should be completed by mid 2009.



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