

## Fort Dobbs: An Overview

As the only state historic site associated with the period, Fort Dobbs represents North Carolina's link with a global war for empire that crossed five continents, lasted nearly a decade and sowed the seeds of independence.

Fort Dobbs was named after the royal governor of North Carolina; Arthur Dobbs. Garrisoned by Provincial soldiers from 1756-1761, the fort served as a barracks, refuge for settlers, and supply depot for the British military. The fort itself defined the edge of the British Empire on the western frontier of North Carolina.

North Carolina Provincials served in several of the campaigns in the French and Indian War, fighting as far away as Pennsylvania and New York.

Fort Dobbs itself was attacked by more than 60 Cherokee on the night of February 27th, 1760. With the defeat of the Cherokee in 1761 and of the French in 1763, the frontier moved beyond Fort Dobbs and the military post was closed, destined to rot and disappear into farmland.



## Special Events and Programs

Fort Dobbs offers students, home-school groups, and community organizations the opportunity to come face to face with North

Carolina's past through **EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS** designed for your groups' needs. Join us today for an adventure which will engage and educate while bringing history to life!

- IN-PERSON FIELD TRIPS
- SPECIAL EVENTS
- VIRTUAL FIELD TRIPS

**Reservations are required for groups of 10 or more. Reserve your visit today!**

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**Come Face to Face  
With History!**

**Fort Dobbs**  
State Historic Site



## EDUCATOR'S GUIDE

*Fort Dobbs is open  
Tuesday-Saturday from 9am-5pm  
Offering guided tours daily.*

438 Fort Dobbs Road  
Statesville, NC 28625



## Field Trips

There is no charge for a field trip tour of the fort. Additional demonstrations, such as musket firing, and military drill, may be added for \$1 per student per demonstration.

Minimum of 10 students required.

### Gone for a Soldier

A field trip to Fort Dobbs allows students to step back to the 1750's and learn about the lives of the provincial garrison of the fort.

*(Recommended for 3rd grade and up.)*



*Photo by Steve Gray*

## Special Events

Each year, Fort Dobbs presents special large-scale education event for both public and home school groups.

Contact site for dates.

Advance reservations are required.

As "School Day" events feature many more demonstrations than are available for normal field trips, a fee of \$6.00 per student applies.



## Come See What History Holds for You!



In addition to programs, students can tour the 1756 fort site, view an exhibit on the fort's archaeological excavations and history located at the Visitor Center, visit the gift shop, relax at lunch time in the picnic shelter and playground, and walk the nature trail.

