



Fort Laurens State Memorial

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Fort Laurens was built in 1778 in an ill-fated campaign to attack the British at Detroit. Supplying this wilderness outpost was its downfall as the starving garrison withstood a month-long siege by British-led Indians. The fort was abandoned in 1779. Today, a museum houses artifacts and displays of Ohio's only Revolutionary War fort and a video program offers the story of the War for Independence and the Fort Laurens campaign. A large park includes a picnic area and monuments stand in honor of those who fought and died for American Independence. A local group of supporters are currently working to rebuild the fort.

The museum features artifacts from archeological digs and a beautiful park with picnic facilities, that periodically serves as a site for Revolutionary War encampments. The site is handicapped accessible and is located close to restaurants, antique shops, Zoar Village State Memorial, and canoeing. It also serves as the trail head to the Ohio & Erie Canalway's Towpath Trail.

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Hours:
Can accommodate groups
year-round any time of day.
Just call ahead to make an
appointment!

Rates:
\$3 per person

Fort Laurens is now operated by the Tuscarawas County Convention and Visitors Bureau