



HISTORY OF DAUPHIN ISLAND Grades 4 and up.

Dauphin Island's history spans several centuries. Learn about the Mississippian Indian civilization, the European settlements by the French, the British, and the Spanish, as well as the part Dauphin Island played in the Battle of Mobile Bay during the Civil War. Join us as we travel through history, beginning with a visit to the Mississippian Indian mounds at Shell Mound Park. Hold a piece of history in your hand as we search for pottery among the oyster shells. Next we will take a guided tour of Fort Gaines, where students will be shown how a soldier lived and worked during that time.

What to expect:

- To be on your feet. This is a walking activity.

What to wear and bring:

- Clothes appropriate for the weather that day.
- Comfortable shoes
- Sun protection – sunscreen, hats, etc.
- Water bottle (especially important for warm weather trips)
- Camera
- Money for the Gift Shop

Fort Gaines:

- **Teachers will be responsible for payment to Fort Gaines. Ask the scheduling coordinator about the price of admission.**
- Usually a guide is available for fort tours; however, reservations must be made at least two weeks in advance.
- Reservations for Fort Gaines will be made by the Dauphin Island Sea Lab Scheduling Coordinator.
- For more info call Fort Gaines @ (251) 861-6992.

