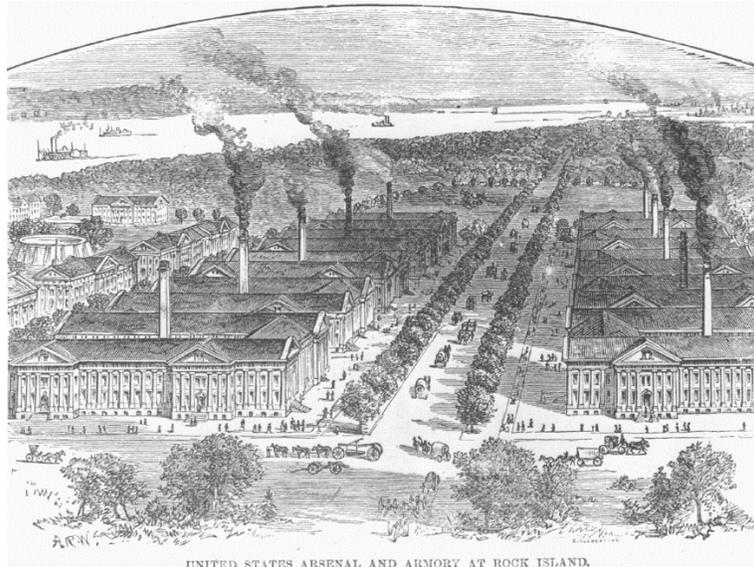


We Welcome Visitors to Rock Island Arsenal



Located on a 946-acre island in the Mississippi River, Rock Island Arsenal was established by Act of Congress on July 11, 1862. Today, Rock Island Arsenal is our nation's largest government owned and operated arsenal. As the largest employer in the bi-state (Illinois and Iowa) region, the arsenal has nearly 6,000 employees working for 70 federal and commercial tenants.

During its history, Rock Island Arsenal has been responsible for the design, development, manufacture, repair, and storage of a wide variety of equipment required to support the US Army and all the joint services. From the Spanish-American War to the Global War on Terror, the arsenal's tradition of manufacturing excellence has supplied items such as mess equipment, paper targets, Model 1903 rifles, 105 mm and 155 mm artillery, tool sets and kits, and add-on-armor kits for the Humvee and Stryker vehicles.

How to Schedule Your Bus Group's Visit

Plan your bus group visit by contacting the following public attractions:

Rock Island Arsenal Museum

Building 60, 3500 North Avenue

Open Tuesday through Saturday, noon to 4:00 p.m.

Call 309-782-3518 to schedule a tour of the island (adult bus groups only) or a museum visit.

Main number is 309-782-5021. <http://www.arsenalhistoricalsociety.org>

The Mississippi River Visitor Center

Operated by the US Army Corps of Engineers – Rock Island District
Building 328, Rodman Avenue

Open Tuesday – Saturday, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. (Labor Day to Memorial Day)

Open 7 days a week, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. (Memorial Day to Labor Day)

Call 309-794-5338 to schedule a tour. <http://www.missriver.org>

The Colonel Davenport House

Operated by the Colonel Davenport Historical Foundation
Hillman Street

Open May through mid-October on Wednesday through Saturday, noon to 4:00 p.m.

Tours for groups can be scheduled outside of regular hours.

Call 309-236-0741 to schedule a tour. Main number is 309-786-7336.

<http://www.davenporthouse.org>

Rock Island National Cemetery and Confederate Cemetery

Rodman Avenue, 309-782-2094

Open dawn to dusk, 7 days a week

Programs available Monday – Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Memorial Park

Artillery and tanks on outdoor display

Rodman Avenue

Open dawn to dusk, 7 days a week

Access Requirements for Rock Island Arsenal

Beginning December 1, 2015, security measures have changed at Rock Island Arsenal. An installation pass is required for anyone age 18 or older before they are allowed to visit the island. The pass is obtained from the Moline Gate Visitor Center (Building 23, 23 Prospect Court) at the Moline, Illinois, entrance to the island. All visitors must be US citizens.

If a group schedules less than two weeks in advance of their visit, each individual age 18 or older must obtain an installation pass. The group organizer can coordinate pre-registering individuals for a pass.

Visit <http://www.usagria.army.mil/AccessRequests/>.

Moline Gate Visitor Center phone numbers: 309-782-0485/0484/1337

If a group schedules at least two weeks in advance of their visit, a request can be submitted for the group's visit to be designated a special event by the Garrison Commander. The required form is completed and submitted by staff members at the installation attractions scheduling your group visit. If approval is obtained, a placard is issued for display on the windshield of the bus. Passengers 18 or older are still required to provide a state issued driver's license or identification card or a passport, if requested. However, individual installation passes are not required.