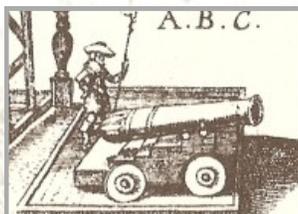


FOUNDERS' DAY

April 8, 2017



Cannon & Musket Demonstrations



Defending Charles Towne (10)*

Feel the ground quake beneath your feet and smell the burning brimstone as the Charles Towne Militia fires reproduction, 17th-century cannons and muskets.

Times: Noon, 2 PM, & 4 PM at the Cannon Platforms.

The Adventure and Maritime Camp (13)*

While at Albemarle Point, board the *Adventure*, a replica of a 17th-century trading ketch, where you will learn about the rigors of a sailor's life. Also visit the maritime camp to discover what products the colonists traded to make Carolina an economic success.

From 10 AM - 5 PM.



Ongoing Activities

Colonial Encampment (9)*

Visit with reenactors at their campsites to get a sense of what life was like for the English colonists who crossed the Atlantic and founded Charles Towne nearly 350 years ago. From 10 AM - 5 PM.



Open-Hearth Cooking (9)*

See what's on the menu at the Common House as costumed interpreters prepare a meal, 17th-century style. Food is for demonstration purposes only.

From 10 AM - 4 PM at the Common House.

Carving out a Colony: The Woodworker's Craft (9)*

Watch colonial craftsmen working with edged tools, such as axes and drawknives, and making a variety of items necessary for the comfort of the colony. Ongoing outside of the Common House, except during Cannon Programs.



Ongoing Excavations (8)*

Meet the park's archaeologist at the "Miller Site," the location of our current dig, and learn about how recent discoveries have enhanced our interpretation of early Charles Towne. From 10 AM - 4 PM.



About Founders' Day

April 2017 marks the 347th anniversary of the founding of Charleston, South Carolina. The English colonists, who established it back in 1670, placed their first settlement on a marsh-fringed bluff situated on the west side of the Ashley River. They named it Charles Towne in honor of King Charles II, the Carolina colony's grantor. Today, Charles Towne Landing State Historic Site preserves Charleston's original location and Founders' Day commemorates the birth of one of America's most distinctive cities!

*Locations correspond with Audio Tour Stops on official park map.