



Fort Smallwood

What You Need to Know

Site Location

Fort Smallwood Park is an Anne Arundel County park. The park consists of approximately 90 acres at the tip of a peninsula in northeastern Anne Arundel County where Patapsco River and Rock Creek meet the Chesapeake Bay.

Site History

Fort Smallwood was established when the Federal government purchased the property in the 1890s. The fort became part of the Baltimore Harbor series of defensive forts. By 1928, the fort's guns had been removed and the property transferred from the Federal government. Baltimore City was caretaker of the park for many decades, and in 2006 the park became part of the Anne Arundel County park system.

There are numerous park activities available at the site. The remnants of one former gun battery (a structure that held the guns overlooking the waterway approach to Baltimore Harbor) are completely gone, and the remains of the other battery are mostly sealed from public access.

Environmental Investigations and Actions

There are no records of former environmental investigations.

Current Status/Planned or Potential Future Action

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers is planning to conduct an Inventory Project Report and Preliminary Assessment of the site. This work is planned to determine whether an environmental investigation is necessary.