

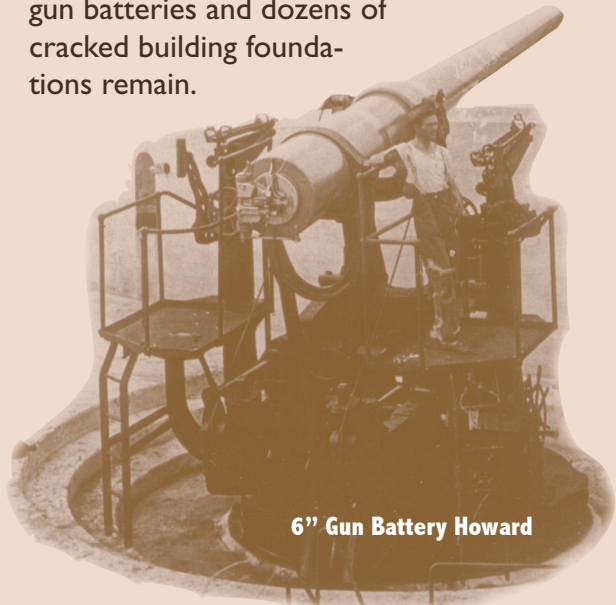
In 1848 a lighthouse was completed on Egmont Key to safely guide ships en route to Tampa. The island was a tragic and brief home to Seminole Indians defeated in war. Both Confederate and Union soldiers occupied the island in America's Civil War.



**Captain Charles Moore,
Lighthouse Keeper**

Fort Dade was constructed to defend Tampa Bay from invasion during the Spanish American War. Over seventy buildings were built between 1898 and 1916, turning the island into a small city complete with hospital, school, theater, post office, sewer, electric and telephone service.

Today only finely laid brick roads, the gun batteries and dozens of cracked building foundations remain.



6" Gun Battery Howard

Every fifteen seconds the lighthouse illuminates an island of historic significance. Gopher tortoises watch quietly as you pass. Seabirds cry from their nearby nesting areas. Walking these eerie byways, you wonder whose footsteps in history you are following. Then you realize you are somewhere special - somewhere worth saving.



A Good Day Fishing

Egmont Key is also a National Wildlife Refuge protecting populations of gopher tortoises, box turtles and several species of nesting birds such as Royal and Least terns, Brown pelicans, Ibis and Laughing gulls. The nesting area is located on the south end of the island that is off limits to visitors. (See map over)



Red Cross Youth Group

You too can be a member.

Your steps will preserve these sands. Egmont Key Alliance is a state recognized



Citizens Support Organization formed to protect the island's fragile ecological balance and to preserve the remaining historical structures built on the island to preserve the richness of the island's heritage. Alliance members provide the Park Manager with volunteer assistance with a variety of projects including public education, fund-raising and conservation. Members receive Egmont Key Notes, our newsletter, meeting notices, and invitations to special events and opportunities connected with Egmont Key State Park.



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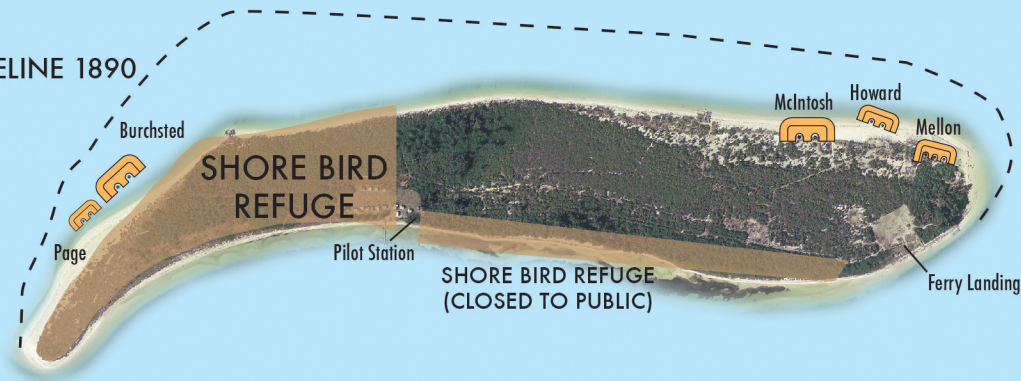
Egmont Key

At the mouth of Tampa Bay on Florida's West coast lies an unusual island. First charted by Spanish explorers in the early 1500's, the footsteps of notable historical figures would mark the island's sands in the centuries to follow. Rich in history, home to endangered wildlife and unique in its geological formation, Egmont Key now struggles to survive the eroding forces of nature and the contemporary tides of politics.

Accessible only by boat, Egmont Key has a unique natural and cultural history as well as a place to relax and collect shells along secluded, pristine beaches.



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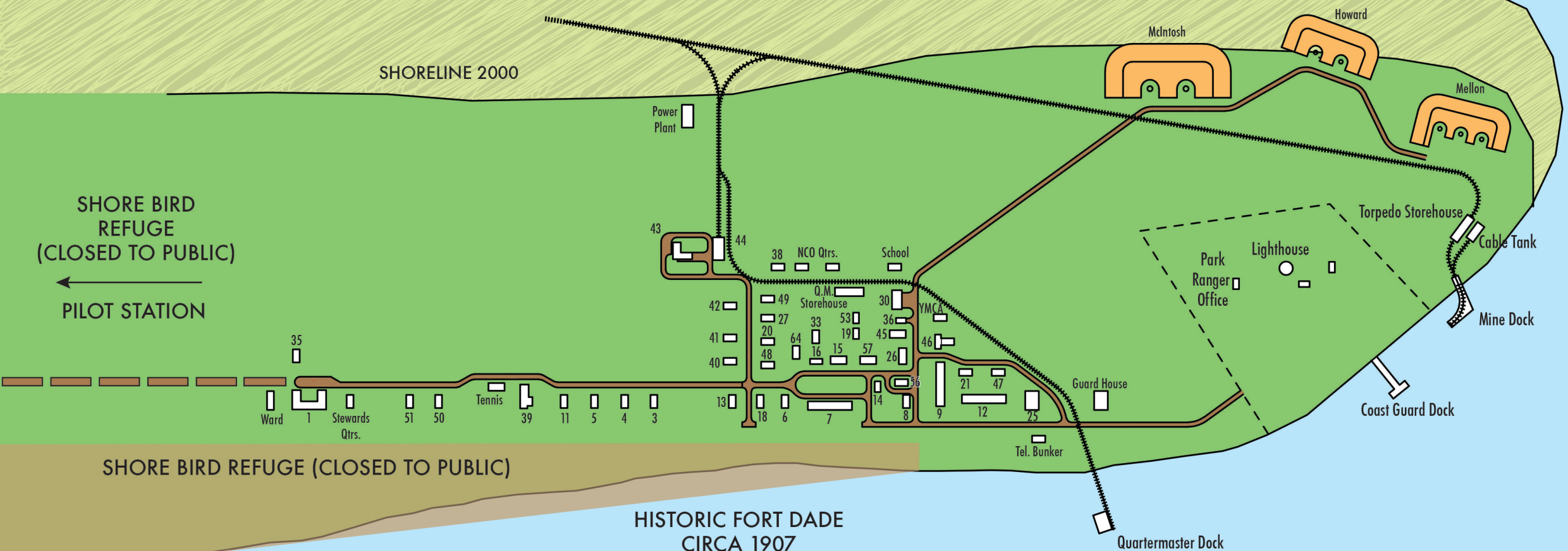
Egmont Key

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| 1 - Hospital | 15 - Stable | 33 - Lumber Shed | 48, 49 - NCO Qtrs |
| 3,4,5 - Officers Qtrs | 16 - Carpenter, Blacksmith | 35 - Morgue | 50, 51 - Officers Qtrs |
| 6 - NCO Qtrs | 18 - NCO Qtrs | 36 - Searchlight Shelter | 53 - Teamster Qtrs |
| 7 - QM Storehouse | 19 - Wagon Shed | 39 - Commander's Qtrs | 56 - Fire Station |
| 8 - Qtr Master Office | 20 - NCO Qtrs | 40, 41, 42 - NCO Qtrs | 57 - Wagon Shed |
| 9 - Barracks | 21 - Lavatory | 43 - Power Plant | 64 - Q.M. Storehouse |
| 11 - Officers Qtrs | 25 - Mess Hall | 44 - Coal Shed | |
| 12 - Barracks | 26 - Post Exchange | 45 - Gymnasium | |
| 13 - Admin Bldg | 27 - NCO Qtrs | 46 - Mess Hall | |
| 14 - Bakery | 30 - Ordnance Storehouse | 47 - Lavatory | |

SHORELINE 1890

SHORELINE 2000

SHORE BIRD REFUGE
(CLOSED TO PUBLIC)
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PILOT STATION



SHORE BIRD REFUGE (CLOSED TO PUBLIC)

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