

Fort Hartsuff State Historical Park

park information: After the Civil War, homesteaders streamed into the North Loup Valley eager to lay claim to free government land in the early 1870s. As more settlers arrived, they encroached farther onto the lands Indians had traditionally roamed, causing skirmishes between settlers and mostly Teton Sioux Indians.

A fort was built on the North Loup River to encourage peace between the Teton Sioux, white settlers, and friendly Pawnee Indians, who lived on a reservation near present day Genoa, Nebraska. General E.O.C. Ord led a detachment that selected the site for a new fort and construction began in September of 1874. Since there was a lack of timber on the plains, most of the buildings were constructed of lime/concrete. When the fort was completed it was named after Major General George L. Hartsuff, a Civil War hero. The nine major buildings have been restored and furnished with period furniture.

The Gift Shop/office is open 10 a.m.-5 p.m. on weekends from Memorial Day through Labor Day, and open weekdays throughout the summer. Grounds are open from 8 a.m. to sundown daily. Admission: Adults (13 and up) \$2; children (3-12) \$1. A valid Nebraska vehicle permit is required and can be purchased at the visitor center.

camping amenities: Camping is not available.

activities: Find fun things to do at www.negpp.org under "Activities."

directions: From Ord: Take Hwy 11 north 7 miles to Elyria. Turn right on Fort Ave. for 3 miles. From Burwell: Take Hwy 11 south 10 miles. Turn left on Fort Ave. for 3 miles.



clue: After visiting the Post Surgeon in his office, continue your tour of the Fort.

distance: Approx. 1,125 feet from the parking lot.

surface: Gravel path.

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