

FORT GRISWOLD MONUMENT

306 MONUMENT STREET, GROTON CT 06340

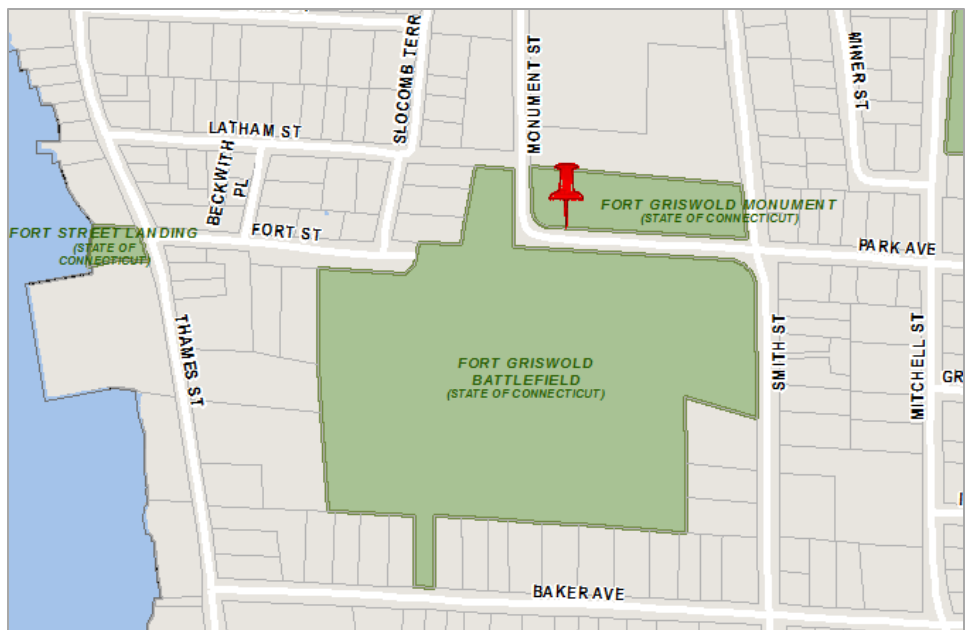


OWNER: State of CT
HOURS: Monument House
Museum Open Memorial Day to
Labor Day

DIRECTIONS:

Coming From I-95 North: take Exit 87 (Left Hand Exit) onto Clarence B. Sharp Highway. Turn right at first light onto Meridian Street. Turn left at first light onto Mitchell Street. Take second right onto Park Avenue. Park is one block straight ahead.

Coming From I-95 South: take Exit 87 onto Clarence B. Sharp Highway. Turn right at first light onto Meridian Street. Turn left at first light onto Mitchell Street. Take second right onto Park Avenue. Park is one block straight ahead.



Park Information:

The Groton Monument was built between 1826 and 1830, and is the oldest monument of its type in the country. Built of granite quarried locally, the Monument stands 135 feet tall with 166 steps. There is a marble memorial plaque with the names of the defenders who fell during the Battle of Groton Heights on September 6, 1781. The Spanish-American War Cannon in front of the Groton monument was taken off the Spanish flagship, the Marie-Teresa. The cannon fired upon American ships as the Marie-Teresa tried to steam out of Cuba's Santiago Harbor during the Spanish-American War. The Civil War Memorial was erected by Civil War Sergeant Robert Gray to honor his comrades-in-arms. A recipient of the Congressional Medal of Honor, he served with the 21st Regiment, Connecticut volunteers. Close to the Groton Monument is the Veterans War Memorial. It reads "The City of Groton, successor to the borough of Groton, has not forgotten the courage, valor, and sacrifices of its veterans of all wars." The Memorial Gate was dedicated in 1911. A plaque details the fate of each defender of Fort Griswold on September 6, 1781.

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