

Camp Floyd Gazette



SPONSORSHIPS

Camp Floyd State Park is currently seeking sponsorships to help with the costs of our school groups and historic day camps. If you can help in any way please stop by the office or email campfloyd@utah.gov

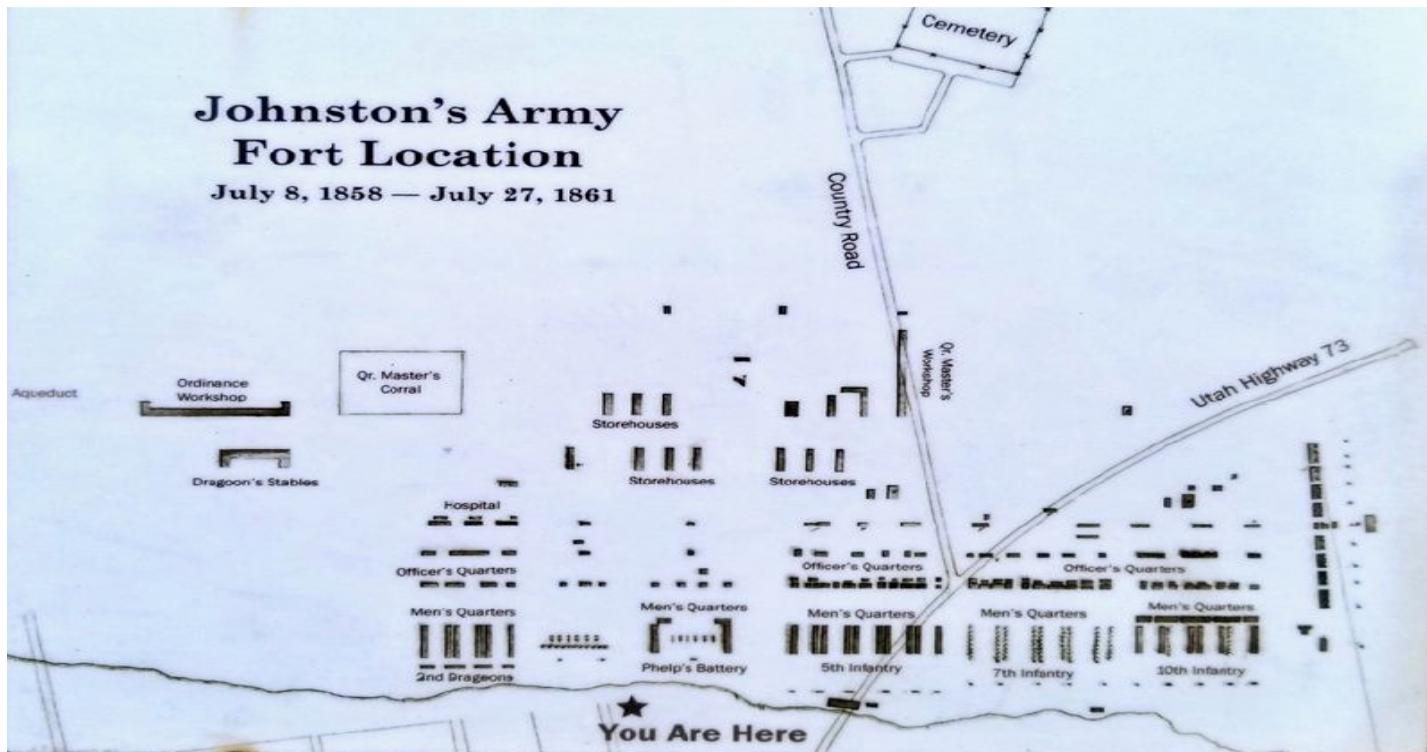
VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Camp Floyd State Park is currently seeking volunteers. There will be a volunteer open house at the park on March 23, 2024 from 2:00 to 4:00 PM.

EVENTS / PROGRAMS

- February 3, 2024 2:00 PM Junior Ranger Program (reservations required)
- March 2, 2024 2:00 PM Junior Ranger Program (reservations required)
- March 16, 2024 2:00 PM Cemetery Tour
- March 23, 2024 2:00 PM Volunteer Openhouse
- March 30, 2024 1:00 PM Egg Scramble

For more information please visit campfloyd.utah.gov



CAMP FLOYD - A GENERAL HISTORY

In 1857, a newly elected President James Buchanan sent 2,500 troops to the Utah Territory to put down a supposed Mormon Rebellion. The resulting Utah War (1857-1858) had no pitched battles, would be negotiated out, but would result in Brigham Young stepping down as the Territorial Governor and one third of the entire United States army (3,500 troops) being stationed in Utah.

These troops established Camp Floyd, named after Secretary of War, John B. Floyd, in 1858. The camp was over 110 acres, had over 350 buildings, and was the largest military post in the United States at the time. The site was chosen for its access to water and wood and the agreement that the Army had to be at least 40 miles away from Salt Lake City. Strategically it put Camp Floyd equal distant between the two major populations in Utah, Salt Lake City and Provo.

Troops assigned to Camp Floyd kept the immigration trails open, built roads, and explored the Utah Territory. They also became an economic savior to the Territory. Utah had just come off of several years of poor harvests and there was very little hard cash in the Territory. The troops at Camp Floyd were paid in gold and silver coins. Now everybody wanted to sell things to the soldiers, work for the army, and gain contracts with the army. Camp Floyd became a major economic driver in the Territory, just like Hill Air Force Base is today.

The Camp existed between 1858 through 1861. The commencement of the American Civil War would be the camp's demise, and the post was abandoned in July of 1861.

To learn more about Camp Floyd State Park please visit Monday through Saturday 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM. campfloyd.utah.gov