

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORM**

FOR FEDERAL PROPERTIES

FOR NPS USE ONLY

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(10-15-66)

SEE INSTRUCTIONS IN *HOW TO COMPLETE NATIONAL REGISTER FORMS*
TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS**1 NAME**

HISTORIC



De Soto National Memorial

AND/OR COMMON

Shaw's Point or De Soto Point

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

End of 75th St. NW

NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY, TOWN

Bradenton

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT
8th

VICINITY OF

STATE

Florida

CODE

12

COUNTY

Manatee

CODE

081

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

☒ DISTRICT☐ BUILDING(S)☐ STRUCTURE☒ SITE☐ OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

☒ PUBLIC☐ PRIVATE☐ BOTH

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

☐ IN PROCESS☐ BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

☒ OCCUPIED☐ UNOCCUPIED☒ WORK IN PROGRESS

ACCESSIBLE

☒ YES: RESTRICTED☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED☐ NO

PRESENT USE

☐ AGRICULTURE☒ MUSEUM☐ COMMERCIAL☒ PARK☒ EDUCATIONAL☐ PRIVATE RESIDENCE☒ ENTERTAINMENT☐ RELIGIOUS☐ GOVERNMENT☐ SCIENTIFIC☐ INDUSTRIAL☐ TRANSPORTATION☐ MILITARY☐ OTHER:**4 AGENCY**

REGIONAL HEADQUARTERS: (If applicable)

National Park Service, Southeast Regional Office

STREET & NUMBER

1895 Phoenix Blvd.

CITY, TOWN

Atlanta

VICINITY OF

STATE

Georgia

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTIONCOURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Manatee County Courthouse

STREET & NUMBER

Manatee Avenue West

CITY, TOWN

Bradenton

STATE

Florida

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

Manatee County Florida, Section S $\frac{1}{2}$ - 13/18

DATE

1961

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☒ COUNTY ☐ LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

Manatee County Courthouse

CITY, TOWN

Bradenton

STATE

Florida

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION

☒ EXCELLENT
☐ GOOD
☐ FAIR

☐ DETERIORATED
☐ RUINS
☐ UNEXPOSED

CHECK ONE

☐ UNALTERED
☒ ALTERED

CHECK ONE

☒ ORIGINAL SITE
☐ MOVED DATE _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The De Soto National Memorial commemorates the landing of Hernando De Soto in Florida in 1539. Locally called Shaw's Point, it was established by the United States De Soto Expedition Commission in 1939 as the general area in which De Soto disembarked. In 1948, the National Park Service acquired 30 acres of Shaw's Point to establish the De Soto National Memorial.

Although there is no agreement among reputable historians that the Point was the actual landfall of the De Soto expedition, it is generally accepted that Shaw's Point, situated at the mouth of the Manatee River, would have been a convenient landing place. De Soto himself made no reference to the landing point, but went on to describe the immediate wooded area as swampy and thick with vast and lofty forests.

Presently, the De Soto National Memorial encompasses 30 acres of landscaped area and tidal mangrove swamp. The swamp does not contain a "virgin" mangrove growth of 400+ years of replenishment; almost all growth is only 31-36 years old or less. The water's edge is naturally buttressed with different types of surface materials and a ridge of deposit shell atop the beach face.

Located within the Memorial are remnants of shell mounds and walkways, apparently left by groups of Indians during the period of approximately 400 AD to 1700 AD. Also within the park, a "tabby house" was built in 1843 by William Shaw, one of the first settlers in Manatee County. The house fell into ruin after Shaw moved away in 1856. It was excavated in 1964 and remains an archaeological site.

In 1939, the Colonial Dames of America erected a commemorative marker to De Soto on an acre of land near what is now the parking lot. Since its establishment as a National Memorial in 1948, the National Park Service has installed administrative, interpretive, and maintenance facilities all of which are currently in excellent condition.

Approximately 4 acres containing the parking area, residence, maintenance area and landscaping are composed of modern fill dredged from the Mantee River in the mid 1950's. The remainder of the area is in its natural state.

8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW		
☐ PREHISTORIC	☐ ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	☐ COMMUNITY PLANNING	☐ LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	☐ RELIGION
☐ 1400-1499	☐ ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	☐ CONSERVATION	☐ LAW	☐ SCIENCE
☒ 1500-1599	☐ AGRICULTURE	☐ ECONOMICS	☐ LITERATURE	☐ SCULPTURE
☐ 1600-1699	☐ ARCHITECTURE	☐ EDUCATION	☐ MILITARY	☐ SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
☐ 1700-1799	☐ ART	☐ ENGINEERING	☐ MUSIC	☐ THEATER
☐ 1800-1899	☐ COMMERCE	☒ EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	☐ PHILOSOPHY	☐ TRANSPORTATION
☐ 1900-	☐ COMMUNICATIONS	☐ INDUSTRY	☐ POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	☐ OTHER (SPECIFY)
		☐ INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES 1539 BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The De Soto National Memorial commemorates the landing of the De Soto expedition in Florida in 1539 and the first extensive organized exploration of the interior of the southeastern part of the United States. However, the Memorial or Shaw's Point cannot be administered as a historic site with respect to the De Soto journey because of the disagreement among historians as to the exact location of De Soto's landfall. But, it is generally accepted that he landed in the vicinity of Tampa Bay.

After their disembarkment, the Spanish began their march through 4000 miles of unknown land. They penetrated as far north as present Tennessee and as far west as Texas. De Soto died in 1542 and was buried in the Mississippi River. The remnants of the expedition built ships at the confluence of the Arkansas and Mississippi Rivers where they were set afloat in the spring floods of 1543. They sailed into the Gulf to civilized Mexico.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

McDuffee, Lillie. The Lure of the Manatee. Foote & Davies, Inc., Atlanta, Georgia, 1961.

Swanton, John. Final Report of the United States De Soto Expedition Commission. United States Government Printing Office, 1939.

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 30

UTM REFERENCES

A 17 338090 30451650
ZONE EASTING NORTHING
C 17 3317380 30451040

B 17 338090 30451040
ZONE EASTING NORTHING
D 17 3317380 30451040

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

De Soto NM is bounded by the Manatee River to the north and east, private property to the west and SW, Catholic church property to the southeast.

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Anne D. Castellina

ORGANIZATION

National Park Service

DATE

4/2/75

STREET & NUMBER

P.O. Box 1377

TELEPHONE

813-746-1592

CITY OR TOWN

Bradenton

STATE

Florida 33506

12 CERTIFICATION OF NOMINATION

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

YES

NO

NONE

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER SIGNATURE

In compliance with Executive Order 11593, I hereby nominate this property to the National Register, certifying that the State Historic Preservation Officer has been allowed 90 days in which to present the nomination to the State Review Board and to evaluate its significance. The evaluated level of significance is National State Local.

FEDERAL REPRESENTATIVE SIGNATURE

TITLE

Deputy Assistant Secretary

DATE

OCT 4 1976

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I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DATE

DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION
ATTEST:

DATE

3/4/77

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

Property De Soto National Memorial

Already on NR

3-11-1948

State Florida

Working Number NPS

ref #66000078

Monroe

TECHNICAL

#12 needs level checked

CONTROL

Photos 2

Maps 1

OK 10.14.76

HISTORIAN

This should not be on the Register, but the form explains the site. Purely commemorative.

L Wingood
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ARCHITECTURAL HISTORIAN

ARCHEOLOGIST

OTHER

HAER

Inventory _____

Review _____

entire n.m.

REVIEW UNIT CHIEF

dc

Cole

2/21/77

act

BRANCH CHIEF

KEEPER

Wm
3/4/77

National Register Write-up _____

Send-back _____

Entered _____

Federal Register Entry _____

Re-submit _____

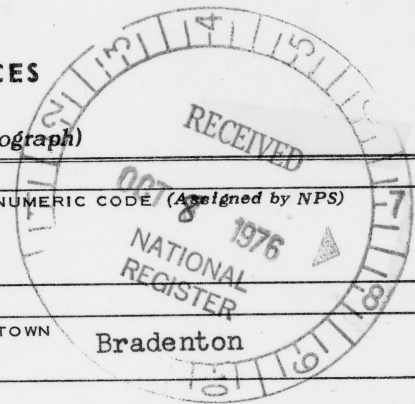
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FORM 10-301 A
(6/72)

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE
NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
PROPERTY PHOTOGRAPH FORM
(Type all entries - attach to or enclose with photograph)



1. NAME		
COMMON Visitor Center	AND/OR HISTORIC	NUMERIC CODE (Assigned by NPS) 0078
2. LOCATION		
STATE Florida	COUNTY Manatee	TOWN Bradenton
STREET AND NUMBER De Soto National Memorial, end of 75th St. N.W.		
3. PHOTO REFERENCE		
PHOTO CREDIT Paul Bartley	DATE 4/3/75	NEGATIVE FILED AT Paul Bartley Photography Bradenton, Fla.

4. IDENTIFICATION

DESCRIBE VIEW, DIRECTION, ETC.

Visitor Center looking from the north. Shows VC with gumbo-limbo and southern red cedar in front. Water of Manatee River and beginning of interpretive trail in center background.

1 of 2

VISITOR CENTER - DE SOTO NM



DESOTO

TRAIL



THE NATIONAL SOCIETY OF
THE COLONIAL DAMES OF
AMERICA IN FLORIDA

NEAR HERNANDO DESOTO WITH HIS MEN
HERE LANDED MAY 30 1539 AND BEGAN HIS
MARCH WESTWARD TO THE MISSISSIPPI
RIVER THIS MARKER COMMEMORATES THE 400TH
ANNIVERSARY OF HIS ARRIVAL ON THE
SHORES OF FLORIDA

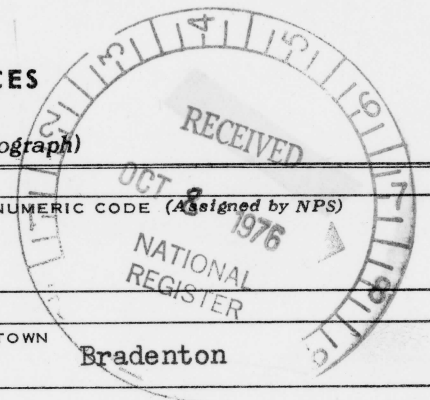
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1. NAME		
COMMON	AND/OR HISTORIC	NUMERIC CODE (Assigned by NPS)
De Soto trail marker		
2. LOCATION		
STATE	COUNTY	TOWN
Florida	Manatee	Bradenton
STREET AND NUMBER		
De Soto National Memorial, end of 75th St. N.W.		
3. PHOTO REFERENCE		
PHOTO CREDIT	DATE	NEGATIVE FILED AT
Paul Bartley	4/3/75	Paul Bartley Photography Bradenton, Florida
4. IDENTIFICATION		
DESCRIBE VIEW, DIRECTION, ETC.		

Trail marker looking east. Surrounded by gumbo-limbo and southern red cedar trees. Living history camp can be seen in background.

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DE SOTO TRAIL MARKER

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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES

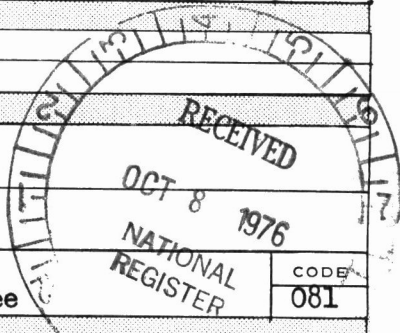
PROPERTY MAP FORM

(Type all entries - attach to or enclose with map)

STATE Florida	
COUNTY Manatee	
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ENTRY NUMBER	DATE

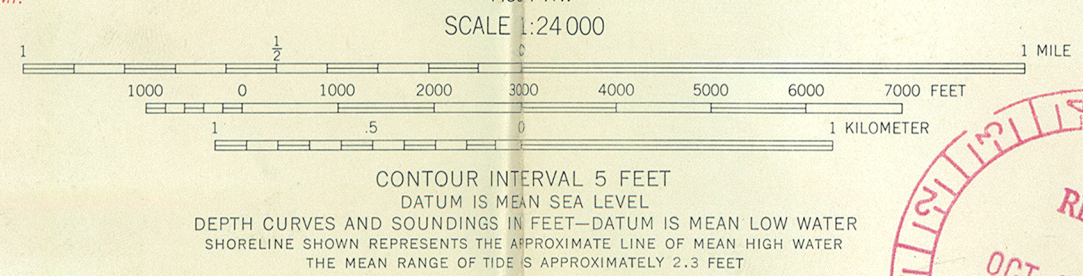
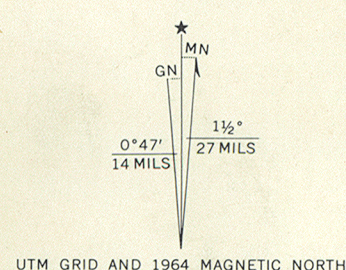
SEE INSTRUCTIONS

1. NAME			
COMMON: De Soto National Memorial			
AND/OR HISTORIC: De Soto Point or landing			
2. LOCATION			
STREET AND NUMBER: End of 75th Street N.W.			
CITY OR TOWN: Bradenton			
STATE: Florida	CODE 12	COUNTY: Manatee	CODE 081
3. MAP REFERENCE			
SOURCE: U.S. Geological Survey Anna Maria Quad; Florida 7.5 Min.			
SCALE: 1:24,000			
DATE: 1964			
4. REQUIREMENTS			
TO BE INCLUDED ON ALL MAPS			
1. Property boundaries where required.			
2. North arrow.			
3. Latitude and longitude reference.			





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Topography by photogrammetric methods from aerial photographs
taken 1962 and 1963 and planetable surveys 1964
This information is not intended for navigational purposes
Selected hydrographic data compiled from USC&GS Chart 586 (1964)
Polyconic projection. 1927 North American datum
10,000-foot grid based on Florida coordinate system, west zone
1000-meter Universal Transverse Mercator grid ticks,
zone 17, shown in blue
Fine red dashed lines indicate selected fence and field lines where
generally visible on aerial photographs. This information is unchecked



THIS MAP COMPLIES WITH NATIONAL MAP ACCURACY STANDARDS
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A FOLDER DESCRIBING TOPOGRAPHIC MAPS AND SYMBOLS IS AVAILABLE ON REQUEST



ROAD CLASSIFICATION
Heavy-duty ——— Light-duty ———
Medium-duty ——— Unimproved dirt ———
U.S. Route ——— State Route ———
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ANNA MARIA, FLA.
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June 28, 1976

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NATIONAL PARK SERVICE
SOUTHEAST REGIONAL OFFICE

1895 Phoenix Boulevard
Atlanta, Georgia 30337



IN REPLY REFER TO:

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CERTIFIED MAIL-RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

Memorandum

JUL 15 1976

To: Associate Director, Professional Services, WASO
Attention: Assistant Director, Park Historic Preservation

From: Regional Director, Southeast Region

Subject: Transmittal of National Register Nomination Forms

Enclosed are National Register Inventory and Nomination Forms for the following Southeast Region areas:

Andrew Johnson National Historic Site
Abraham Lincoln Birthplace National Historic Site
Chickamauga and Chattanooga National Military Park
→ De Soto National Memorial
Fort Donelson National Military Park

The nominations for Andrew Johnson, Abraham Lincoln and De Soto had been returned by your office for revision. The other two nominations are submitted for the first time.

The Historic Preservation Review Board for this region has evaluated these nominations and determined that none of them have implications in the area of planning or operations for the park areas involved. Attached to each nomination is a letter from the Superintendent concurring in the nomination of his area.

We hope to submit more nominations in early August.

Enclosures 5



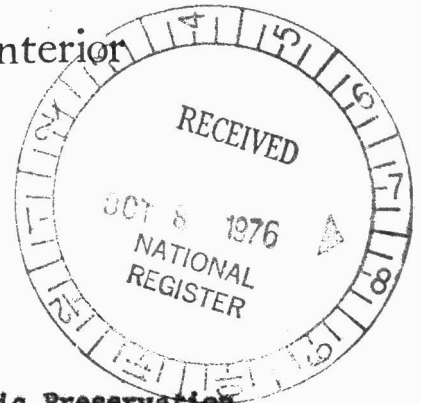


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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20240

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Memorandum

To: Director, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Through: Federal Representative to the National Register,
Department of the Interior

From: Federal Representative, National Park Service

Subject: Nominations to the National Register of Historic Places

Enclosed are the nominations of "Fort Denelson National Military Park and National Cemetery," and "De Soto National Memorial," in the Southeast Region of the National Park Service, submitted in confirmation of their inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places.

(Sgd.) Harry W. Pfanz

(for) Robert M. Utley

Enclosures



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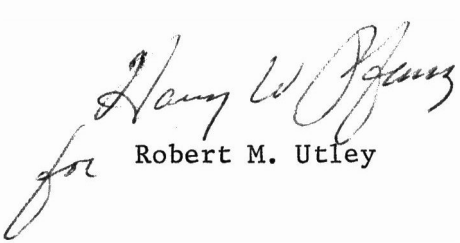
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