FORT LANCASTER
state historic site

EDUCATOR GUIDE

Fort Lancaster State Historic Site commemorates the vestiges of one of four army posts established in 1855 to protect the military route between San Antonio and El Paso. Visitors wander through ruins imagining the once-impressive establishment of 25 permanent buildings—including a blacksmith shop, hospital, sutler’s store, and bakery—and enjoy the sights, sounds, and wildlife of West Texas.

Contact Information
629 Fort Lancaster Rd.
Sheffield, TX 79781
Phone: 432.836.4391
Website: www.visitfortlancaster.com

Hours and Reservations
Educational programs and tours are available daily, 9 a.m.–5 p.m. and other times by appointment. Please make reservations for your school tour by calling 432.836.4391.

General Admission
Admission for school group tours is $1 per student, with one free chaperone with every 10 students. Additional adults are $4 each. Please note that we recommend a ratio of one adult chaperone to every 10 students.

Directions
Fort Lancaster is located in the heart of West Texas, 120 miles south of Midland and 275 miles west of San Antonio. The site is located 8 miles east of Sheffield off Interstate 10 on Texas Highway 290 (Scenic Loop). Take Exit 325 east and travel approximately 13 miles on Hwy. 290 to the site (you can also take Exit 343 west and travel approximately 11 miles on Hwy. 290 to the site).

Social Studies TEKS Connections
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