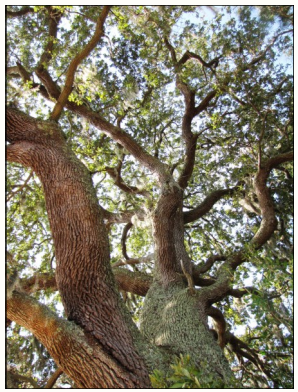

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Brunswick Town/Fort Anderson State Historic Site is located off of North Carolina Highway 133, approximately midway between Wilmington and Southport.

For detailed directions, please call the site.

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A Historic Setting For Your Historic Occasion...

Weddings at Brunswick Town / Fort Anderson State Historic Site

Make Your Experience Memorable…

Founded in 1726, Brunswick was the first town established in the Cape Fear region. A seat of government and the epicenter of the colony's overseas trade, Brunswick secured its place in history by serving as the location of the Stamp Act Resistance, the first known successful armed rebellion against British authority in America.

Brunswick met its fate in 1776, when the town was burned by British troops. It lay nearly undisturbed until 1862, when Confederate forces began construction on Fort St. Philips, and later the massive earthworks of Fort Anderson.

Today Brunswick Town/Fort Anderson is one of North Carolina's State Historic Sites. Hidden amongst the live oaks and Spanish moss on the western bank of the Cape Fear River, we welcome you to explore this serene and tranquil waterfront setting.

Douglas and Megan Maxwell, May 2010 Image courtesy of Gary Allen Photography

St. Philips Anglican Church, est. 1768

St. Philips parish was established in 1740 but construction of the church did not begin until 1754. It was initially funded by the sale of goods recovered from the *La Fortuna*, a Spanish warship that sank in the Cape Fear, as the colonists reclaimed Brunswick from Spanish invaders in 1748. In 1759 Gov. Arthur Dobbs supported a lottery to complete the church, however the tax burden of the French and Indian War and storm damage to the new roof delayed construction. Despite its incomplete state, Gov. Dobbs was married in St. Philips in 1763. The building was finally completed in 1768, and is today the most intact building on the site. Although it was burned by the British in 1776, the walls of St. Philips have remained standing for more than two centuries.

- Most wedding ceremonies are held inside the ruins of St. Philips Church or on our waterfront bluffs, but there are also other available locations at the site. Please schedule a meeting to receive a personalized wedding consultation.
- This is an outdoor venue and there are no facilities available in the event of inclement weather.
- All needs such as chairs, tents, tables, etc., must be supplied by outside vendors.

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For more information, please contact the site wedding coordinator, Nick Monroe, at nicholas.monroe@ncdcr.gov or (910) 371-6613