

Can you describe the significance of Ft. Morris for the state of Georgia?

I think it goes back to the very beginnings of, not only Georgia, but also the United States, fighting for our freedom, fighting for our liberty. The county that Ft. Morris sits in today is actually Liberty County. It's one of the few counties in the state of Georgia that is not named after an actual person. It is Liberty County for very significant reasons and that was decided in 1777. That this would go from becoming St. John's Parish to Liberty County and very aptly named because of the hunger for liberty and independence here in Liberty County. So from that aspect going back to the very beginnings, I think it's an integral part not only in the history of Georgia, but in the American Revolution itself. Just another piece of the puzzle that fell in line to help put us where we are today.

What kind of wildlife can you find at Ft. Morris?

I was down at the Midway River the other day and there were some river otters swimming around. We had some excited visitors yesterday; they saw a bald eagle out on the front side of our fort, up in the trees, so that was very exciting. We are a part of the Colonial Coast birding trail. We're a significant birding site and painted buntings and bluebirds and of course all your common birds are seen here as well as bald eagles are seen occasionally and wood storks. All kinds of your reptiles of course, snakes and stuff—people don't want to hear about that.

What is the best way to experience Ft. Morris?

Upon arriving at Ft. Morris, you want to come to the Visitor's Center and get yourself orientated, and one should allow at least a good hour. That's giving yourself a relaxing, take-your-time kind of visit. History lovers love the site and in a good hour you get a pretty good picture of it. Nature lovers may want to spend a little more time because you want to find a nice spot on the site and sort of sit and just sort of watch and let the nature come to you a lot of times. So for your average history visitor, a good hour, but some who might be interested in bird-watching, you may want to spend a couple hours in a nice spot to see some of the wildlife.

What remains of Ft. Morris?

Fort Morris and Sunbury fitting in to the timeline of Georgia, fits into the Colonial Period, the very beginnings of Georgia, as well as up through the American Revolution, and the fort was actually reconstructed for the War of 1812 and those are primarily the earthworks that we see here today is what was reconstructed for the War of 1812.