



About Mission San Luis

Present



- ▲ Although Florida had over 100 Spanish colonial missions, Mission San Luis is the only one that has been re-created and is open to the public.
- ▲ Visitors can enjoy the site's living history program, hands-on exhibits and ongoing archaeological demonstrations. The Mission also offers special events, day camps for children and workshops for adults throughout the year.
- ▲ It is the only Florida mission with living descendants—the Apalachees.
- ▲ The Apalachee council house at San Luis is the largest known historic period Indian building in the Southeast. The site also includes re-creations of a Franciscan church complex and a Spanish residential area.
- ▲ After more than two decades of research, San Luis is the most thoroughly investigated mission in the Southeast.
- ▲ The site has an impressive collection of Spanish colonial and Apalachee Indian artifacts, and many of them are on display for public viewing.
- ▲ Mission San Luis is a 2006 "Preserve America" Presidential Award recipient.
- ▲ Mission San Luis is one of only six projects in the nation, and the only one in Florida, to win a \$1 million National Endowment for the Humanities Challenge Grant to create an endowment for the Mission.
- ▲ The Florida Bureau of Archaeological Research administers Mission San Luis.
- ▲ Mission San Luis is a National Historic Landmark.
- ▲ Located in Tallahassee, Fla., Mission San Luis is open to the public Tuesday through Sunday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The site is CLOSED MONDAYS, Jan. 1, Easter, July 4, Thanksgiving Day, Dec. 24, and Christmas. Admission fees are \$5 for adults, \$3 for seniors 65+, \$2 for ages 6-17, and free for children under 6, members, and active military. School and group tours are available by reservation.
- ▲ The new 24,000-sq. ft. Visitor Center opened in December 2009



and provides a 125-seat theatre, two classrooms, a gift shop, offices, and the 250-seat Mission Room banquet hall with private powder rooms, a catering kitchen and an outdoor enclosed terrace. Most of these spaces are available for rental.

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- ▲ San Luis was the western capital of more than 100 missions across Florida. It was the largest and most important of these missions.
- ▲ Spanish friars, soldiers and civilians established the Mission at the request of the Apalachee Indians. These Spaniards were the first European immigrants to settle in the present-day Tallahassee area.
- ▲ The residents of San Luis evacuated the Mission two days before British forces reached it on July 31, 1704.

Future

- ▲ The Mission will continue its research, expand its educational programs and carry its story throughout Florida and beyond.



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