



## Delaware and the Civil War

Two of the state's most historically significant attractions relating to the Civil War era are the DuPont Company's Hagley Mills facility on the banks of the Brandywine River that made nearly half of the Union Army's gunpowder and Fort Delaware, a prisoner of war camp located in the center of the Delaware River.

### Hagley Museum and Library

Hagley Museum and Library is home to the original du Pont family gunpowder mills that ran for 120 years, including its time during the Civil War. The site was guarded well during the war, having been the supplier of nearly half of the gunpowder used by the Union soldiers. Founded in 1802 these gunpowder mills were the start of the international DuPont Chemical Company we know today. During your visit guests will get a unique glimpse into 19th-century American life and work at Hagley Museum and Library, including live machinery demonstrations in the powder yard, the Georgian-style Eleutherian Mills mansion, gardens, changing exhibits in Henry Clay Mill and the homes and school on Blacksmith Hill.

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### Fort Delaware at Pea Patch Island

Fort Delaware housed as many as 11,000 Confederate prisoners of war on its island in the middle of the Delaware River at its peak in 1863. By the end of the war the Fort had seen over 30,000 POWs including its last prisoner, Burton S. Harrison, Jefferson Davis' personal secretary, who was released in January, 1866. This Delaware State Park, which is only open seasonally, offers costumed interpreters showing life in 1864. A lesser known fact about Fort Delaware is that today, the island houses one of the Nation's largest Heron Rookeries and offers some of the best bird watching on the east coast.

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