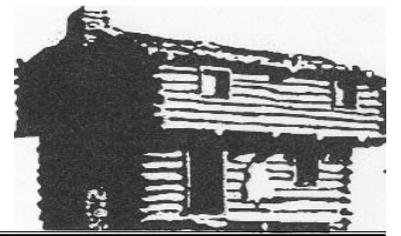


Historic Mansker's Station



Come visit us! Mansker's Station consists of two sites - Mansker's Fort and the Bowen Plantation House built in 1787. We conduct tours for scheduled school groups, travel groups, and walk-in travelers. **We are open Tuesday - Saturday from 9am - 5pm** with the last tour departing at 4pm. Prices are \$5 for adults, \$4 for senior citizens and AAA members, and \$3 for children ages 6-12. We offer group rates as well. For more information or to book a group tour call **615-859-FORT**.

We love Volunteers!

If you are interested in the American Revolutionary time period, you love to learn, and you enjoy sharing knowledge you've learned with others, you may want to be a volunteer at Mansker's Station. There are many activities in which volunteers can take part. The following are a few:

woodworking

textiles

gardening

leatherwork

hide tanning

cooking

firearms

blacksmithing

music

tours

Call Ashley at 851-3210 to learn more.

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What you will see during your visit...

Captain William Bowen built the Bowen Plantation House in 1787. The Virginia native came to this area to live on land grants he earned for his services in the military during the Revolutionary War. Captain Bowen and his wife, Mary, brought four young children with them to the frontier, and eventually the family grew to ten members. The Bowen family was very prominent in the area. Captain Bowen was a veteran of three wars, and his grandson was the 15th governor of Tennessee from 1851-1853. After restoration, the Bowen Plantation House was placed on the National Register of Historic Homes in 1977.

Bowen Plantation House



Mansker's Fort



As a long hunter, Kasper Mansker explored Kentucky and the Cumberland Valley regions of Tennessee during the mid-eighteenth century. In 1772, while hunting in what would become Middle Tennessee, he discovered a salt lick located near the future site of Nashville. Kasper's discovery eventually became known as Mansker's Lick. The fertile land around the lick appealed to Mansker so much that he returned in the winter of 1779-1780 with a group of settlers to build a fort on the west bank of Mansker's Creek, named after Mansker himself. For a year, Mansker's Station sheltered the families living there as well as many others who were forced to flee their outlying homes due to Indian attacks. By the end of the year, the residents of Mansker's Station left the fort due to the increasing Indian attacks there as well. The original fort was burned by the Indians, but Mansker returned later to build a second fort. The fort you will see today was reconstructed using descriptions of the 18th century stations throughout the Cumberland Valley region. Mansker's Fort is near its original location.

We Offer Season Passes

Individual Adult.....	\$20
Individual Sr. Adult (60+).....	\$15
Senior Dual.....	\$25
Family Membership.....	\$50
Child (6-12 yrs.).....	\$12

Passes are good for one year from date of purchase. They allow unlimited visits and free admission into special events.

Up and Coming Events at Mansker's Station

Fall Encampment - October 21st thru 23rd

Join us at Mansker's Station for our annual fall encampment. Observe costumed interpreters conducting the day-to-day activities of life in this area during 1780. Participants live in the log cabins or in their own shelters for the weekend. There will be numerous demonstrations including blacksmithing, spinning, candle-dipping, and the dyeing of textiles. This is a wonderful event for the entire family! The height of this event will occur during the day on Saturday. Hours are from 9am - 5pm. Fees are the regular tour prices. Adults \$5, children (6-12) \$3, and seniors and AAA members \$4.

We are excited to announce that author, Robert Pelton, will be visiting with us during the fall encampment. Pelton will be lecturing on Saturday at both 10:00am and 1:00pm in the Mansker's Station Visitor's Center. Join us for this entertaining yet informative lecture. Pelton has been writing for more than 30 years on a variety of subjects, many of which are historical. He has traveled extensively as a researcher and has published hundreds of feature articles and more than 60 books. His work has led him to numerous guest appearances on both television and radio.



Pelton's latest writing efforts have resulted in the publication of a series of seven historical cookbooks including *Civil War Period Cookery*, *Revolutionary War Period Cookery*, *Historical Thanksgiving Cookery*, and *Historical Christmas Cookery*. During his visit to Mansker's Station, Pelton will be sharing his knowledge of our founding fathers. His cookbooks, *Revolutionary War Period Cookery* and *Baking Recipes from the Wives & Mothers of Our Founding Fathers* will be available in our gift store. Following each lecture, there will be book signings and food samplings of items from Pelton's cookbooks. We hope to see you there!

What's New? Sewing Saturdays at Mansker's

This month we are kicking off a new series of workshops to be held at the Visitor's Center. Learn to make items that the early frontierspeople would have made and used. Prices to attend workshops will cover supplies. Call us at 859-FORT to sign up or for more information.

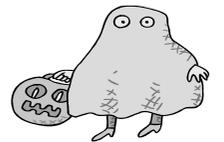
Date	Time	Emphasis
August 5th	12:00pm - 4:00pm	mocassins
August 19th	12:00pm - 4:00pm	mocassins
September 23rd	12:00pm - 4:00pm	dyeing yarn
October 7th	12:00pm - 4:00pm	cooking
October 28th	12:00pm - 4:00pm	knitting
November 4th	12:00pm - 4:00pm	knitting
November 18th	12:00pm - 4:00pm	knitting

Ghoulish Lantern Tour - October 27th and 28th



Come hear bone-chilling tales of early Tennesseans amidst the candlelit cabins in Mansker's Fort. Visit Dr. Thomas Walker who is sure to be performing an eighteenth century operation.

Take advantage of this opportunity to visit the site after normal visiting hours. Tours begin at the Visitor's Center and run between the hours of 6pm - 9pm with the last tour leaving at 8:30. Admission is \$6 for adults and \$4 for children (6-12).



A Day in the Life at Mansker's Station



Check out our newest editions. Mansker's Station is now home to gardens full of corn, tobacco, and squash.

