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Discover Salem County's History *Explore Finn's Point Cemetery, Rear Ridge Lighthouse Tour and Fort Mott*

(*Delaware City, DE*) Hooked on history? On Saturday, August 25, 2012, explore local history and area wildlife during shuttle tours of Finn's Point Cemetery, Finn's Point Rear Ridge Lighthouse, Fort Mott and Sapawna Meadows National Wildlife Refuge Center. Throughout the tour, an historical interpreter will guide you while on-site staff members will be available to answer questions. The Bi-State Coalition, consisting of representatives from Fort Mott, Fort Delaware, Delaware City, Salem County and the Delaware River and Bay Authority, developed this special tour package to visit some of Salem County's finest attractions.

"Salem County's Fort Mott and Finn's Point Cemetery had important roles in our nation's history that are not widely known," says Heath Gehrke, Director of Ferry Operations. "By pulling together pieces of local history and explaining how they fit into America's story, this package offers a unique learning experience that will fascinate visitors."

The price of tickets is \$20.00 for adults, \$19.00 for seniors and the military, and \$16.00 for children between the ages of 2 and 12. Space is limited so reservations are recommended. To make a reservation contact the Delaware State Park Service at (302)834-7941.

A short ferry ride across the Delaware River from Delaware City, Delaware is Fort Mott, New Jersey. Original plans for Fort Mott specified eleven gun emplacements with twenty guns and a mortar battery with six emplacements. Fort Mott was fully garrisoned until 1922 and was staffed by a detachment of caretakers until the post was abandoned in 1944. Today, the Ordnance Warehouse holds a small museum with displays on the fort as well as on the local area. Guided tours are available upon request of the Fire Control Tower that rises 53 feet into the air, keeping a watchful eye on the approaches of the Delaware River.

Next, you'll continue your adventure at Finn's Point National Cemetery. A home to both Confederate and Union casualty of the American Civil War, Finn's Point is a unique historical site and the final resting-place for 2,400 Confederate prisoners who died at Fort Delaware. Following the visit to the national cemetery, you'll get the chance to explore Finn's Point Rear Range Lighthouse. Now deactivated, the lighthouse was one of two range lights built in 1877 to guide ships transitioning from the Delaware Bay into the Delaware River. The newly restored lighthouse is open to the public as part of the Supawna

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Meadows National Wildlife Refuge which is your final stop on the trip. Containing 3,020 acres of important wildlife habitat, the Refuge is home to a number of fascinating creatures and species.

The itinerary is:

12:00 p.m.	Depart from Delaware City
12:30 p.m.	Arrive at Fort Mott
12:45 p.m.	Board shuttle bus
1:00 p.m. — 4:00 p.m.	Guided tour of historic attractions
4:30 p.m.	Depart Fort Mott
5:00 p.m.	Arrive at Delaware City

As an added bonus, participants will also receive Delaware City Main Street shopping coupons for their return trip to Delaware City.

About the Delaware River and Bay Authority

The DRBA, a bi-state governmental agency created by Compact in 1962, owns and operates the Delaware Memorial Bridge, the Cape May- Lewes Ferry, the Three Forts Ferry Crossing and the Salem Business Centre in Carney's Point Twp., NJ. The DRBA also manages corporate and aviation properties through its economic development powers -two airports in New Jersey (Millville Airport and Cape May Airport) and three in Delaware (New Castle Airport, Civil Air Terminal and Delaware Airpark). All DRBA operating revenues are generated through the bridge, ferry and airport facilities. For more information, visit www.drba.net.

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