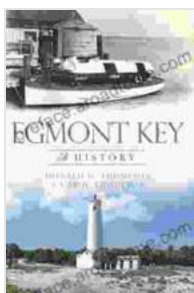


# Egmont Key: A History Brief

Nestled amidst the shimmering waters of the Gulf of Mexico, Egmont Key stands as a testament to the passage of time. This captivating island, located just offshore from St. Petersburg, Florida, has witnessed centuries of rich history, from its ancient beginnings to its modern-day significance.



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## **Pre-Columbian Era**

Egmont Key's story begins long before the arrival of European explorers. For thousands of years, it was home to Native American tribes who thrived in this coastal paradise. The Tocobaga and Timucuan peoples left behind a legacy of shell middens, pottery shards, and stone tools that offer glimpses into their lives.



## **Spanish Exploration and Settlement**

In 1528, Spanish explorer Pánfilo de Narváez became the first European to set foot on Egmont Key. He named the island "Isla de las Tortugas" (Island of the Turtles) due to the abundance of sea turtles in its surrounding waters. In 1821, Spain ceded Florida to the United States, and Egmont Key became a part of the young American republic.

## **The Egmont Key Lighthouse**

In 1838, the United States government recognized the strategic importance of Egmont Key and began construction of a lighthouse to guide ships entering Tampa Bay. Completed in 1858, the Egmont Key Lighthouse is still operational today, standing as a proud beacon for mariners.



The Egmont Key Lighthouse, a historic landmark and navigational aid.

## **Fort Dade**

During the American Civil War, Egmont Key played a crucial role in the Union's blockade of the Confederate port of Tampa. In 1863, Union forces built Fort Dade on the island, which served as a garrison and lookout post. The fort's massive cannons and earthworks protected Tampa Bay from potential Confederate attacks.

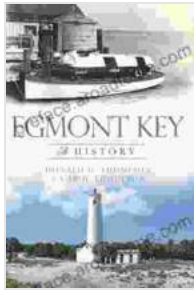


## **Post-War Era**

After the Civil War, Egmont Key remained under military control. In 1923, the island was transferred to the National Park Service, which established it as a part of the Fort De Soto Park system. Today, Egmont Key is a popular destination for visitors who come to explore its rich history, admire its unspoiled beaches, and witness the breathtaking sunsets over the Gulf of Mexico.

Egmont Key is a living testament to the passage of time. From its ancient Native American roots to its role in European exploration, from its military significance to its modern-day status as a national park, this multifaceted island offers a captivating journey through history. Whether you're an avid historian, a nature enthusiast, or simply seeking a captivating adventure, Egmont Key has something to offer everyone.

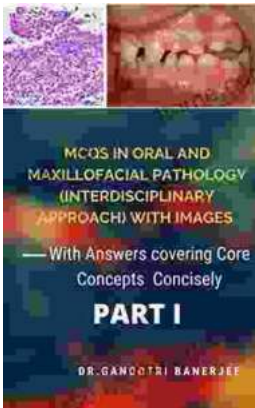
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