San Juan National Historic Site

Castillo San Felipe del Morro
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City Wall
San Juan National Historic Site

Castillo San Cristóbal
San Juan National Historic Site

Fort San Juan de la Cruz (El Cañuelo)
San Juan National Historic Site
Important Dates

- Beginning of construction of Castillo San Felipe del Morro - 1539
- English Attack led by Sir Francis Drake - 1595
- English Attack led by Sir George Clifford, Earl of Cumberland
- Construction of Fort San Juan de la Cruz (C. 1601-1610)
- Beginning of construction of Castillo San Cristobal - 1634
- Visit of Field Marshall Alexander O’Reilly - 1765
- Encirclement of Old San Juan with a masonry wall is completed - 1785
Important Dates

- British Attack of 1797 led by Sir Ralph Abercrombie
- Bombardment of the city of San Juan by Admiral William Sampson - 1898
- Creation of the San Juan Military Reservation - 1901
- Establishment of San Juan National Historic Site - 1949
- Transference to NPS - 1961
- World Heritage Site - 1983 (with La Fortaleza, the Governor's Mansion)
- National Historic Landmark - 2013 (as part of the Old San Juan Historic District)
Challenges: Climate Change

Erosion
Challenges: Climate Change

Sea Level Rise

National Park Service, 2014
Challenges: Climate Change

Increase in Vegetation Growth
Challenges - Invasive Species

Green Iguana
Challenges - Invasive Species

Feral Cats

Daily News, 2008
Documentation Needs

- Historic Structures Reports
- Archaeological Assessments
- Cultural Landscape Inventories and Reports
- Condition Assessments for Museum Collections
Successful CESU Projects

- Historic Drawings Conservation Project 2007

CESU Agreement with the University of Pennsylvania.
Successful CESU Projects

- Metal Objects Conservation Project

Dr. Esteban Fachini, University of Puerto Rico, Rio Piedras Campus, working on the Metal Objects Conservation Program. Photo by César Piñero
References


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