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DEFENSE OF A COLONY

AT CHARLES TOWNE LANDING STATE HISTORIC SITE

Feel the ground shake beneath your feet and smell the brimstone as the Charles Towne Militia fires replica, 17th-century cannons. Charles Towne, established on the edge of England's North American empire, faced many threats, especially from England's longstanding rival, Spain. Not only did Spain lay claim to what is now South Carolina, but the Spanish garrison at St. Augustine, Florida, was within a few days sail of the fledgling English colony. In a strange, new land without professional troops to protect them, Carolina's farmers and laborers could be pulled away from their daily tasks and forced to serve as soldiers. Historic weapon demonstrations at 1pm, 2pm, and 3pm at the cannon platforms.