

Florida's East Coast Pirates

Contents:

160 objects of various sizes, including tools, weapons, coins, bullion and more
19 text panels 40"x30"
Individual labels and text material are available on disk

Space:

1,500-2,000 square feet

Security:

High

Standards:

Variable light levels
Constant 68-73 degrees F.
Constant 50-55% humidity

Description:

This exhibition, made possible through the cooperation of two Florida museums, the Mel Fisher Maritime Heritage Society in Key West and the Museum of Arts and Sciences in Daytona Beach, provides an historic account of some of the more famous Pirates of Florida's East Coast. Such legendary pirates as Edward Teach, A.K.A. Black Beard and others who plied the coastal waters of Florida in search of treasure, primarily during the 16th through the 18th centuries, are noted. Initially commissioned by European kings and queens to bolster their coffers, many of these mercenaries became independent, rogue agents, more devoted to developing their own power and personal riches than that of their employers. Along with artifacts, including coins, bullion, ingots and tools recovered from shipwrecks off the East Coast of Florida, weapons from the period help illustrate the persuasive means that were used to relieve those less-fortunate of their assets. Informative text panels and an interactive touch-screen computer featuring categories such as; Living and Dying; Treasure Chests; Pirate Tales; Democratic Society; Defining the Difference; Intimidation and Weapons; and the Pirate I. Q. test all serve to provide an entertaining, educational experience.



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Flintlock Pistol With Retracting Bayonet ca. 1760
98.02.180
Gift of Kenneth Worcester Dow and Mary Mohan Dow



Boarding Axe 1760-1820
98.02.171
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Skull and Crossbones Dagger 18th century
98.02.181 a. & b.
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