

General Questions about Fort Benning

What is Fort Benning's role in the Department of the Army?

Historically Fort Benning has always been known as the Home of the Infantry however, with the Armor School moving from Fort Knox it is now known as the Maneuver Center of Excellence (MCoE). It is also the home of Airborne School, Officer Candidate School, Ranger School, Sniper School, Combatives School, as well as elite units such as the Army Marksmanship Unit, the 3rd Brigade Combat Team of the 3rd Infantry Division, the 75th Ranger Regiment, the 14th Combat Support Hospital and many more. Our primary mission is to provide agile, trained, adaptive and ready Soldiers and leaders for an Army at war.

Where is Fort Benning located?

Fort Benning is located in Central Georgia near the Georgia/Alabama state line. It is adjacent to the cities of Columbus, Ga., and Phenix City, Ala. It is 117 miles south of Atlanta, Ga., and 90 miles east of Montgomery, Ala.

What do I need to get on post?

When visiting Fort Benning you must first stop at the visitors' center to obtain a pass for your vehicle. Fort Benning has two centers, one at the I-185 gate and one at the Benning Road gate; both are open 24-hours a day. The visitors' centers are located directly in front of the gates and can be accessed by staying in the most left-hand lane when approaching. Each driver must present a valid driver's license and vehicle registration. If the vehicle is a rental you must present a rental agreement instead of the registration. When going through the gate, everyone over 16 years old must present a government-issued picture ID such a driver's license, passport or state ID. Additional questions can be answered by calling the I-185 visitors' center at 706-544-9129

What is the weather like at Fort Benning?

Temperatures during the summer months reach into the 90s with heat indexes in the 100s and the winter months dip into the 20s and 30s. Spring and fall are generally in the 60s and 70s.

What airports are near Fort Benning?

The nearest airport is the Columbus Airport, <http://www.flycolumbusga.com/>. However, due to its small size, it's not always the most economical option. The Atlanta Airport, <http://www.atlanta-airport.com>, is usually cheaper and it is located about two hours north of Fort benning.

I don't have a car, is transportation available from the airport to Fort Benning?

Yes, there are many shuttle and taxi services that can take you from the Atlanta Airport to Fort Benning. You can google 'taxis or shuttles to Fort Benning' for a good selection.

I am looking for a hotel/restaurant/attraction near Fort Benning, but there are too many choices. Where can I get more information and referrals?

There are many hotels, restaurants, taxi services, etc., around Fort Benning and choosing one can be difficult. One great source of information is the Columbus Convention and Visitors Bureau. They are more than happy to answer your questions and help you plan your trip, just give them at call at 706-322-1613 or 1-800-999-1613. Or you can visit their Accomodations Page, <http://www.visitcolumbusga.com/stay.aspx>.