

## Preservation at Fort Adams

Vegetation removal is an important part of preservation. Besides making it easier to view and appreciate the structures, it is important because long term unchecked vegetation can cause damage to the structures.

Volunteer efforts can make a big difference in this, particularly where tight budgets limit what can be spent by the part a fort or structure is in. At Fort Adams a volunteer group meets on a semi-regular basis to work on vegetation removal. Here are before and after examples of Battery Bankhead, a 6-inch gun battery, and the adjacent 1870's era Rodman battery. These are adjacent to the outworks of the main fort and this clearance was accomplished in just a few sessions.



1870s Battery at Fort Adams



Battery Bankhead, Fort Adams

A more dramatic example is the work that has been done at the Advanced Redoubt. This is a land defense outwork less than ½ mile from the main fort and has been neglected for many years. As can be seen from these before and after pictures, dramatic results have been accomplished over the last few years. Before it was almost invisible beneath and behind all the vegetation, and now it is clear to see and appreciate and there is now interpretive signage next nearby.



Fort Adams Redoubt Sallyport



Fort Adams Redoubt Redan



Fort Adams Redoubt Ditch

This is but one example of what volunteer efforts have accomplished at Coast Defense sites and we plan to show other examples on the website in the future.



Fort Adams Redoubt Approach