



64° 56' N

Charlotte Amalie Harbor

Hassel Island

Hassel Island forms the western edge of St. Thomas' harbor. The island covers approximately 135 acres. The highest elevation on the island is the southern peak, at 267 feet.

Originally, Hassel Island was a peninsula. In the 1860s, the Danish government separated the land from mainland St. Thomas with the hopes of creating better water circulation in the harbor.

The earliest documentation of ownership on Hassel Island is under the name "Estate Orkanshullet". This Danish name translates as "Hurricane Hole".

Today, the island is named after James Hazzell, the first owner of the land. There are many alternate spellings of the family name.

The fortifications on Hassel Island are the only surviving British fortifications from the Napoleonic Wars on U.S. soil.

Careening Cove

Gregerie Channel

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Management Concerns

Defacing, breaking or removing any natural or historical features on the island is prohibited. Do not climb on old walls or structures; they crumble easily and serious injury can result.

Do not pick up any artifacts.

Some plants are poisonous. Do not touch or taste any unfamiliar plant.

Private property exists on Hassel Island. Please respect property owners' rights; do not trespass.

It is illegal to litter on park land or in park waters. Please help keep Hassel Island beautiful by packing up your personal trash and disposing of it on St. Thomas.

Fires are prohibited.

Hassel Island Historic Trails



Trail Head



Shipley's Battery Trail



Officers' Quarters Trail



Cowell's Trail



Historic site or visible ruins
Numbers correspond to descriptions on reverse



Private property boundaries



Virgin Islands government property

North



0 0.2 miles

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