

The Maple Leaf

An American Civil War Shipwreck

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During the latter part of the Civil War in Florida, the Union transport ship Maple Leaf was sunk in the St. John's River near Jacksonville by a Confederate torpedo. Originally used in Canada as a pleasure excursion vessel, the Maple Leaf was purchased and put into service by the Union army during the war.

After it sank, the ship lay in the St. John's River until 1984, when it was rediscovered and partially excavated by Keith Holland and the St. John's Archaeological Expedition, Inc. The ship's contents, encased by the river's muddy bottom, provide a time capsule of this period in history, offering a glimpse into previously undocumented aspects of the war and its effects on northeastern Florida.

This exhibit features items used by the soldiers on board the Maple Leaf, an authentic reproduction of the Civil War-era torpedo that was used to sink the ship, and an informational video.



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• General Description

Title panel and two supporting graphic panels, one text panel and two artifact cases, one torpedo reproduction, three framed pictures, one introduction panel, and one DVD.

• Space Required

700 square feet of floor space;
 14 linear feet wall space.

• Shipping Crates (6 crates total)

- 1 @ 78" h x 29" w x 42" d
- 1 @ 79" h x 29" w x 46" d
- 1 @ 44" h x 30" w x 44" d
- 1 @ 29" h x 41" w x 51" d
- 1 @ 26" h x 48" w x 48" d
- 1 @ 39" h x 16" w x 48" d

• Shipping Weight

1,889 lbs.

• Security Requirements

High.

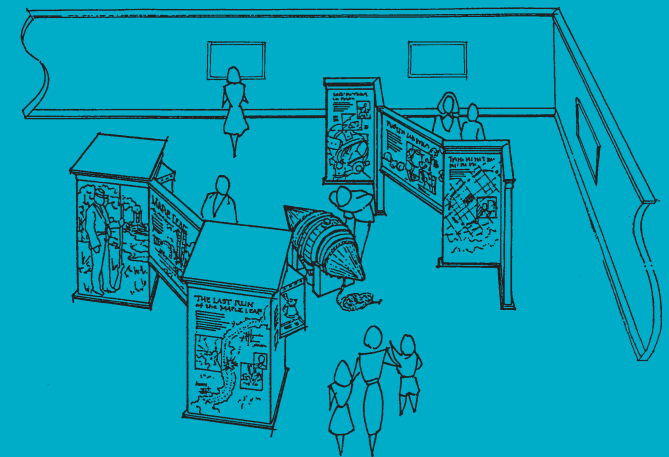
• Special Note

Exhibitor must provide DVD player and monitor.

• Exhibit Rental Fee

\$2,000 / 3 months

Suggested Layout



Minimum required square footage for entire installation - 700 square feet, plus 14 linear feet of wall space. Illustration not to scale.