

Midway Atoll

Midway National Wildlife Refuge/Remote Hawaiian Islands

Midway is located at the northern end of the Hawaiian chain, approximately 1,250 miles from Honolulu. The first recorded landing occurred in 1859 and Midway became a U.S. possession in 1869. Midway contains many structures that are associated with the 1904 Commercial Pacific Cable Company, World War II, and the Battle of Midway. Some offer potential for re-use.



Figure 4. Historic Buildings on Midway Atoll

In 1997, the Navy transferred the Naval Station at Midway Atoll to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to manage as a national wildlife refuge. Successful stabilization of the many historic buildings (Figure 4) has been achieved thanks to volunteers and the support of the National Park Service. The public can visit this remote island, where they can enjoy a history tour and refuge education programs that feature the important connection between the Atoll=s history and preservation efforts.

Even on this remote atoll, numerous partners have offered assistance, including the Oceanic Society=s Elderhostel Program, Glenn Mason Architects, 6th Defense Battalion, U.S.M.C./Midway Association, Friends of Midway, State of Hawaii=s Historic Preservation Division, and Midway Phoenix Corporation. Funding has been provided by a Save America=s Treasures grant.