

Fort Sumter and Fort Moultrie National Historical Park



Breach Inlet

During the Battle of Sullivan's Island on June 28, 1776, British infantry planned to storm the island at Breach Inlet. Maj. Gen. Henry Clinton planned to attack the incomplete palmetto log fort by land as the Royal Navy bombarded it by sea.

The British believed that Breach Inlet, the body of water between Sullivan's Island and Long Island, was only 18 inches deep. In fact, it was over seven feet deep and required boats to cross. Although outnumbered, the patriot soldiers and Native American Warriors, under the command of Col. William Thomson, were able to repel the British infantry.