

**Preston Castle
900 Palm Drive**

Preston Castle was constructed in 1894 as the Administration Building for the Preston School of Industry, a reform school for boys. The Romanesque Revival style of architecture was to make the building look like a school rather than a prison. The complex is 50,000 square feet with a 3-story annex, four floors and a basement. The property is just under 13 acres.

The Castle opened in June 1894 and remained in use until 1960. In 1960 the State planned to demolish the building and from 1960-1968 a group of local women fought to keep it standing. Once the State agreed to not tear the building down they also said they would do nothing to keep it standing.

The building remained vacant and in disrepair until September 2001 when the Preston Castle Foundation leased the building from the State. In 2014, the Foundation was granted ownership of the Castle and 12.91 acres.

The Preston Castle Foundation's mission is to preserve, rehabilitate and utilize the historic Preston Castle site as well as preserving the history of the school, its staff and boys.

The Castle offers self-guided tours, and guided tours. extraordinary castle! For those who are interested in what haunts the Castle, there are Paranormal Investigation Tours and, of course, The Haunt, a Castle extravaganza in the fall.