

Battle of Antietam 146th Anniversary Programs



Antietam National Battlefield will present a series of programs to commemorate the 146th Anniversary of the Battle of Antietam. Fought on September 17, 1862, Union and Confederate Armies clashed for twelve hours over the rolling fields outside of Sharpsburg, Maryland. When the sun set, over 23,000 soldiers had been killed or wounded in what is considered the bloodiest one-day battle in American History.

Saturday, September 13, 2008

Program: **Hike (In Depth):** The Opening Guns of Battle
Time: 8:00 a.m. (Duration 2 ½ hours) Distance: 2 miles
Location: The hike will start and finish at the visitor center.
Description: A study of the role Union and Confederate artillery played on the morning of the battle.

Program: **Battlefield in a Box**
Time: 9:00 a.m. (Duration 30 minutes)
Location: Visitor Center
Description: Join the ranger for an overview of the battle.

Program: **Ranger Led Automobile Tour**
Time: 10:00 a.m. (Duration 2 ½ hours)
Location: Visitor Center Observation Room
Description: A ranger guided tour that will stop at the Cornfield, Sunken Road, and Burnside Bridge.

Program: **Hike (Overview-Morning Phase)**
Time: 10:30 a.m. (Duration 1 ½ hours) Distance: 1 mile
Location: In front of the visitor center.

Program: **Hike (In Depth):** Raise the Colors and Follow Me - The Irish Brigade at Antietam
Time: 11:00 a.m. (Duration 2 ½ hours) Distance: 2 miles
Location: Meet the ranger at the Observation Tower near the Sunken Road
Description: Follow the footsteps of the Irish Brigade and walk their route to the Sunken Road.

Program: **Artillery and Infantry Firing Demonstrations**
Time: 11:00 p.m. (Duration 1 hour)
Location: Visitor Center
Description: Learn how artillery and infantry influenced the Battle of Antietam.

Program: **Hike (Overview-The Bloody Lane)**
Time: 12:30 p.m. (Duration 1 ½ hours) Distance: 1 mile
Location: In front of the visitor center

Program: **Orientation Talk**
Time: 12:30 p.m. (Duration 30 minutes)
Location: Visitor Center
Description: Join the ranger for an overview of the battle.

Program: Ranger Led Automobile Tour
Time: 1:30 p.m. (Duration 2 ½ hours)
Location: Visitor Center Observation Room
Description: A ranger guided tour that will stop at the Cornfield, Sunken Road, and Burnside Bridge.

Program: **Hike (In Depth):** Middle Bridge
Time: 2:00 p.m. (duration: 2 ½ hours) Distance: 2 miles
Location: Hike starts at National Cemetery parking lot on the MD Rt. 34
Description: This hike will explore the terrain and fighting around the Middle Bridge.

Program: **Presentation by Jeffery Wert**
Location: Visitor Center
Time: 2:00 p.m.
Description: J.E.B. Stuart and the Maryland Campaign

Program: **Artillery and Infantry Firing Demonstrations**
Time: 2:00 p.m. (Duration 1 hour)
Location: Visitor Center
Description: Learn how artillery and infantry influenced the Battle of Antietam.

Program: **Hike (Overview-The Burnside Bridge)**
Time: 2:30 p.m. (Duration: 1 ½ hours) Distance: 1 mile
Location: Hike starts at the Burnside Bridge parking area.
Description: Hike focuses on the action at Burnside Bridge and the final attacks that ended the day.

Program: **The National Cemetery**
Time: 3:00 p.m. (Duration 45 minutes)
Location: National Cemetery
Description: A ranger led tour of the National Cemetery.

Program: **Artillery and Infantry Firing Demonstrations**
Time: 4:00 p.m. (Duration 1 hour)
Location: Visitor Center
Description: Learn how artillery and infantry influenced the Battle of Antietam.

Program: **Orientation Talk**
Time: 4:30 p.m. (Duration 30 minutes)
Location: Visitor Center
Description: Join the ranger for an overview of the battle.

Please note that all programs will take place rain or shine. If you have questions about any program, please call the park visitor center at (301) 432-5124. For the most up-to-date information, check our park web site at www.nps.gov/anti