

## “From Backcountry to Breadbasket to Battlefield and Beyond”

Cedar Creek and Belle Grove National Historical Park offers ranger-conducted programs, beginning on weekends in the spring. Inside are descriptions of the various programs and activities, all of which tell the park’s many stories related to the rich cultural history of the Shenandoah Valley and the American Civil War.

The National Park Service and its Key Partners invite you to take advantage of all of these programs and activities. Check the park website at [www.nps.gov/cebe](http://www.nps.gov/cebe) or call (540) 869-3051 for more information.

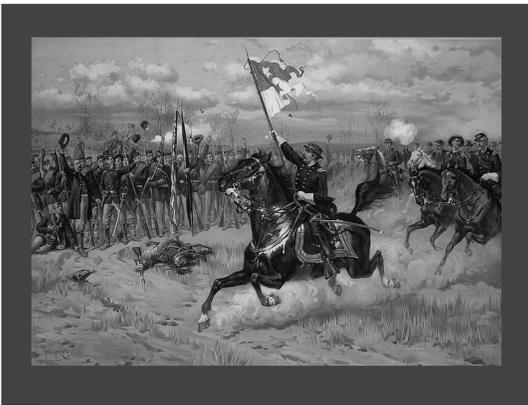
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- *Cedar Creek Battlefield Foundation*  
(540) 869-2064  
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- *Shenandoah Valley Battlefields Foundation*  
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## Cedar Creek and Belle Grove National Historical Park



## Ranger Programs and Activities 2015



*Sheridan's Ride - Thulstrup*

**A “Partnership Park”** The National Park Service works with several Key Partners to preserve and manage the park and its resources. These partners are all non-profit organizations and include the National Trust for Historic Preservation, Belle Grove, Inc., Shenandoah County, Shenandoah Valley Battlefield Foundation and the Cedar Creek Battlefield Foundation. Cedar Creek and Belle Grove NHP is also a park in development, being created in 2002. Although there are over 3,700 acres within the park’s boundary, over half of this is still privately owned. Nearly all of the remaining land is owned and preserved by the Key Partners. Therefore, much of the park is not accessible to the public.

7712 Main Street  
Middletown, Virginia 22645  
(540) 869-3051 ([www.nps.gov/cebe](http://www.nps.gov/cebe))

# Ranger Programs



## **Cedar Creek and Belle Grove “in a Box” – A Park Overview Program**

A 30 minute orientation program on the history and settlement of the Shenandoah Valley, the Battle of Cedar Creek, and the impact of the Civil War on the local community. Meet near the picnic area on Belle Grove’s front lawn.

## **“From Back Country to Breadbasket” The Peopling of the Shenandoah Valley**

A 30 minute program on the early history of the Shenandoah Valley through the eve of the Civil War. Meet near the picnic area on Belle Grove’s front lawn.

**“To Battlefield and Beyond” War Comes to the Shenandoah Valley** This 40 minute program examines the physical, economic, and emotional impacts of many military campaigns and battles that occurred in the Valley. Meet at the NPS Visitor Contact Station.

## **Battle of Cedar Creek Tour**

A two-hour guided tour, using a car-caravan system (visitors follow the ranger’s vehicle), which covers the Battle of Cedar Creek in a chronological fashion. Meet at the Cedar Creek Battlefield Foundation Headquarters.

## **Middletown Civil War Walking Tours**

Learn of Middletown citizens who lived through the war and how it impacted their lives. Meet a Park Ranger for a 90 minute walking tour at the stop light, corners of First Street and Main Street, Middletown, VA (Normally offered once a month).

## **History at Sunset**

On select Friday evenings during the summer, Cedar Creek and Belle Grove NHP will present a series of specialized tours that will cover a wide variety of subjects related to the park and its rich cultural history. Each tour begins at 7 PM and is designed to last 60-90 minutes.

## **Battlefield Program Series**

This series of special two hour ranger programs will highlight numerous park sites and resources associated with the battle. This includes tours of Civil War entrenchments, the 8th Vermont monument, special walks covering different phases of the battle and much more. Offered each Saturday in the summer, at 1:00 pm.

## **The 1862 or 1864 Valley Campaign “in a Box”**

These 30 minute programs provide an overview of either the 1862 or 1864 Shenandoah Valley Campaigns. This interactive presentation uses the surrounding landscape features and various props (taken from a box) to “create” the Valley and place visitors “in the middle of the campaign.” Meet on the front lawn of Belle Grove.

# Attractions

## **National Park Service Visitor Contact Station**

Orientation center with interpretive exhibits, displays and fiber optic map. Maps and brochures for the park and the Shenandoah Valley Battlefields National Historic District are available.

Hours: Daily 9:00 a.m.-4:30 p.m.  
Location: 7712 Main Street, Middletown, VA  
Contact: (540) 869-3051, [www.nps.gov/cebe](http://www.nps.gov/cebe).  
Fees: Free

## **Belle Grove Plantation Manor House**

This antebellum plantation manor house, built by Isaac Hite Jr. (brother-in-law of President James Madison) is owned by the National Trust for Historic Preservation and is managed by Belle Grove Inc. Visitors can tour the restored 1797 Manor House on a guided tour (fee) and explore the plantation grounds and museum gift shop (free).

Hours: Monday–Saturday 10:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m.,  
Sunday 1:00p.m.–5:00 p.m.  
Location: 336 Belle Grove Road, Middletown, VA  
Contact: (540) 869-2028, [www.bellegrove.org](http://www.bellegrove.org)  
Fees: Grounds are free.  
House Tours: \$12 with discounts for National Trust members, seniors, children and AAA members.

## **Cedar Creek Battlefield Foundation Headquarters**

This orientation center and gift shop is operated by the Cedar Creek Battlefield Foundation, which preserves over 300 acres of core battlefield land.

Hours: Opened seasonally. Call before visit.  
Location: 8437 Valley Pike, Middletown, VA  
Contact: (540) 869-2064, [www.ccbf.us](http://www.ccbf.us)  
Fees: Free

## **Hupp’s Hill Civil War Park**

This museum and bookstore, operated by the Cedar Creek Battlefield Foundation and the Town of Strasburg, offers interpretive exhibits, displays, artifacts, and films on the 1864 Shenandoah Valley Campaign. Grounds include Civil War entrenchments and walking trail.

Hours: Daily 9:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m.,  
Location: 33229 Old Valley Pike, Strasburg, VA  
Contact: (540) 465-5884, [www.ccbf.us](http://www.ccbf.us)  
Fees: \$5.00 (under 10 are free)

Program schedules are subject to change and will be set on a weekly basis. Please visit [www.nps.gov/cebe](http://www.nps.gov/cebe) or call (540) 869-3051 prior to your visit.

## 2015 Special Programs

- **April 9** "Bells Across the Land" Marking the 150th Anniversary of Appomattox
- **June 19** "History at Sunset: Tale of Two Cemeteries, Winchester's Mount Hebron and National Cemeteries"
- **July 10** "History at Sunset: Not Just Black and White: Exploring the Complexities of Emancipation in the Post-War Shenandoah Valley"
- **July 24** "History at Sunset: Looking Beyond the Big House, The Belle Grove Plantation Complex"
- **October 16** "History at Sunset: 'Recorded in Scriptured Stone' The Monuments at Cedar Creek"

**(A more complete list of 2015 special programs forthcoming)**

## Other Events

- **March 21** Belle Grove Opens for the season
- **Mar 9** Belle Grove 19th Annual "Of Ale and History Beer Festival"
- **June 6** Belle Grove Garden Fest
- **August 22-23** Frederick County Civil War Weekend
- **September 12** Belle Grove Wine Festival
- **October 17-18** Battle of Cedar Creek Commemoration Weekend

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# Special Events