



February 2016 at Fort Donelson

The park's temporary visitor center is open daily from 8:00AM to 4:30 PM.

(Our temporary visitor center is at 117 Visitor Center Lane, Dover, Tennessee)

The exhibit room at the Dover Hotel (Stop #10) is open daily from 8:00AM to 4:30PM.

Schedule is subject to change in case of inclement weather.

Join us as we commemorate the 154th anniversary of the Campaign for Forts Heiman, Henry, and Donelson, as well as the National Park Service's Centennial!



Saturday, February 6, 2016, 10:00 AM, Fort Heiman

As preparations for the Civil War began, Confederates built three forts along the Twin Rivers. One of these forts, Fort Heiman, was constructed on the west bank of the Tennessee River to help its sister fort, Fort Henry. Today, Fort Heiman still has outstanding views of Kentucky Lake and well-preserved Confederate earthworks. It is located in Calloway County, KY, just 18 miles south of Murray. The physical address is 682 Fort Heiman Road, New Concord, KY.

To commemorate this battle, park staff and volunteers will meet visitors for a brief program and walk around the historic features at Ft. Heiman, February 6 from 10 am - 11am. Please wear warm, comfortable clothing and shoes. Visitors can also learn about the Kentucky National Park Pentathlon program, which honors the National Park Service 2016 Centennial. This program will be cancelled in case of inclement weather.

Saturday, February 6, 2016, starting at 1:00PM, Land Between the Lakes

Please join our friends at Land Between the Lakes National Recreation Area as they also commemorate the 1862 Battle of Fort Henry.

1-2:30pm – Ft Henry Anniversary Program at the Homeplace 1850

*3-4pm – Ft Henry Anniversary Walk (weather dependent) \$5/\$3 Registration limited.
Call 270-924-2020 to reserve your space. Registration and full deposit required.*

Invited historian: Susan 'Ski' Witzofsky

154 years ago, the Land Between the Rivers was bracing for war. Confederate forces occupied Fort Henry with federal forces moving up the Tennessee River. In The Homeplace theater, through period images and maps, learn about Fort Henry, its impact on the Civil War, and its legacy. Later, gather at Fort Henry Trail Parking area for a guided walk and relive the siege.

Sunday, February 14, 2016, 1:00 PM, Fort Donelson Temporary Visitor Center

Join us as we welcome Dr. John Marszalek, Executive Director and Managing Editor, Ulysses S. Grant Association, for an enlightening discussion of the Campaign for Forts Heiman, Henry and Donelson and its impact on the lives and legacy of Brigadier General Ulysses S. Grant and his superior, Major General Henry W. Halleck. Dr. Marszalek will be available to sign books in our Eastern National bookstore.



Dr. John Marszalek

Sunday, February 14, 2016, 3:00 PM, River Batteries, (Stop #4)

Join noted Fort Donelson historian and friend of the park Professor Kendall Gott and park staff as we commemorate the 154th anniversary of the major naval battle at Fort Donelson. The names of known Federal and Confederates injured and killed in the battle will be read during this program. (And...you never know...the park's resident Bald Eagles may make an appearance!)

Saturday, February 13-Sunday, February 14, 2016, 10:00-4:00 each day

Join us as we welcome longtime friends of the park and living history group the 9th Kentucky (USA) as they share with us the ways of camp life during the American Civil War. They will be camped at tour route stop #5. Special programs will be offered at 10:00AM, 12:00PM, and 2:00PM each day, including cannon firings. Special Junior Ranger opportunities will be available...check at the visitor center.

Monday, February 15, 2016, 2:00PM, Stewart County Visitor Center

A special Junior Ranger program opportunity for Junior Rangers of all ages...and a great Every Kid in a Park Opportunity! Learn about Mary A. Bickerdyke, a remarkable woman who helped the ill and wounded from this campaign. Learn her remarkable story and about her late-night searches for soldiers on the cold and snowy battlefield...and learn how to make a paper lantern!



Monday, February 15, 2016, 6:30PM, Stewart County Visitor Center

Fort Donelson National Battlefield is proud to announce the completion and debut of a new film intended for daily viewing at the Dover Hotel. To celebrate the debut of this new film, the park will welcome Fort Donelson historian Kendall Gott for some insight into the battle and the surrender, and offer the Fort Donelson Film Festival, highlighting all of the films made for Fort Donelson over the years, including its original film from the 1960s, the original Dover Hotel film from the 1970s, a film made especially for students in 2006, the current visitor center film, and the new Dover Hotel film. Fort Donelson wishes to thank all who made these films possible. (Plus, Brigadier General Ulysses Grant and Confederate General Gideon Pillow will be in Stewart County, Tennessee, for the first time in 154 years!)



Tuesday, February 16, 2016, 10:00AM, Dover Hotel (Stop #10)

Brigadier General Ulysses S. Grant will address the citizens of Dover, and explain the significance of the surrender of Fort Donelson for himself and for the Nation. The park's new film about the Dover Hotel will be shown in the exhibit room, with park staff available for discussions and questions.

Throughout February, Wrather West Kentucky Museum, Murray State University

Join us and Murray State University and view Kentucky Historical Society's traveling exhibit entitled "Discovering Kentucky's Abraham Lincoln," a five-panel mobile exhibit which illustrates Lincoln's ties to his native state. Each panel is dedicated to a different theme: "A Frontier Childhood," "Becoming President," "Ending Slavery," "Lincoln and Kentucky at War!" and "Remembering Lincoln Differently." Exhibit may be viewed during the Wrather Museum's regular hours.

Saturday, February 20, 2016, 1:00PM and 3:00 PM, Fort Donelson National Battlefield

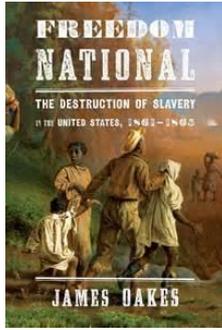
We pause and take a few moments to remember those who served at Fort Donelson in February of 1862. At 1:00PM, at the Confederate Monument (Stop #1), we will pause to remember the Confederates who were killed in this battle, and at 3:00PM we will gather at the National Cemetery to remember the Union soldiers killed in the battle. Fort Donelson thanks our partners and friends with the Sons of Confederate Veterans, the United Daughters of the Confederacy, and the Sons of Union Veterans for joining us.

Sunday, February 21, 2016, 3:00PM, Calloway County Public Library

The Fort Donelson book club, Murray, Kentucky, group, continues with a discussion of Behind the Scenes, Or, Thirty Years and Slave, and Four Years in the White House by Elizabeth Keckley. A limited number of free copies are available at the Library for participants.

Thursday, February 25, 2016, 6:00PM, Fort Donelson Visitor Center

The Fort Donelson book club, Dover group, continues with an exploration of James Oakes' Freedom National: The Destruction of Slavery in the United States, 1861-1865. This book was the winner of the 2013 Gilder Lehrman Lincoln Prize. A limited number of free copies are available for participants at the visitor center.



All programs are free and open to the public except where noted. Schedule may be adjusted as warranted due to hazardous weather conditions, and updates will be made via the park's website (www.nps.gov/fodo) and its Facebook page (www.facebook.com/fortdonelsonnps).

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