



# United States Department of the Interior

## NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

FORT McHENRY NATIONAL MONUMENT AND  
HISTORIC SHRINE  
BALTIMORE, MARYLAND 21230-5393

IN REPLY REFER TO:

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To all individuals and groups planning to visit the park between June 12 and June 20:

Star-Spangled 200 is a three-year, state-wide commemoration of the bicentennial of the Star-Spangled Banner and Maryland's role in the War of 1812. The commemoration will kick off with an international maritime festival during the above-mentioned dates. The State of Maryland, City of Baltimore, and Fort McHenry NM&HS will host a series of programs and events relating to the bicentennial.

As these events occur, your visit to this national park site will be greatly impacted at times by huge crowds, traffic congestion, and closed areas of the park. You should check the park website periodically at [www.nps.gov/fomc](http://www.nps.gov/fomc) and also that of [www.starspangled200.com](http://www.starspangled200.com) for event dates and potential impact. The June Sailabration may impact your planned visit to Fort McHenry as follows:

Tues, June 12 and Wed, June 13- The Tall Ships and Navy grey hulls arrive and pass by the fort on their way to their berth in the Inner Harbor (schedule of arrivals has not yet been finalized). Many spectators will be in the park to watch and enjoy. Parking will be at a premium. The Visitor Center Exhibit Area with movie is open, and the Star Fort is open.

Thurs, June 14 – The Navy Blue Angels will be doing a 2-hour practice drill in the air space over the fort. Many spectators will be in the park to watch and enjoy. Parking will be at a premium. The Visitor Center Exhibit Area with movie is open, and the Star Fort is open.

Fri, June 15 – Full Air Show Rehearsal – all day. Thousands of spectators will be in the park with virtually no parking available. The Visitor Center Exhibit Area with movie is open, and the Star Fort will be open until 4PM.

Sat, June 16 – Air Show 11AM– 4PM over fort air space followed by evening Flag Day Program beginning at 6:30 and culminating with fireworks after dark. No vehicle access to the park. Visitors will be bused in from off-site locations to be determined. No public or individual group programs will be offered. Visitor Center and Star Fort will be closed. **There will be no park entrance fee charged.**

Sun, June 17 – Air Show 11AM– 4PM over fort air space followed by Evening Concert. No vehicle access to the park. Visitors will be bused in from off-site locations to be

determined. No public or individual group programs will be offered. The Visitor Center and Star Fort will be closed. **There will be no park entrance fee charged.**

Mon, June 18 – Anniversary of the 1812 Declaration of War. Ranger-led programs will be offered with themes on the Declaration of War at times yet to be determined. The Visitor Center Exhibit Area with movie is open, and the Star Fort is open.

Tuesday, June 19 – Most ships depart and pass by the fort on their way out of the harbor. Many spectators will be in the park to watch and enjoy. Parking will be at a premium. The Visitor Center Exhibit Area with movie is open, and the Star Fort is open.

Wednesday, June 20 – Breakdown of all props and equipment used for the event. Much equipment noise and large vehicle traffic on park roads. The Visitor Center Exhibit Area with movie is open, and the Star Fort is open.

**On all days, the park grounds will be open during regular park hours of 8AM through 8PM.**

**ALL OF THE ABOVE IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE AS SCHEDULES ARE TWEAKED. For more information, please call the park at 410-962-4290 ext 250 or continue to check the website.**

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