

# Antietam Battlefield

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Antietam National Battlefield  
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## 2009 Events Schedule

### April

**Saturday, 25<sup>th</sup>, Junior Ranger Day at Antietam**-Children ages six to twelve will be able to participate in special programs, interact with volunteers portraying Civil War soldiers, and have the opportunity to become Junior Park Rangers. Please RSVP with the number of children who will be attending along with their ages by April 19 to [Christie\\_Stanczak@nps.gov](mailto:Christie_Stanczak@nps.gov) or by calling 301-432-5124. There is no cost for these programs, but there is a park entry fee of \$6.00 per family. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

**Sunday, 26<sup>th</sup>, Burnside Bridge Hike**- This hike will meet at Auto Tour Stop # 9 at 1:15 p.m. The ranger led program will follow the trail on the eastern side of the Antietam Creek and will explore the numerous attempts by the Federal forces to carry the bridge.

### May

**Saturday, 2<sup>nd</sup>, Pry House Field Hospital Museum, Keedysville, MD (Antietam National Battlefield)** The Pry House Field Hospital Museum (PHFHM) at Antietam National Battlefield opens its 2009 season. 11a.m.-5p.m. In addition, from 9:00 a.m.- 3:00 p.m. Join the staff at the Pry House for a garden party to prepare the 19th century style kitchen, medicinal and parlor gardens. Bring your gardening tools and prepare to dig in! Learn about gardening techniques, heirloom vegetables and recipes of the Civil War era, and enjoy refreshments. For more information call 301-695-1864 or visit our website at [www.civilwarmed.org](http://www.civilwarmed.org).

**Saturday, 2<sup>nd</sup> and Sunday, 3<sup>rd</sup>, Pry House Field Hospital Museum, Keedysville, MD (Antietam National Battlefield)** The Pry House is one of many stops on a driving tour showcasing the Museums and Historic Sites of Washington County, MD. Tourists will receive a map and listing of the sites that are participating in this event which is based in Hagerstown, MD. For more information, call 301-416-2395 or visit us online at [www.civilwarmed.org](http://www.civilwarmed.org).

**Sunday, 3<sup>rd</sup>, Final Attack Hike**-This battlefield hike will begin near Tour Stop #9, Burnside Bridge, at 1:15 p.m. The most rugged section of the battlefield will be explored on this hike including Snavelly's Ford area, Lower Cornfield, Narrow Cornfield, and the Hawkin's Zouave Monument.

**Sunday, 10<sup>th</sup>, Afternoon of the Battle Overview Hike**-This hike will begin at the gravel parking lot across the street from the National Cemetery at 1:15 p.m. The program is going to focus on the Middle Bridge and the Union IX Corps and their involvement during the afternoon of the battle.

**Saturday, 16<sup>th</sup> and Sunday, 17<sup>th</sup>, Recruit Weekend-Pry House Field Hospital Museum, Keedysville, MD (Antietam National Battlefield)** The Union and Confederate Armies are recruiting at the Pry House this weekend. Come down to receive a surgeon's certificate of eligibility and report to the 20th Maine's or 17th Virginia's station to find out what they have to offer a private soldier. Receive enlistment papers from the unit of your choice. Enlistees will be invited to drill with their new unit. 11a.m. to 5p.m. For more information, call 301-416-2395 or visit us online at [www.civilwarmed.org](http://www.civilwarmed.org).

**Saturday, 23<sup>rd</sup>, Memorial Day Commemoration** -Join the parade in the Town of Sharpsburg followed by a commemoration held in the National Cemetery.

### June

**Saturday, 13<sup>th</sup> and Sunday, 14<sup>th</sup>, Artillery Weekend** -Living history volunteers portraying Colonel Stephen D. Lee's Battalion will discuss the role of artillery at Antietam. Located near the center of the Confederate line, the hill that the visitor center is built on was a key Confederate artillery position. Firing demonstrations will be held throughout the weekend.

**Saturday, 20<sup>th</sup> and Sunday, 21<sup>st</sup>, Fire on the Mountain: The struggle for Fox's Gap**-Please join us for living history demonstrations and recreated battle sequences depicting the opening phases of the Battle of South Mountain on Fox's Gap. All are welcome and events are free to the public. Demonstrations will be held throughout the day on Saturday and Sunday. For more information, call South Mountain State Battlefield at (301) 432-8065.

**Saturday, 20<sup>th</sup> and Sunday, 21<sup>st</sup>, Living History Weekend-Pry House Field Hospital Museum, Keedysville, MD (Antietam National Battlefield)** Meet the soldiers and nurses of the Signal Service of Central Maryland, camping on the historical grounds of the Pry House this weekend. Historians in authentic period uniforms and civilian dress, with battlefield communications demonstrations and reproduction household and military goods. For more information please call 301-416-2395 or visit us online at [www.civilwarmed.org](http://www.civilwarmed.org).

**Saturday, 27<sup>th</sup>, Artillery Firing Demonstration**-Antietam National Battlefield's very own volunteer artillery detachment takes to the field for a demonstration of loading and firing.

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**July**

**Saturday, 4<sup>th</sup>, Antietam Salute to Independence Celebration-** Join the Maryland Symphony Orchestra for a special Independence Day commemoration. The two hour concert begins at 7:30 p.m.; fireworks display immediately following the concert. **Note:** Due to this special event, the visitor center will be open from 8:30 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. Several of the park roads will not be available to tour after 3:00 p.m.

**Saturday, 11<sup>th</sup> and Sunday, 12<sup>th</sup>, Confederates on Turner's Gap-** Demonstrations, including infantry and artillery drill, cooking and soldier life scenarios, will be held throughout the day both Saturday and Sunday. All are welcome and events are free to the public. For more information, call South Mountain State Battlefield at (301) 432-8065.

**Saturday, 11<sup>th</sup> and Sunday, 12<sup>th</sup>, Childrens Experience Weekend-Pry House Field Hospital Museum, Keedysville, MD (Antietam National Battlefield)** Enjoy a kids-day-out at the Pry House Field Hospital Museum with hands-on activities and programs focused on how children lived during the mid-eighteenth century. Staff and children dressed in period attire will lead games and a craft. For more information, call (301) 416-2395 or visit us online at [www.civilwarmed.org](http://www.civilwarmed.org)

**Saturday, 18<sup>th</sup> and Sunday, 19<sup>th</sup>, 6th New Hampshire Weekend at Antietam-**Living history volunteers will portray the 6th New Hampshire Infantry recreating the life of a Civil War soldier, how he lived, marched and fought. Join the 6th New Hampshire to learn about the history of the regiment and the stories of the common soldiers who fought with this unit. Weapons and tactics demonstrations will be held both Saturday and Sunday, with ongoing interpretation in the camp throughout the weekend.

**Saturday, 25<sup>th</sup>, Artillery Firing Demonstration-**Antietam National Battlefield's very own volunteer artillery detachment takes to the field for a demonstration of loading and firing.

**Saturday, 25<sup>th</sup> and Sunday, 26<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup> NC Field Hospital , Pry House Field Hospital Museum, Keedysville, MD (Antietam National Battlefield)** Meet the soldiers and nurses of the 13th NC Field Hospital, camping on the historical grounds of the Pry House this weekend. Historians in authentic period uniforms and civilian dress, with a field hospital camp featuring demonstrations and reproduction household and military goods. 11:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. For more information please call 301-416-2395 or visit us online at [www.civilwarmed.org](http://www.civilwarmed.org).

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**August**

**Saturday, 1<sup>st</sup> and Sunday, 2<sup>nd</sup>, Signal Corps Weekend Pry House Field Hospital Museum, Keedysville, MD (Antietam National Battlefield)-**The Pry House Field Hospital Museum and South Mountain Battlefield will join signal forces together for live signaling demonstrations and talks at these locations. The 114th Signal Battalion, Fort Detrick, MD, will have a display, talks and demonstrate modern signal communications. 11am to 5pm For more information, call 301-416-2395 or visit us online at [www.civilwarmed.org](http://www.civilwarmed.org).

**Saturday, 8<sup>th</sup> and Sunday, 9<sup>th</sup>, Technology of War Weekend-**Living history volunteers portraying Berdan's Sharpshooters and Union Infantry will perform tactical firing demonstrations to illustrate advances in military technology during the Civil War. These advances in technology were one reason the Battle of Antietam became the bloodiest single day battle in American History. Col. Vince Armstrong will display his gun collection to show the rapid change in firearms technology before and during the Civil War. His interpretive programs will be followed by weapons and tactics demonstrations on both Saturday and Sunday, with ongoing interpretation in the living history camp throughout the weekend.

**Saturday, 15<sup>th</sup> and Sunday, 16<sup>th</sup>, The Stonewall Brigade will be featured at Antietam-** Living history volunteers will portray the Stonewall Brigade recreating the life of a Civil War soldier, how he lived, marched and fought. Weapons and tactics demonstrations will be held both Saturday and Sunday, with ongoing interpretation in the camp throughout the weekend.

**Saturday, 22<sup>nd</sup>, National Kitchen Garden Day Pry House Field Hospital Museum, Keedysville, MD (Antietam National Battlefield)-**In honor of National Kitchen Garden Day, special talks on the importance of kitchen gardens during the 19th century will take place as well as tours of the Pry Kitchen and Medicinal Garden. 11 a.m. until 5 p.m. For more information, call 301-416-2395 or visit us online at [www.civilwarmed.org](http://www.civilwarmed.org).

**Saturday, 29<sup>th</sup>, Artillery Firing Demonstration-**Antietam National Battlefield's very own volunteer artillery detachment takes to the field for a demonstration of loading and firing.

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**September**

**Friday-Monday, September 11<sup>th</sup>-13<sup>th</sup>, Battle Anniversary Weekend at Antietam-** A full schedule including special battlefield hikes, two concerts by the Wildcat Band on Saturday, and living history firing demonstrations on Sunday will take place this weekend. A detailed schedule will be announced in late August.

**Saturday, 12<sup>th</sup> and Sunday, 13<sup>th</sup>, Boonsboro Days and South Mountain's Living History Weekend.** The Boonsboro Historical Society will feature more than 150 early American art, crafts, antiques and food vendors. Rain or shine, the event will be held from 9am to 5pm in Boonsboro's Shafer Memorial Park. Meanwhile, throughout this weekend, Civil War living historians will present demonstrations and talks to illustrate the life of the soldiers and civilians during this tumultuous period in our history. The programs we be presented at Washington Monument State Park. For more information, call South Mountain State Battlefield at (301) 432-8065.

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<b>September</b>	<p><b>Thursday, 17<sup>th</sup>, Battle Anniversary Hike-</b> An all day hike of the field will be held, more information will be provided in August.</p> <p><b>Saturday, 19<sup>th</sup> and Sunday, 20<sup>th</sup>, Pry House Anniversary Weekend, Living History at the Pry House Field Hospital Museum, Pry House Field Hospital Museum, Keedysville, MD (Antietam National Battlefield)-</b>Various presentations on aspects of Civil War medicine and the home front, including a portrayal of a Union field surgeon, headquarters guard 5th NY Fire Zouaves, 1st Corps, Army of Northern Virginia Headquarters, a depiction of the camp life of soldiers, and civilian's experiences. 11am -5pm For more information, call 301-416-2395 or visit us online at <a href="http://www.civilwarmed.org">www.civilwarmed.org</a>.</p> <p><b>Saturday, 26<sup>th</sup>, Artillery Firing Demonstration-</b>Antietam National Battlefield's very own volunteer artillery detachment takes to the field for a demonstration of loading and firing.</p> <p><b>Saturday, 26<sup>th</sup>, and Sunday, 27<sup>th</sup>, Living History at the Pry House, Pry House Field Hospital Museum, Keedysville, MD (Antietam National Battlefield)-</b> General Winfield Scott Hancock, staff and civilians will be in camp at the house. Historians in authentic period uniforms and civilian dress, with a camp featuring reproduction household and military goods from the Civil War. 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. For more information please call 301-416-2395 or visit us online at <a href="http://www.civilwarmed.org">www.civilwarmed.org</a>.</p>
<b>October</b>	<p><b>Saturday 31<sup>st</sup>, The Confederate Military Forces will be featured at Antietam-</b> Living history volunteers will recreate the life of a Civil War soldier, how he lived, marched, and fought. Weapons and tactics demonstrations will be held, with ongoing interpretation in the camp throughout the weekend.</p>
<b>November</b>	<p>Pry House Field Hospital Museum open weekends only from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.</p>
<b>December</b>	<p><b>Saturday, 5<sup>th</sup>, Annual Memorial Illumination-</b>Volunteers place over 23,000 candles on the battlefield; each representing a casualty from the bloodiest single-day-battle in American History. Driving tour begins at 6:00 p.m. on Route 34 east of Sharpsburg. In the event of high winds or heavy rain, this event will be rescheduled to December 12<sup>th</sup>. Note: The visitor center will be open from 8:30 a.m. through 3:00 p.m. Several of the park roads will not be available to tour after 3:00 p.m.</p> <p><b>Saturday, 5<sup>th</sup>, Antietam National Battlefield Illumination, Pry House Field Hospital Museum, Keedysville, MD (Antietam National Battlefield)-</b> Living history, barn and house exhibits conducted before the Illumination. Opens at 11 a.m. and closes at 5 p.m. For more information, call 301-416-2395 or visit us online at <a href="http://www.civilwarmed.org">www.civilwarmed.org</a>.</p>

All hikes will go on rain or shine and hikers should wear appropriate footwear for going through tall grassy fields as well as plowed fields. Unless noted, all hikes are approximately two hours and two miles in length. All information is subject to change. Please call the park (301) 432-5124 or check our web page at <http://www.nps.gov/anti> before attending any special event.