

Battle of Antietam 149th Anniversary Programs



Antietam National Battlefield will present a series of programs to commemorate the 149th 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 17, 2011

Program: ***Morning in the Cornfield Walk***

Time: 7:00 a.m. (Duration 45 minutes, half mile walk)

Location: Tour Stop 4, The Cornfield

Description: An overview of the action that took place on this land through the words of the soldiers.

Program: ***All Day Hike of the Battlefield, Part I***

Time: 9:00 a.m. (Duration 3.5 hours)

Location: New York State Monument

Description: This is the first half of the ranger led, all day hike of the field. We will explore the action that took place in the Cornfield, West Woods, and Sunken Road.

Program: **Ranger Led Automobile Tour**

Time: 10:00 a.m. (Duration 2 ½ hours)

Location: Visitor Center Observation Room

Description: Ranger provides overview at visitor center, take your own car and meet the Ranger at Cornfield, Sunken Road & Burnside Bridge.

Program: **Hike (Overview-Cornfield and West Woods)**

Time: 10:30 a.m. (Duration 1 ½ hours) Distance: 1 mile

Location: In front of the visitor center.

Description: Ranger led hike that will focus on the Cornfield and West Woods.

Program: **Wildcat Regiment Brass Band Concert**

Time: 10:30 a.m.

Location: Dunker Church

Description: The band members will play period instruments and music popular during the Civil War.

Program: **Infantry Firing Demonstration**

Time: 11:00 a.m.

Location: Visitor Center

Description: Infantry firing demonstration. Camps open all weekend.

Program: **Artillery Firing Demonstration**

Time: 11:30 a.m.

Location: Visitor Center

Description: Artillery firing demonstration. Camps open all weekend.

Program: **Orientation Talk**
Time: 12:00 p.m. (Duration 30 minutes)
Location: Visitor Center
Description: Join the ranger for a thirty minute overview of the battle.

Program: **Hike (Overview-The Bloody Lane)**
Time: 12:30 p.m. (Duration 1 ½ hours) Distance: 1 mile
Location: Visitor Center Patio
Description: This ranger led hike will provide visitors with an overview of the action in the Sunken Road.

Program: **Infantry Firing Demonstration**
Time: 1:00 p.m.
Location: Visitor Center
Description: Infantry firing demonstration. Camps open all weekend.

Program: ***All Day Hike of the Battlefield, Part II***
Time: 1:30 p.m. (Duration 3.5 hours)
Location: Rohrbach Campground Parking Lot, off of Burnside Bridge Rd.
Description: This is the second half of the all day, ranger led hike of the battlefield. We will focus on the Lower Bridge and final attack towards the town of Sharpsburg.

Program: **Ranger Led Automobile Tour**
Time: 1:30 p.m. (Duration 2 ½ hours)
Location: Visitor Center Observation Room
Description: Ranger provides overview at Visitor Center, take your own car and meet the Ranger at Cornfield, Sunken Road & Burnside Bridge.

Program: **Wildcat Regiment Brass Band Grand Concert**
Time: 2:00 p.m.
Location: Mumma Farm Barn (A shuttle bus will be available from the visitor center parking lot.)
Description: The band members will play period instruments and music popular during the Civil War.

Program: **Stephen Potter, Regional Archeologist, National Park Service**
Time: 2:15 p.m. (Duration 30 minutes)
Location: Visitor Center Theater
Description: *The Archeology of America's Bloodiest Day*: Join Dr. Potter as he explains how archeology is used at Antietam to better understand, preserve, and protect these hallowed grounds.

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: **Civil War Soldier Kids Program**
Time: 2:30 p.m.
Location: Dunker Church

Program: **Artillery Firing Demonstrations**
Time: 3:00 p.m.
Location: Visitor Center
Description: Artillery firing demonstrations. Camps open all weekend.

Program: **Orientation Talk**
Time: 3:30 p.m. (Duration 30 minutes)
Location: Visitor Center
Description: Join the ranger for a thirty minute overview of the battle.

Program: **Dunker Church Talk**
Time: 4:15 p.m. (Duration 35 minutes)
Location: Dunker Church

Program: **3rd North Carolina Walk**
Time: 4:30 p.m. (Duration 30 minutes)
Location: Mumma Farm
Description: Join a park volunteer to learn more about the role the 3rd North Carolina played during the Battle of Antietam.

Program: **The Antietam National Cemetery Walk**
Time: 6:00 p.m.
Location: Meet local author and historian, Rev. John Schildt at the National Cemetery on MD. RT 34
Description: This program will explore the history of the National Cemetery.

Program: **Artillery Firing Demonstration**
Time: 8:30 p.m.
Location: Visitor Center
Description: Artillery firing demonstration.

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 www.nps.gov/anti