

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.

Sunday, September 18, 2011

- Program:** Hike (In Depth): Sunken Road
Time: 9:00 a.m. (Duration 2 ½ hours) Distance: 2 miles
Location: Meet at the New York State Monument
Description: This ranger led hike will focus on the 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.
- Program:** Infantry Firing Demonstrations
Time: 10:30 a.m.
Location: Visitor Center
Description: Infantry firing demonstrations. Camps open all weekend.
- Program:** Orientation Talk
Time: 11:00 a.m. (Duration 30 minutes)
Location: Visitor Center
Description: Join the ranger for a thirty minute overview of the battle.
- Program:** Special Presentation: Pennsylvania and Other Union Flags at Antietam
Time: 11:15 a.m.
Location: Visitor Center Theater
Description: Richard Sauers will present this program. Sauers is the author of two books on the subject.
- Program:** Infantry Firing Demonstrations
Time: 12:00 p.m.
Location: Visitor Center
Description: Infantry firing demonstrations. Camps open all weekend.
- 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 explore the action that took place in the Bloody Lane.

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

Program: Artillery Firing Demonstrations
Time: 1:00 p.m.
Location: Visitor Center
Description: Artillery firing demonstrations. Camps open all weekend.

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: Infantry Firing Demonstrations
Time: 2:00 p.m.
Location: Visitor Center
Description: Infantry firing demonstrations. Camps open all weekend.

Program: Special Presentation: The Stars and Bars and Other Patterns
Time: 2:15 p.m.
Location: Visitor Center Theater
Description: Thomas Clemens discuss the various types of Confederate flags and their use on the battlefield.

Program: Hike (In Depth): Middle Bridge
Time: 2:30 p.m. (duration: 2 ½ hours) Distance: 2 miles
Location: Hike starts at the Newcomer House, which is located on MD 34, just west of the Middle Bridge.
Description: This program will focus on the role the Union V Corps played during the battle and will feature the latest trail to be added to the battlefield, Tidball Trail.

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: Orientation Talk
Time: 2:30 p.m. (Duration 30 minutes)
Location: Visitor Center
Description: Join the ranger for a thirty minute overview of the battle.

Program: Civil War Soldier Kids Program
Time: 3:00 p.m.
Location: Behind Dunker Church

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: The Antietam National Cemetery Walk
Location: Meet Park Ranger, Alann Schmidt at the National Cemetery on MD. RT 34
Time: 4:15 p.m.
Description: This program will explore the history of the National Cemetery.

Program: **Orientation Talk**
Time: 4:30 p.m. (Duration 30 minutes)
Location: Visitor Center
Description: Join the ranger for a thirty minute overview of the battle.

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