

The Battle of Antietam 152nd Anniversary Programs



Antietam National Battlefield will present a series of programs to commemorate the battle and its aftermath. The 2014 calendar matches the calendar in 1862. Each day there will be programs to remember the important events of the Maryland Campaign on the day and date they occurred.

Saturday and Sunday, September 13th and 14th

Program	Description	Starting Location	Time	Duration
Orientation Talks	Overview of the Maryland Campaign	Visitor Center	9:30 12:30 3:30	30 minutes
Ranger Guided Driving Tour	Car caravan tour of the battlefield. Follow the ranger in your vehicle to three stops.	Visitor Center	1:30	2 1/2 hours
Special Talks	Saturday			
♦Dunker Church	The story of the iconic battlefield landmark	Visitor Center	11:15	45 minutes
♦National Cemetery	History of Antietam National Cemetery	Tour stop 11	2:15	45 minutes
	Sunday			
♦South Mountain	Talk on the 152nd Anniversary of the Battle of South Mountain	Visitor Center	11:15 2:15	45 minutes
Weapon Firing Demonstrations	Living history program demonstrating artillery and infantry. Sunday programs will be at 11:00 and 1:00	Behind Visitor Center	11:00 1:00 3:00	1 hour
Overview Hikes	Three, one-mile hikes covering the key parts of the battlefield designed to tell the story, and experience the terrain of Antietam for first time visitors.	Visitor Center Visitor Center Tour Stop 9	10:30 12:30 2:30	90 minutes 90 minutes 90 minutes
	♦The Cornfield			
	♦Sunken Road			
	♦Burnside Bridge			
In-Depth Hikes	Saturday			
♦Cornfield	Longer, more detailed programs. Each hike is about 2 miles in length. Be sure to wear good walking shoes and dress for the weather.	Visitor Center	9:00	3 hours
♦2nd Corp Assault		Visitor Center	1:30	3 hours
	Sunday			
♦Burnside Bridge	Longer, more detailed programs. Each hike is about 2 miles in length.	Tour Stop 9	9:00	3 hours
♦Final Attack		Tour Stop 9	1:30	3 hours

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Monday, September 15th				
Orientation Talks	Overview of the Maryland Campaign	Visitor Center	10:00 1:00	30 minutes
The Seige and Capture of Harper's Ferry	Talk on the 152nd Anniversary of the surrender at Harpers Ferry.	Visitor Center	11:00 2:00	45 minutes
Tuesday, September 16th				
Orientation Talks	Overview of the Maryland Campaign	Visitor Center	10:00 1:00	30 minutes
Real Time Hike and Campfire Program	Learn about the actions that set the stage for the worst day in American history, followed by a campfire program at the Maryland Monument.	New York Monument	6:00	2 hours
Wednesday, September 17th				
Sunrise in the Cornfield	Experience sunrise on the day and date of the 152nd Anniversary	Tour Stop 4	7:00	45 minutes
All Day Hike	Join us for a 2 mile hike of the northern section of the battlefield in the morning. Followed by 3 mile hike on the south end of the park.	Visitor Center National Cemetery	9:00 1:30	3 1/2 hours 3 1/2 hours
West Woods Hike	Meet the rangers for this real time program	Visitor Center	10:00	90 minutes
Ranger Guided Driving Tour	Car caravan tour of the battlefield. Follow the ranger in your vehicle to three stops	Visitor Center	1:00	2 1/2 hours
Thursday, September 18th				
Orientation Talks	Overview of the Maryland Campaign	Visitor Center	10:00 1:00	30 minutes
Aftermath of Battle	Learn about the impact of this battle on the community of Sharpsburg	Visitor Center	11:00 2:00	45 minutes
Friday, September 19th				
Orientation Talks	Overview of the Maryland Campaign	Visitor Center	10:00 1:00	30 minutes
Battle of Shepherdstown	Talk on the 152nd Anniversary of the final action of the Campaign	Visitor Center	11:00 2:00	45 minutes

Saturday and Sunday, September 20th and 21st

This weekend is dedicated to the aftermath of the Battle. All of the programs will start at the park Visitor Center.

Program	Description	Time	Duration
Orientation Talk	Overview of the Maryland Campaign	9:30	30 minutes
Civil War Photography	Demonstration of the wet plate photographic process on the same day and date that Alexander Gardner captured his dramatic images of Antietam.	10:00 2:15	45 minutes
Civil War Medicine	Join the staff of the Pry House Field Hospital Museum to learn about medical practices during the war.	10:45 3:00	45 minutes
United States Sanitary Commission	Living history volunteers will tell the story of the Commission and the role it played in improving the life of the common soldier. There will not be a 3:45 program on Sunday.	11:30 3:45	45 Minutes
Clara Barton	Learn about the Angel of the Battlefield and her life before and after the Civil War.	12:15	45 minutes
Ranger Guided Driving Tour	Car caravan tour of the battlefield. Follow the ranger in your vehicle to three stops.	1:00	2 1/2 hours
The Emancipation Proclamation	The most important outcome of the Battle of Antietam was the preliminary Emancipation Proclamation.	1:30	45 minutes