

Battle of Antietam 151st Anniversary Programs



Antietam National Battlefield will present a series of programs to commemorate the 151st 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 14, 2013

Program: Hike (In Depth): The Cornfield
Time: 9:00 a.m. (Duration 3 hours) Distance: 2 miles
Location: Tour Stop #2, The North Woods (The program will start and end at Tour Stop #2)
Description: This hike will focus on the fighting that unfolded during the first four hours of the battle.

Program: Battle of South Mountain Talk
Time: 9:00 a.m. (30 minutes)
Location: Visitor Center
Description: Special talk to commemorate the 151st Battle of South Mountain.

Program: Ranger Led Automobile Tour
Time: 9:30 a.m. (Duration 2 ½ hours)
Location: Meet at the Visitor Center
Description: Ranger provides overview at visitor center, take your own car and meet the Ranger at Cornfield, Sunken Road & Burnside Bridge.

Program: Firing Demonstrations
Time: 10:00 a.m. (1 hour)
Location: New York State Monument behind the visitor center
Description: Artillery (10:00) and infantry (10:30) firing demonstrations. Camps open all weekend.

Program: Hike (Overview-Cornfield and West Woods)
Time: 10:30 a.m. (Duration 1 ½ hours) Distance: 1 mile
Location: Meet at the Visitor Center

Program: Wildcat Regimental Band Concert
Time: 1:00 a.m. (Duration 45 minutes)
Location: Dunker Church
Description: The band members will play period instruments and music popular during the Civil War.

Program: Orientation Talk
Time: 11:15 a.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: Meet at the Visitor Center

Program: Firing Demonstrations
Time: 1:00 p.m. (1 hour)
Location: New York State Monument behind the visitor center
Description: Artillery (1:00) and infantry (1:30) firing demonstrations. Camps open all weekend.

Program: Hike (In Depth): The Union 2nd Corps
Time: 1:30 p.m. (duration: 3 hours) Distance: 2 miles
Location: Meet at the Visitor Center
Description: This hike will explore the action in the West Woods and Sunken Road.

Program: Ranger Led Automobile Tour
Time: 1:30 p.m. (Duration 2 ½ hours)
Location: Meet at the Visitor Center
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. (Duration 1 hour)
Location: Dunker Church
Description: The band members will play period instruments and music popular during the Civil War.

Program: Orientation Talk
Time: 2:15 p.m. (Duration 30 minutes)
Location: Visitor Center
Description: Join the ranger for a thirty minute overview of the battle.

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: Firing Demonstrations
Time: 3:00 p.m. (1 hour)
Location: New York State Monument behind the visitor center
Description: Artillery (3:00) and infantry (3:30) firing demonstrations. Camps open all weekend.

Sunday, September 15, 2013

Program: Hike (In Depth): Lower Bridge
Time: 9:00 a.m. (Duration 3 hours) Distance: 3 miles
Location: Tour Stop #9, Burnside Bridge
Description: This hike will focus on the fighting at this critical Antietam crossing.

Program: Ranger Led Automobile Tour
Time: 9:30 a.m. (Duration 2 ½ hours)
Location: Meet at the Visitor Center
Description: Ranger provides overview at visitor center, take your own car and meet the Ranger at Cornfield, Sunken Road & Burnside Bridge.

Program: Orientation Talk
Time: 10:15 a.m. (Duration 30 minutes)
Location: Visitor Center
Description: Join the ranger for a thirty minute overview of the battle.

Program: **Hike (Overview-Cornfield and West Woods)**
Time: 10:30 a.m. (Duration 1 ½ hours) Distance: 1 mile
Location: Meet at the Visitor Center

Program: **Firing Demonstrations**
Time: 11:00 a.m. (1 hour)
Location: New York State Monument behind the visitor center
Description: Artillery (11:00) and infantry (11:30) firing demonstrations. Camps open all weekend.

Program: **Dunker Church Walk**
Time: 12:00 noon (Duration 45 minutes)
Location: Start at the Visitor Center
Description: A program on the history of the Dunker Church.

Program: **Hike (Overview-The Bloody Lane)**
Time: 12:30 p.m. (Duration 1 ½ hours) Distance: 1 mile
Location: Meet at the Visitor Center

Program: **Firing Demonstrations**
Time: 1:00 p.m. (1 hour)
Location: New York State Monument behind the visitor center
Description: Artillery (1:00) and infantry (1:30) firing demonstrations. Camps open all weekend.

Program: **Hike (In Depth): The Final Attack**
Time: 1:30 p.m. (duration: 3 hours) Distance: 2 miles
Location: Tour Stop #9, Burnside Bridge
Description: This hike will explore the closing hours of the battle.

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

Program: **Orientation Talk**
Time: 2:15 p.m. (Duration 30 minutes)
Location: Visitor Center
Description: Join the ranger for a thirty minute overview of the battle.

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: **Firing Demonstrations**
Time: 3:00 p.m. (½ hour)
Location: New York State Monument behind the visitor center
Description: Infantry firing demonstrations. Camps open all weekend.

Program: **Tour of the Antietam National Cemetery**
Time: 4:30 p.m. (Duration 1 hour)
Location: Antietam National Cemetery
Description: Ranger guided walking tour of the National Cemetery.

Tuesday, September 17, 2013

- Program: *Morning in the Cornfield* Talk
Time: 7:00 a.m. (Duration 45 minutes)
Location: Tour Stop 4, The Cornfield
Description: The opening of the battle 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: Meet at the Visitor Center
Description: This is the first half of the all day hike including Cornfield, West Woods and Sunken Road.
- Program: "They Poured Out their Blood Like Water"— The Fight for the West Woods
Time: 10:00 a.m. (Duration 1.5 hours)
Location: Meet at the Visitor Center
Description: Ranger led walk of the action in the West Woods at the same time events unfolded 151 years ago.
- Program: **Orientation Talk**
Time: 11:00 a.m. (Duration 30 minutes)
Location: Visitor Center
Description: Join the ranger for an overview of the battle.
- Program: **Ranger Led Automobile Tour**
Time: 1:00 p.m. (Duration 2 ½ hours)
Location: Visitor Center Observation Room
Description: Ranger provides overview at Visitor Center, take your car and follow the Ranger to the Cornfield, Sunken Road & Burnside Bridge.
- Program: *All Day Hike of the Battlefield, Part II*
Time: 1:30 p.m. (Duration 3.5 hours)
Location: Antietam National Cemetery Entrance
Description: This is the second half of the all day hike of the battlefield focusing on the Lower Bridge and final attack toward the town of Sharpsburg.
- Program: **Orientation Talk**
Time: 2:00 p.m. (Duration 30 minutes)
Location: Visitor Center
Description: Join the ranger for an overview of the battle.
- Program: **Orientation Talk**
Time: 4:00 p.m. (Duration 30 minutes)
Location: Visitor Center
Description: Join the ranger for an 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 or Facebook page, www.facebook.com/antietamnps.