

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: 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 and infantry 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: In front of the visitor center.
- Program:** Wildcat Regimental Band Concert
Time: 11:00 a.m. (Duration 45 minutes)
Location: Dunker Church
Description: This program will include a concert, and discussion on Brass Bands and the American 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: Visitor Center

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

Program: Hike (In Depth): The Union II Corps
Time: 1:30 p.m. (duration: 3 hours) Distance: 2 miles
Location: 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: 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 and infantry firing demonstrations. Camps open all weekend.

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.