

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.

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.

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.