

Battle of Antietam 146th Anniversary Hikes



Saturday, September 13, & Sunday, September 14, 2008

On both Saturday and Sunday there will be three overview hikes of the battlefield. These hikes are for the new visitor who is not familiar with the battle. These hikes, will provide an excellent overview of the battle of Antietam, each is about one mile in length and will last approximately one and a half hours.

- *The Morning Phase of the Battle*, starting at the park visitor center at 10:30 a.m. will look at the first few hours of the battle. The Cornfield and West Woods will highlight this hike over the bloodiest square mile in the history of the United States.
- *The Sunken Road*, will meet at the visitor center at 12:30 p.m. This hike will follow in the footsteps of the numerous attacks made by the Union army against the well defended Sunken Road.
- *The Burnside Bridge and Beyond*, begins at the parking lot overlooking the Burnside Bridge, Tour Stop 9. This hike will focus on the action around the famous three arch stone bridge as well as the final attacks of the day.

In addition to the overview hikes, there will be six subject specific walks, three on Saturday and three on Sunday. These programs will explore special areas of interest of the park staff. These walks are more in-depth in relation to the battle and each will last about two and a half hours. The distance for each hike is about 2.5 miles.

Saturday, September 13

Title: Artillery on the Morning of the Battle
Time: 8:00 a.m. until 10:30 a.m.
Location: Start and end at the visitor center

Title: Irish Brigade and the Sunken Road
Time: 11:00 a.m. until 1:30 p.m.
Location: Start and end at the War Dept.
Tower

Title: The Middle Bridge
Time: 2:00 p.m. until 4:30 p.m.
Location: Start and end at the National
Cemetery parking lot

Sunday, September 14

Title: The I Corps and the XII Corps
Time: 8:00 a.m. until 10:30 a.m.
Location: Start and end at Stop 2, North
Woods

Title: Photography at Antietam
Time: 11:00 a.m. until 1:30 p.m.
Location: Start and end at the visitor center

Title: Final Attacks
Time: 2:00 p.m. until 4:30 p.m.
Location: Start and end at Stop 9 parking lot

Wednesday, September 17

A special hike, *Morning in the Cornfield*, will meet at tour stop 4, The Cornfield. This program starts at 7:00 a.m. and will last an hour. An all day hike of the battlefield will take place Wednesday, September 17th. The hike will be in two parts with the first one starting at 9:00 a.m. near the park visitor center. The afternoon hike will begin at the National Cemetery Parking Lot, on the north side of MD. RT. 34 across from the National Cemetery. The starting time for this program is 1:30 p.m. and the hike will end back at the lot at approximately 5:00 p.m.