

Antietam Battlefield Hiking Trails

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Take the opportunity to better experience the rural landscape of one of America's best preserved battlefields by walking one of Antietam's trails. The trails are gently rolling, but the surface can be slightly uneven, so good walking shoes are recommended. For a safe and enjoyable hike, please stay on the trails. Safety concerns include poison ivy, stinging nettle plants, stinging insects and be sure to watch for groundhog holes. The park is open during daylight hours. Additional information is available for some trails.

Trails that start at the Visitor Center

Antietam Remembered

1/4 mile paved walkway

This trail loops to significant landmarks and monuments near the visitor center, including the historic Dunker Church and the Maryland State Monument.

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Bloody Lane Trail

1.6 miles

This trail winds through the historic Mumma and Roulette Farms, following in the footsteps of Union soldiers as they advanced toward the Sunken Road where you can explore the Confederate position in what has been known since the battle as Bloody Lane.

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West Woods Trail

1.5 miles

Throughout the morning of the battle, the Union army launched numerous attacks in and around this woodlot attempting to drive the Confederates from the field. Sedgewick's Union division lost over 2,000 killed and wounded during one of these attacks in the West Woods.

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Trails that start at Auto Tour Stop 9 - Burnside Bridge

Final Attack Trail

1.7 miles

After capturing the Bridge, over 8,000 Union soldiers crossed Antietam Creek. They marched across the fields where the trail is located for the final advance to drive the Confederate Army from Maryland, only to be turned back by A.P. Hill's final Confederate counterattack.

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Snavelly Ford Trail

1.8 miles

The Snavelly Ford Trail follows Antietam Creek for much of its length. The hike is mostly flat and shady except for one uphill climb at the end of the trail.

Union Advance Trail

1 mile

This trail crosses Burnside Bridge and makes a loop on the east side of Antietam Creek. The hike explores the area where the Confederates defended the Burnside Bridge, and then crosses over the creek to where the Union Ninth Corps made their advances to capture the bridge.

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Trails that start at other locations		One Page Handout at the Visitor Center	Full color brochure in our bookstore	Podcast available on our web site
Cornfield Trail 1.5 miles	This trail starts and ends at Auto Tour Stop 2 -The North Woods. The trail covers most of the area where the early morning action of battle took place. There were more casualties in and around the Cornfield than anywhere else on the battlefield.	X	X	X
Sherrick Farm Trail 1.3 miles	This trail starts at the intersection of the park tour road and State Rt. 34. It meanders through farm fields and woodlots typical of Antietam. The trail ends at the famous Burnside Bridge. The hike is hilly and please use extra caution crossing modern Burnside Bridge Road.			
Three Farms Trail 1.6 miles	This trail connects the north end trails to the south end trails (see map for reference). It also takes you to some of the quietest and most beautiful areas of the park. The trail connects to the Bloody Lane Trail in the north and the Sherrick Farm Trail in the south. For groups or others with more than one vehicle, a great option is to have one car at the visitor center and a second at the Burnside Bridge and walk from one end of the battlefield to the other.			

