

The Battle of Antietam

155th Anniversary Programs



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Saturday, September 16th

In-Depth Hikes

♦I Corps & XII Corps	Longer, more detailed programs. Each hike is about 2 miles in length. Be sure to wear good walking shoes and dress for the weather.	Visitor Center	9:00	90 minutes
♦2nd Corp Assault		Visitor Center	11:00	90 minutes
♦IX Corps- Lower End of the Battlefield		Auto Stop #9 Burnside Bridge	1:30	90 minutes
♦Evening Before the Battle		Visitor Center	4:00	90 minutes

Ranger-Guided Driving Tour

Car caravan tour of the battlefield. Follow the ranger in your vehicle to three stops.	Visitor Center	10:00 2:00	2 1/2 hours
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Overview Hikes

♦The Cornfield	Three, one-mile hikes over key areas of the battlefield that enable first time visitors to learn the story and experience the terrain at Antietam.	Visitor Center	10:30	90 minutes
♦Sunken Road		Visitor Center	12:30	90 minutes
♦Burnside Bridge		Tour Stop 9	2:30	90 minutes

Weapon Firing Demonstrations

Living history program demonstrating artillery and infantry.	Visitor Center	11:00 1:00 3:00	60 minutes
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Family Hikes

A one mile hike that will explore the impact of the battle on the local community.	Visitor Center	10:30 2:30	90 minutes
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Civil War Music Program

Music played a large role to both armies during the war. Listen to a few of the popular songs of the time and the stories behind them.	Dunker Church	9:30 2:00	60 minutes
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National Cemetery Walk

Guided walk of the Antietam National Cemetery will include a short history and then walk around to learn about some of the veterans buried there.	Antietam National Cemetery	12:00 6:00	60 minutes
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Orientation Talks

Overview of the Maryland Campaign.	Visitor Center	11:00 3:30	30 minutes
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Youth Tent

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Sunday, September 17th

Sunrise in the Cornfield	Experience sunrise on the morning of the 155th anniversary of the battle.	Tour Stop 4	6:45	45 minutes
All Day Hike	Join us for a 2 mile hike of the northern section of the battlefield in the morning. Followed by 3 mile hike on the south end of the park.	Visitor Center	9:00	3 hours
		Cemetery	2:00	3 hours
West Woods Hike	Ranger guided walk through the West Woods.	Visitor Center	9:30	90 minutes
Ranger-Guided Driving Tours	Car caravan tour of the battlefield. Follow the ranger in your vehicle to three stops.	Visitor Center	10:00 2:00	2 1/2 hours
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150th Anniversary of Antietam National Cemetery Commemoration	The keynote address will be delivered by Dr. Gary Gallagher. Following the conclusion of the program, the names of all those buried in the cemetery will be read with the help of volunteers.	Antietam National Cemetery	12:00 1:30 for reading of names.	90 minutes Approx 3 hours
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