

Battle of Antietam 148th Anniversary Programs



Antietam National Battlefield will present a series of programs to commemorate the 148th 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 18, 2010

- Program:** Hike (In Depth): Nicodemus Heights and Hausers Ridge
Time: 8:00 a.m. (Duration 2 ½ 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 Confederate artillery on the north end of the field and will include a visit to Nicodemus Heights.
- Program:** Ranger Led Automobile Tour
Time: 10:00 a.m. (Duration 2 ½ hours)
Location: Visitor Center Observation Room
Description: Ranger provides overview at visitor center, take your own car and meet the Ranger at Cornfield, Sunken Road & Burnside Bridge.
- 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:** Hike (In Depth): Preservation, Restoration and Commemoration of Antietam Battlefield
Time: 11:00 a.m. (Duration 2 ½ hours) Distance: 2 miles
Location: This program will begin in the visitor center theater.
Description: There will be a short presentaion in the theater, before heading out onto the battlefield.
- 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:** Hike (Overview-The Bloody Lane)
Time: 12:30 p.m. (Duration 1 ½ hours) Distance: 1 mile
Location: Visitor Center Patio
- Program:** Orientation Talk
Time: 12:30 p.m. (Duration 30 minutes)
Location: Visitor Center
Description: Join the ranger for a thirty minute overview of the battle.

- Program:** Ranger Led Automobile Tour
Time: 1:30 p.m. (Duration 2 ½ hours)
Location: Visitor Center Observation Room
Description: Ranger provides overview at Visitor Center, take your own car and meet the Ranger at Cornfield, Sunken Road & Burnside Bridge.
- Program:** **Hike (In Depth): “Thick as Pharaoh’s Locusts”: Final Attack of the IX Corps**
Time: 2:00 p.m. (duration: 2 ½ hours) Distance: 2 miles
Location: Hike starts at the visitor center
Description: This hike will explore the action that took place on the south end of the battlefield.
- Program:** **Wildcat Regiment Brass Band Grand Concert**
Time: 2:00 p.m.
Location: Mumma Farm Barn (A shuttle bus will be available from the visitor center parking lot.)
Description: The band members will play period instruments and music popular during the Civil War.
- 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:** **Union Identification Badges and the Stories that Go with Them-Speaker Joseph Stahl**
Time: 2:30 p.m. (Duration 30 minutes)
Location: Visitor Center Theater
Description: During the Civil War the U.S. government did not issue “dog tags”. However, individuals could purchase them from sutlers. An expert on this subject will discuss these badges and the soldiers who wore them at Antietam.
- Program:** **Orientation Talk**
Time: 3:00 p.m. (Duration 30 minutes)
Location: Visitor Center
Description: Join the ranger for a thirty minute overview of the battle.
- Program:** **Orientation Talk**
Time: 4:30 p.m. (Duration 30 minutes)
Location: Visitor Center
Description: Join the ranger for a thirty minute overview of the battle.
- Program:** **The Antietam National Cemetery Walk**
Location: Meet local author and historian, Rev. John Schildt at the National Cemetery on MD. RT 34
Time: 6:00 p.m.
Description: This program will explore the history 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