

# Battle of Antietam 146th Anniversary Programs



Antietam National Battlefield will present a series of programs to commemorate the 146th 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 14, 2008

- Program:** **Hike (In Depth):** The I and XII Corps at Antietam  
**Time:** 8:00 a.m. (Duration 2 ½ hours) Distance: 2 miles  
**Location:** Tour Stop #2, The North Woods (This hike will start and end at Tour Stop #2)  
**Description:** Follows the role the I and XII Corps played on the morning of the battle.
- Program:** **Battlefield in a Box**  
**Time:** 9:00 a.m. (Duration 30 minutes)  
**Location:** Visitor Center  
**Description:** Join the ranger for an overview of the battle.
- Program:** **Ranger Led Automobile Tour**  
**Time:** 10:00 p.m. (Duration 2 ½ hours)  
**Location:** Visitor Center Observation Room  
**Description:** A ranger guided tour that will stop at the Cornfield, Sunken Road, and Burnside Bridge.
- Program:** **Hike (Overview-Morning Phase)**  
**Time:** 10:30 a.m. (Duration 1 ½ hours) Distance: 1 mile  
**Location:** In front of the visitor center.
- Program:** **Hike (In Depth):** Photography at Antietam  
**Time:** 11:00 a.m. (Duration 2 ½ hours) Distance: 2 miles  
**Location:** New York State Monument near the visitor center  
**Description:** This hike will explore the locations of historic Antietam photographs.
- Program:** **Artillery and Infantry Firing Demonstrations**  
**Time:** 11:00 p.m. (Duration 1 hour)  
**Location:** Visitor Center  
**Description:** Learn how artillery and infantry influenced the Battle of Antietam.
- Program:** **Hike (Overview-The Bloody Lane)**  
**Time:** 12:30 p.m. (Duration 1 ½ hours) Distance: 1 mile  
**Location:** In front of the visitor center
- Program:** **Orientation Talk**  
**Time:** 12:30 p.m. (Duration 30 minutes)  
**Location:** Visitor Center  
**Description:** Join the ranger for an overview of the battle.

Program: **Ranger Led Automobile Tour**  
Time: 1:30 p.m. (Duration 2 ½ hours)  
Location: Visitor Center Observation Room  
Description: A ranger guided tour that will stop at the Cornfield, Sunken Road, and Burnside Bridge.

Program: **Hike (In Depth): The Final Attack**  
Time: 2:00 p.m. (duration: 2 ½ hours) Distance: 2 miles  
Location: Hike starts at Tour Stop #9, The Burnside Bridge Parking Lot  
Description: This hike will explore the final Union and Confederate attacks that ended the day.

Program: **Artillery and Infantry Firing Demonstrations**  
Time: 2:00 p.m. (Duration 1 hour)  
Location: Visitor Center  
Description: Learn how artillery and infantry influenced the Battle of Antietam.

Program: **Presentation by Robert Eberly**  
Location: Visitor Center  
Time: 2:00 p.m.  
Description: Pennsylvania Reserves at Antietam

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: **The Aftermath of Battle**  
Time: 3:00 p.m. (Duration 45 minutes)  
Location: Visitor Center  
Description: A short discussion on the aftermath of the battle.

Program: **Orientation Talk**  
Time: 4:00 p.m. (Duration 30 minutes)  
Location: Visitor Center  
Description: Join the ranger for an overview of the battle.

Special note: There will be three special hikes on Wednesday, September 17th. A special hike, Morning in the Cornfield, will begin at Stop 4, at 7:00 a.m. This short walk will last approximately one hour. An all day hike will begin at 9:00 a.m. near the visitor center. The afternoon part of the all day 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 second part of the all day hike is 1:30 p.m. and the program will end back at the lot at approximately 5:00 p.m.

*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 at [www.nps.gov/anti](http://www.nps.gov/anti)*