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Appomattox Court House NHP News Release

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## Nature Day in the Park at Appomattox Court House NHP June 15, 2019

From 10-2 on Saturday, June 15, 2019, Appomattox Court House National Historical Park and the Appomattox 1865 Foundation will host "Nature Day in the Park," a day for visitors to explore the park's natural beauty alongside its compelling history. The event will be held in the historic village section of the park, and it is free and open to the public. Come to the park for a day of nature sketching, an art and soldier life station for kids, and a special author's presentation.

At 10:50am, Dr. Adam Dean of University of Lynchburg will present "The Creation of National Parks and The Civil War." Dr. Dean is the author of An Agrarian Republic: Farming, Antislavery Politics, and Nature Parks in the Civil War Era.

Join us for **nature journaling and sketching** with artistic supplies provided. Stop by the **Civil War toy and soldier life station** that will feature hands-on explorations of soldier life and historic toys and games from 10am to 2pm in the field beside the McLean House.

Appomattox Court House National Historical Park will be open from 9am to 5pm, and the park will offer regularly scheduled Living History presentations and Ranger Talks throughout the day. The Appomattox 1865 Foundation will provide beverages and offer information regarding membership at the event.

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About Appomattox Court House National Historical Park: On April 9, 1865, the surrender of the Army of Northern Virginia in the McLean House in the village of Appomattox Court House, Virginia signaled the end of the nation's largest war. The stories of Appomattox Court House go far beyond the final significant battles of this nation's Civil War. Learn more at www.nps.gov/apco.

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About The Appomattox 1865 Foundation: The mission of the Appomattox 1865 Foundation is to enrich the understanding and appreciation of the heritage and significance of Appomattox Court House National Historical Park. The Foundation focuses on efforts to preserve the past, augment financial support, commemorate history and enhance each and every visitor's experience.

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