

# EDISON DAY

National Park Service  
U.S. Department of the Interior

Thomas Edison National Historical Park  
West Orange, New Jersey



## June 4, 2011 10:00am – 4:00pm Laboratory Complex



### Around and About the Laboratory

#### La Premier 12:45pm, 2:15pm

A short 20 minute film that looks at the competition between Thomas Edison and the Lumiere brothers.  
**Building 11**

#### The Marginalia of Thomas Edison 10:30am

We take for granted that we can take notes on our laptop, or on our mobile phone, but what did Edison do? Stop by and check out Edison's notes. **Library Building 5 1<sup>st</sup> floor**  
Check out copies of his notes in stairwell of Building 6

#### Birth of the Movies 11:00am, 2:45pm

Join a ranger for a short discussion of the beginning of America's foremost commercial art form: motion pictures. **Building 5 2<sup>nd</sup> floor**

#### From Edison's Glasses to Mina's Scarf 11:00am, 2:15PM

Meet a Curator and find out about some of the hidden treasures of the collection  
**Building 5 3<sup>rd</sup> floor**



### Lights and Sirens

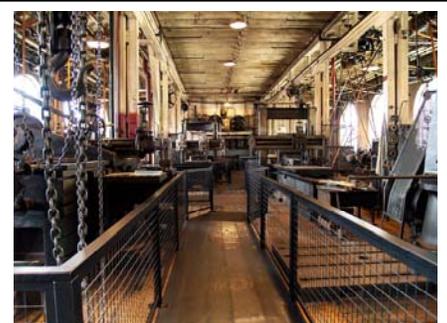
It's not all bells and whistles. Find out what it's like to be a Park Ranger.

11:00am Courtyard

### Heavy Machine Shop – Building 5 1<sup>st</sup> Floor

Stop by the shop and watch some of the belts as they whirl from motor to line shaft to machine. At scheduled times, both line shafts will be running at the same time and a machine will be engaged.

Special Demonstrations at 11:30am, 12:30pm, 1:30pm, 2:30pm, 3:30pm



### Movie Making in the Black Maria 11:00am, 12:30pm, 2:00pm

Do you want to be in pictures? Join us as we recreate a scene from one of Thomas Edison's movies. Be an actor, a stagehand or a costumer – there is a job for everyone!  
**Meet by Building 11**



### Wax Cylinder Recording Sessions

12:00pm, 1:30pm, 3:00pm

Be present as recording are made of live musicians on a wax cylinder record just as it would have been over 100 years ago. **Laboratory Complex Courtyard.**

Musicians performing:

12:00pm

*Paragon Ragtime Laboratory Band*

1:30pm

*Bob Ferrel Trombone Quartet*

3:00pm

*Mamie Minch –Blues Singer*

### The Dangers of Electric Lighting - Luna Stage

11:00am, 11:30am, 12:00pm, 1:00pm, 1:30pm, 2:00pm

Be one of the first to see an excerpt from this new play.

Located on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of Building 5

While you're visiting, make sure to explore the main laboratory - Building 5 - and take a tour of the chemistry laboratory.



### Twitter in the Archives

10:00am – 4:00pm

For one day only, visit Building 4 to see some of the documents that go along with our Tweet of the Day. Among the selections will be laboratory notebooks and drawings, letters from the famous, advertisements of Edison products, and photographs taken by the team of company photographers. **Building 4**

# GLENMONT

## Glorious Glenmont

**10:00am - 11:30am and 12:30pm - 4:00pm**

Take some time and walk through Glenmont. Can you spot the newly restored art work? Check with a ranger and see if you are right. **Ticket required**

## Outdoors with the Edisons

**12:15pm and 2:00pm**

Tour the grounds of Glenmont. Visit the graves of Thomas and Mina Edison. Learn about the Barn and Garage. See why the Edisons loved their estate, Glenmont. **Meet at the Greenhouse**

## From Famous to Forgotten – 125 Years of Guests at Glenmont

**10:00am – 4:00pm**

Who were the visitors to Glenmont? How did they like their visit? Join us for this new exhibit and meet some of the Edison's friends. **Glenmont Conservatory**

## The Power Behind the Heat

**12:00pm, 12:30pm**

How do we heat and cool Edison's mansion? With Geothermal energy! Join us by the basement door for an interesting look behind the scenes. **Ticket required**

## Edison and his Cars

**10:00am – 4:00pm**

Did Edison drive himself to work? Did Mina have a favorite car to drive? What did Theodore Edison do to the turntable in the garage? Join us and find out the answers to these and other questions.

**Special presentations at 11:00am, 1:00pm, 2:45pm**

**Glenmont Garage**

## Kids Corner 10:00am – 4:00pm

Do you know what Thomas Edison's favorite game was? Parcheesi. Stop by the tent and learn to play. See what other games and challenges are under the tent. Have a seat in a replica "mini" Model T. **Tent by Glenmont Garage**



Where required, tickets are free and available at the Greenhouse.

Make sure to get a car pass at the Laboratory before going to Glenmont.

## You've Got to Have Friends

**11:30am**

Who were some of Thomas Edison's closest friends? How did they influence him? Discover the truth behind Thomas Edison's relationship with Henry Ford and Harvey Firestone.

**Meet at the Glenmont Garage**

## Lights and Sirens

**3:15pm**

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**Meet at the Glenmont Garage**

## Greenhouse

**12:30pm – 4:00pm**

Have a few minutes before your tour or waiting for the next activity? Stop by the Greenhouse and see some of the plants that Mina loved to grow for her gardens and home. Chat with one of the caretakers of the greenhouse.



## Concert on the Lawn of Glenmont

**6:00pm**

**FREE ADMISSION**

Join us for Paragon Ragtime Orchestra- a summer concert on the lawn at Glenmont. Concert goers are invited to bring lawn chairs and blankets to enjoy the music.

The Paragon Ragtime Orchestra is the world's only year-round, professional ensemble re-creating "America's Original Music" - the syncopated sounds of early musical theater, silent cinema, and vintage dance.

After 5:00pm, visitors attending the concert may drive directly to Glenmont and do not require a car pass from the Laboratory.

*The event will be moved to St. Cloud/Presbyterian Center in case of inclement weather.*