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Gettysburg and Eisenhower National Parks = visitors, money and jobs

A new National Park Service report shows that more than 1,092,000 visitors in 2010 spent \$67.4 million while visiting Gettysburg National Military Park and Eisenhower National Historic Site and in communities near the two parks. That spending supported more than 1122 jobs in the area.

"Businesses owners and members of the community throughout Gettysburg and Adams County have been our partners in tourism for more than a century," said Bob Kirby, Superintendent of Gettysburg National Military Park and Eisenhower National Historic Site. "The National Park Service plays a vital role in the economic vitality of Adams County and South Central Pennsylvania. National parks help drive local economies and they create a sustainable, quality of life that other communities envy."

The figures are based on \$12 billion of direct spending by 281 million visitors in 394 national parks and nearby communities and are included in an annual, peer-reviewed, visitor spending analysis conducted by Dr. Daniel Stynes of Michigan State University for the National Park Service.

To download the report visit <http://www.nature.nps.gov/socialscience/products.cfm#MGM> and click on Economic Benefits to Local Communities from National Park Visitation and Payroll, 2010.



Living History Fair – Gettysburg National Military Park and Eisenhower National Historic Site hosted "The Presidents at Gettysburg," a home school day in the park on February 16, 2012. During the event 88 home schoolers enjoyed special programs and presentations including a living history fair and a human time line with six people from the past: the Civil War, World War I, World War II, townspeople from Gettysburg in 1863, and a 1950s Secret Service Agent. To learn more about education programs in the park go to: <http://www.nps.gov/gett/forteachers/index.htm>



Operational Updates



The installation of the “smart parking” system at the Gettysburg National Military Park Museum and Visitor Center, *above*; and Monument Preservationist Brian Griffin sculpting a new arm for the 11th Massachusetts, *above right*.



A New Arm for the 11th Massachusetts: The park’s monument preservation branch has been working on restoration of the 11th Massachusetts Infantry monument, which was damaged by vandals in February 2006. Park staff made a mold from a portion of the original broken arm of the sculpture. After using this mold to make a plaster casting of the stump of the arm, Monument Preservationist Brian Griffin then sculpted the rest of the arm, and hand using clay. A large selection of photos (many provided by the public), as well as broken pieces of the original hand and sword helped guide the scale of the sculpture. The clay and plaster model has been completed and the entire piece will now be used to make another plaster casting of the complete arm. This model will be sent to the stone carver who will sculpt it in granite.

The park hopes to contract for the stone carving in May and complete the entire project by the fall of 2012.

Boundary Legislation: In January, Senator Toomey held a press conference in Gettysburg to announce his support for legislation to expand the boundaries of Gettysburg National Military Park.



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Gettysburg National Military Park, established in 1895, is the site of the great Civil War battle that repulsed the second Confederate invasion of the North. The mission of the National Park Service at Gettysburg is to preserve and protect the resources associated with the battle of Gettysburg and the Soldiers’ National Cemetery and provide an understanding of the events that occurred there within the context of American history.

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“Smart Parking” is on the Way: Smart parking is now being installed and will be field tested this summer at the Gettysburg National Military Park Museum and Visitor Center. The system will reduce traffic congestion, reduce CO₂ emissions and improve the visitor experience on the busiest days of the summer when parking lots at the Museum and Visitor Center fill up. The project is supported by Pennsylvania Department of Transportation (PennDOT), the York Adams Transportation Authority, the Gettysburg Foundation and other community partners.

The computerized system will be activated when parking lots at the Museum and Visitor Center fill up – including overflow lots along Taneytown Road near the National Cemetery. Once the smart parking system is activated, new electronic message signs that will be installed along Route 15 will direct visitors to park at The Outlet Shoppes at Gettysburg, located at Routes 15 and 97 (Baltimore Pike).

Freedom Transit shuttle busses will provide transportation from the Outlet Mall to the museum and to additional sites in the town of Gettysburg, for free.

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Senator Casey introduced the legislation (S.1897) in the Senate in November, and Congressman Platts introduced it in the House in April 2011 (HR1335). The legislation would add the historic Lincoln Train Station and 45 acres at the base of Big Round Top to the boundary of Gettysburg National Military Park.

Cyclorama Building Environmental Assessment - Vanasse Hangen Brustlin, Inc., contractors for the National Park Service, are in the final stages of preparing the environmental assessment which will include detailed environmental analysis for four possible alternatives: keeping the building on its current site and “mothballing” it; reusing the building by others on its current site; relocating the building by others to a new site; and demolishing the building to bring back features from the battle era, as well as commemorative features.

The environmental assessment will be available for public review and comment in the spring of 2012.

The National Park Service’s preferred alternative is Complete Demolition of the Cyclorama Building allowing for full rehabilitation of Zeigler’s Grove and the surrounding Cemetery Hill landscape. The public comment period for initial scoping for this planning process ended October 1, 2010. In addition to accepting comments directly, Gettysburg National Military Park hosted two open house meetings where interested members of the public could submit comments to park staff.



The public workshop to discuss the Cyclorama building in September 2010.

What’s in Store for the Spangler Farm in 2013?



The George Spangler farmstead earlier this year, *above*, with nonhistoric buildings. The lower photo shows the farm as it appears today, with modern, nonhistoric structures removed. Photos courtesy of the Gettysburg Foundation.

The Gettysburg Foundation plans to rehabilitate the summer kitchen at the George Spangler Farm this year, and complete architectural and engineering work for all battle era structures at the site: the house, barn, and smoke house. Foundation staff is working with Gettysburg National Military Park staff to develop interpretive programs at the site that would be offered to the public on a limited basis beginning in 2013.

In January 2012, the Foundation removed all non-historic structures on the property. Brush and downed trees have also been removed. The completed historic structures report has identified the preservation treatment for each of the remaining structures. The Foundation is now selecting an architectural and engi-

neering firm that will provide schematic design, design development, and construction documents for rehabilitation efforts on the structures.

The 80-acre George Spangler farmstead is a premier example of a Gettysburg field hospital. More than one thousand men were treated there including Confederate General Lewis A. Armistead and George Nixon, great-grandfather to President Richard Nixon. Built in the early 1800s, the farm consists of a main house, a summer kitchen, and a bank barn, and smoke house. The Gettysburg Foundation purchased the property in 2008 to protect it from development.



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Deb Adamik, President of Main Street Gettysburg, *left*, with Superintendent Bob Kirby.

Superintendent Bob Kirby presented this framed photo of the David Wills House to Main Street Gettysburg in appreciation for their operations of the David Wills House in from 2009 through 2011.

The David Wills House, a National Park Service museum in downtown Gettysburg, opened on Feb. 12, 2009 — the anniversary of Abraham Lincoln's 200th birthday. The Wills House offers visitors a world-class museum experience that tells the story of David Wills, Lincoln and the Gettysburg Address.

The home of Gettysburg attorney David Wills was not just in the center of the battle. It was one of the sites of the immense clean-up process after the Battle of Gettysburg and was the place where Abraham Lincoln put the finishing touches on the Gettysburg Address. Admission tickets for the Wills House can be purchased at the ticket counter in the lobby of the Gettysburg National Military Park Museum and Visitor Center or at the Wills House, 8 Lincoln Square, Gettysburg.

The museum features six galleries, including two rooms that have been restored to their 1863 appearance: Wills' office, where he received letters from families seeking loved ones after the battle and began planning for the national cemetery; and the bedroom where Lincoln stayed and prepared to deliver the Gettysburg Address.

The David Wills House is open in April every day except Tuesdays, from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m. From May through August the Wills House is open daily from 9 a.m. until 6 p.m.

FREE transportation to the David Wills House is now available on Freedom Transit.