



James A. Garfield National Historic Site News Release

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The James A. Garfield National Historic Site Honors Veterans

Mentor, Ohio - To salute all who have served, the James A. Garfield National Historic (JAGNHS) site will waive its usual \$5 entrance fee for all veterans and active duty military, along with their families, on Veterans Day, Tuesday, November 11. The JAGNHS will be open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Veterans Day. Visitors will enjoy a guided tour of the carefully restored home of the nation's 20th President, as well as a variety of exhibits and a video biography of James A. Garfield. Please join us - for free - as we celebrate and honor everyone who has served in our country's defense.

This is the third year that the National Park Service has recognized veterans with free admission to all parks on Veterans Day. The James A. Garfield National Historic Site is proud to be a part of this national salute to all who have served.

For more information about the JAGNHS , please contact Allison Powell at (440) 255-8722.

About the James A. Garfield National Historic Site and the National Park Service

James A. Garfield National Historic Site, a unit of the National Park Service (NPS), is located at 8095 Mentor Avenue (U.S. 20) in Mentor, Ohio, approximately 25 miles east of Cleveland. The 8-acre site consists of the main house and memorial library of James A. Garfield, the twentieth president of the United States, the 1880 presidential campaign office, the 1893 carriage house, the windmill, and several outbuildings associated with the Garfield farm. Most of the furnishings and personal effects in the main house are original Garfield family pieces, on loan to the NPS by the Western Reserve Historical Society. In the late 1990s the house was completely restored by the National Park Service, making it one of the most impressive presidential homes preserved for the public. House tours run regularly, please call ahead for a schedule. Tours and the Visitor Center are largely wheelchair accessible. Special community events

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and special education programs for the public are scheduled throughout the year. The Garfield site is open from 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Monday – Friday, Saturday and Sunday from noon – 5 p.m. during May through October. November through April the site is open weekends only, noon through 5:00 p.m. For information call (440) 255-8722, write 8095 Mentor Avenue, Mentor, OH 44060, or www.nps.gov/jaga on the Internet.

The National Park Service, an Interior Department agency, is composed of more than 20,000 rangers, archaeologists, historians, biologists, architects, laborers, gardeners, and other professionals who care for the special places saved by the American people so that all may experience our heritage.

There are 385 national parks covering more than 84 million acres in every state (except Delaware), the District of Columbia, American Samoa, Guam, Puerto Rico, and the Virgin Islands. For more information, please visit www.nps.gov.

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