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Commemoration of the 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary  
of the First Battle of Manassas

Full Schedule of Summer Events



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## Mission

The National Park Service preserves unimpaired the natural and cultural resources and values of the national park system for the enjoyment, education, and inspiration of this and future generations. The Park Service cooperates with partners to extend the benefits of natural and cultural resource conservation and outdoor recreation throughout this country and the world.

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# RANGER PROGRAMS

Location	Time	Duration	Frequency
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## First Manassas Programs

**Henry Hill Walking Tour:** Enjoy a walking tour with a park historian to visit key sites of the First Battle of Manassas.

Henry Hill Visitor Center	11 a.m.	45 minutes	Daily
	1 p.m.		
	2 p.m.		
	3 p.m.		
4 p.m.			

**Matthews Hill Walking Tour:** This walking tour will focus on the opening phase of the First Battle of Manassas.

Tour Stop #4 Matthews Hill	10 a.m.	45 minutes	Daily
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## Second Manassas Programs

**Brawner Farm Walking Tour:** This walking tour covers the first day's action of Second Manassas.

Brawner Farm Interpretive Center	11 a.m.	45 minutes	Daily
	1 p.m.		
	3 p.m.		

**Deep Cut Walking Tour:** A park historian leads a one hour walking tour to the focal point of the largest Union attack on the Confederate line during the Battle of Second Manassas.

Tour Stop #7 Deep Cut	1 p.m.	60 minutes	Daily
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**Chinn Ridge Walking Tour:** A one hour walking tour discussing the Confederate counterattack of August 30, 1862 during the Battle of Second Manassas.

Tour Stop #10 Chinn Ridge	3 p.m.	60 minutes	Daily
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**Unfinished Railroad Walking Tour:** A one hour walking tour discussing Gen. Grover's Union bayonet charge of August 29, 1862.

Tour Stop #6 Unfinished Railroad	12 p.m.	60 minutes	Weekends
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## Living History

Artillery Demonstrations:  
Southern Grays

Henry Hill	Artillery firings 11 a.m. & 1 p.m.		Sat. & Sun., June 4 & 5
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Musketry Demonstrations:  
14th Tennessee

Henry Hill	Musketry Demonstrations 1:30 p.m. & 2:30 p.m.		Sunday, June 5
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Artillery Demonstration:  
Union and Confederate impressions.

Henry Hill	Artillery firing 1 p.m.		Sunday, June 19
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Infantry Demonstrations and Soldier Life:  
10th Virginia "Southern Grays" 1861 Confederate impressions.

Henry Hill	11 a.m. - 2 p.m. Musketry Firing 11:30 a.m. & 1:30 p.m.	3 hours	Sat. & Sun., June 25 & 26
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# RANGER PROGRAMS

## Living History

### 150th Anniversary of First Manassas

Musketry demonstrations by Union and Confederate troops, soldier life encampment, U.S. Marine battalion and Confederate military impressions.

### 150th Anniversary of First Manassas

Sesquicentennial military demonstrations of musket and artillery firing; cavalry and dragoon impressions; soldier life encampment; living history impressions of Union and Confederate soldiers. Section firings by 4 guns – 10-pounder Parrott guns: “Manassas’s Own” artillery (representing Union Battery D, 5th U.S.), Southern Grays artillery; 6-pounder gun, Fort Washington garrison; 12-pounder Napoleon gun, Antietam artillery. Infantry troops portraying Union and Confederate soldiers.

### 150th Anniversary of First Manassas

The annual commemoration of the first battle with living history participants offering demonstrations of soldier life, infantry tactics, and musket firing - 27th Virginia infantry, Confederate military forces infantry impressions, Southern Grays Confederate artillery impressions, 2nd Rhode Island Union infantry impressions, U.S. Marine battalion (Marine Corps historical company), U.S. cavalry and dragoons.

### 149th Anniversary of Second Manassas

The annual commemoration of the second battle with living history portrayals of soldiers in an encampment of Union and Confederate troops and demonstrations of musketry and artillery firing. Cavalry demonstrations of maneuver and carbine firing. 2nd U.S. Sharpshooters, Union company (representing “Black Hat” Brigade), 5th New York Infantry “Duryee’s Zouaves,” 21st Georgia infantry, 4th Virginia cavalry, “Manassas’s Own” artillery (representing Confederate battery), Confederate military forces (1862 Confederate impressions).

Location	Time	Duration	Frequency
Henry Hill	2 p.m. - 4 p.m.	2 hours	Thurs. & Fri., July 21 & 22
Henry Hill	10 a.m. - 4 p.m.	6 hours	Saturday July 23
Henry Hill	10 a.m. - 2 p.m.	4 hours	Sunday, July 24
Brawner Farm	10 a.m. - 4 p.m.	6 hours	Sat. & Sun., Aug. 27 & 28

# VISITOR SERVICES

## Henry Hill Visitor Center

Open daily from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The park offers a wide array of activities, scenic vistas, historic sites and walking trails to interest the casual visitor or the true Civil War historian. A good place to begin your visit is the Henry Hill Visitor Center. Pick up a park brochure, map, trail guides and check out the daily schedule of interpretive programs.



### Park Orientation Film

“Manassas: End of Innocence”: This 45-minute film covers both the First and Second Battles of Manassas. The film shows daily, every hour on the hour, starting at 9 a.m. with the last show at 4 p.m. The program is close-captioned and hearing assisted devices are available upon request. Admission is free.



### Museum Exhibits

Artifacts and exhibits pertaining to the First Battle of Manassas are displayed in the Henry Hill Visitor Center museum. Exhibits include visual displays and a fiber-optic battle map presentation that describes troop movements during the battle. Audio portions are close-captioned.

## Brawner Farm Interpretive Center

Open daily from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

At the Brawner Farm Interpretive Center, you will find exhibits and audio-visual programs that provide an overview to the Second Battle of Manassas.



## Stone House

Open daily 10 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

This former tavern served as an aid station during both battles of Manassas. Today, it has been restored and furnished to represent its prewar appearance.



# PARK PASSES

The America the Beautiful - National Parks and Federal Recreation Lands Pass covers recreation opportunities on public lands managed by four Department of the Interior (DOI) agencies – the National Park Service, Fish and Wildlife Service, Bureau of Land Management, and the Bureau of Reclamation, and by the Department of Agriculture’s U.S. Forest Service.



## Annual Interagency Pass - \$80

The pass offers unlimited coverage of entrance and standard amenity recreation fees for a specific period of time, typically a year, beginning from the month of purchase.

## Senior Pass - \$10

U.S. citizens 62 or older can purchase a \$10 lifetime Senior Pass.

## Access Pass - FREE

Citizens with permanent disabilities can receive a free lifetime Access Pass.

## Volunteer Pass - FREE

The Volunteer Pass is for volunteers who accumulate 500 hours of service.



## Manassas National Battlefield Park Pass - \$20

Good for one year’s admission to the battlefield park only from date of issue. Covers admission for pass holder and 3 adults.

# CELL PHONE TOUR

The National Park Service is proud to present the Henry Hill Cell Phone Tour. It’s educational, fun, and easy to use! At nine stops along the one-mile loop trail, visitors can hear interpretive audio programs simply by calling in on their personal cell phones and selecting the story that matches their stop. These short programs further augment the visitor experience by helping them form a deeper understanding of the events that happened where they are standing. Simply call **703-253-9002** to get started!

# VOLUNTEER

Last year over 800 people donated more than 17,500 hours to the park. We have a diverse array of volunteer opportunities available to both individuals and groups.

## Visitor Services

Volunteers work at the Henry Hill Visitor Center information desk or Brawner Farm Interpretive Center, greeting visitors and providing them with an orientation and overview of the park’s historical resources and programs.

Volunteers are also needed to staff the historic Stone House, a pre-war tavern used as an aid station during both Battles of Manassas.

## Trail Maintenance

Manassas National Battlefield Park contains more than 40 miles of trails, over half of which are open to horseback riding. The park works closely with two volunteer organizations to perform routine trail maintenance, combat erosion, and address sustainability issues. Hiking trails at the park are maintained with the assistance of the Potomac Appalachian Trail Club, and bridle trails are maintained with the assistance of the Battlefield Equestrian Society.

For additional information, please contact the park’s Volunteer Coordinator at 703-361-1339 x1211.

To view additional volunteer opportunities available nationwide, go to [www.volunteer.gov/gov](http://www.volunteer.gov/gov).



Volunteer Fred Brems at the Brawner Farm Interpretive Center.

# War Comes to Prince William County

By  
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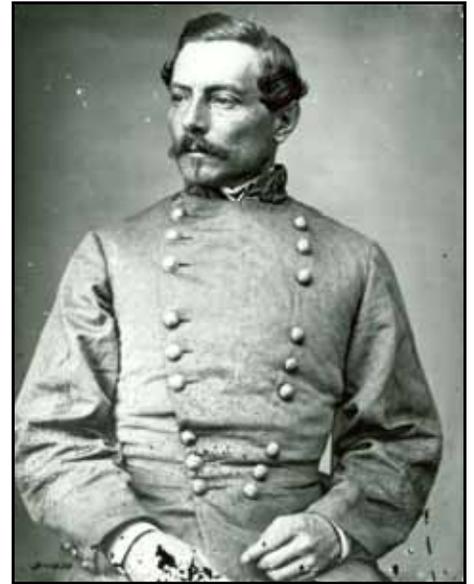


Irvin McDowell

Shortly after Virginia seceded from the Union, Federal troops under Brig. Gen. Irvin McDowell crossed the Potomac River and entered the Old Dominion. With conflict imminent, thousands of Confederate recruits arrived to defend Virginia's northern border. Brig. Gen. Pierre G.T. Beauregard took command of the Confederate troops at Manassas Junction on June 1, 1861. Both armies recognized the importance of the junction, the confluence of two major railroads, in order to transport troops and supplies. With war at their doorstep, Prince William County residents hoped one decisive victory would decide the conflict between North and South.

Beauregard established

his headquarters at the Liberia Plantation, owned by William Weir, and oversaw construction of twelve defensive redoubts around the railroad junction. The largest redoubt, known as Fort Beauregard, stood on the grounds of the plantation and was constructed in part by Weir's slaves. Free black men, impressed into Confederate service, assisted in building additional fortifications in the area. The Confederate commander warned residents that the Union war cry was "beauty and booty" and the president, Abraham Lincoln, was a "reckless and unprincipled tyrant" who would disregard "all rules of civilized warfare." Beauregard claimed that the Union army would destroy southern homes, "committing other acts of violence and outrage too shocking and revolting to humanity to be enumerated." This warning, combined with the presence of Union troops in Alexandria, created a sense of near hysteria in northern Virginia. As a result, many county inhabitants abandoned their properties in anticipation of combat and enemy occupation. Only days before the Battle of First Manassas, area residents such as the Chinn and Lewis families left their homes. Many of their neighbors chose to stay, however, including the Dogans, Robinsons, and McLeans. Each of these families became acquainted with warfare in a very intimate way



P.G.T. Beauregard

before the summer of 1861 ended.

In mid-July, Union troops advanced toward Manassas Junction. In response, Beauregard made a defensive stand along Bull Run. Discovering the formidable Confederate roadblock during a skirmish at Blackburn's Ford on July 18, McDowell decided to march around and behind the Confederate army. On the morning of July 21, McDowell sent a diversionary force to demonstrate against the Confederate left flank located at the Stone Bridge. The First Battle of Manassas began when Union Lt. Peter Hains fired a 30-pounder Parrott Rifle from the east side of Bull Run toward Confederate positions across the bridge. Hains ironically aimed at the home of a Unionist family, the Van Pelts, whose house served as the headquarters of Confederate

Col. Nathan G. Evans. Meanwhile, two Union divisions hiked several miles north and crossed Bull Run upstream of the Confederate army. By 8 a.m., Evans suspected that the Union troops had other plans in mind than pushing across Bull Run at the Stone Bridge. These sentiments were confirmed when he received a message by flag signal from Capt. E. Porter Alexander, located seven miles to the southeast, stating “Look out for your left, you are turned.” Evans left four companies at the bridge while taking the bulk of his brigade to Matthews Hill in hopes of delaying the Union advance south on Manassas-Sudley Road.

Union and Confederate troops collided on the Matthew farm shortly after 10 a.m. Evans’ troops slowed the Union thrust for the next ninety minutes. Two additional Confederate brigades, commanded by Brig. General Barnard E. Bee and Col. Francis S. Bartow, came to Evans’ aid during this time. Despite their gallant stand, superior Union numbers forced the Rebels to withdraw from Matthews Hill around noon. Confederate efforts gained precious time, however, for reinforcements to move from Bull Run to Henry Hill, located just south of Matthews Hill and the Warrenton Turnpike.

Many area residents experienced the battle first hand. Freedman James Robinson and his family found themselves in the midst of the Confederate retreat from Matthews Hill, several

hundred yards north of their house. As fighting escalated on their property, most of the family fled



Nathan G. Evans

to the nearby Van Pelt home. When Robinson attempted to join them, he found his path blocked by the nearby conflict and took cover under a bridge spanning Young’s Branch. Seven-year-old Laura Thornberry Fletcher observed the battle from her uncle’s home on Stony Ridge, north of Groveton. The events

she observed remained preserved in her mind as she witnessed an army wagon “piled as high as anyone would pile up wood, with the bodies of dead men that had been killed that day.” Fletcher later recalled, “I remember their faces yet.” Residents Lucinda Dogan and Andrew Redman observed the combat from the top of a nearby hill. After the fight on Matthews Hill, Dogan and Redman observed, “our boys ran back from Buck Hill over the Henry place, and the Yankees after them. More men kept coming from Manassas.” These men coming from Manassas included Confederate reinforcements under Brig. Gen. Thomas J. Jackson, who received the nickname, “Stonewall,” for his actions on Henry Hill that afternoon.

As troops accumulated on Henry Hill, the intensity of the

fighting increased. Lucinda Dogan recalled that, “we couldn’t hear any single musket, and the firing of the cannon was so fast that only once in a while could we pick out a single shot. The country down there was now so covered with dust and smoke that we couldn’t see the men, and though they were shouting we could not distinguish the shouting from the shooting.” The Henry family found themselves in the midst of the smoke and dust as Confederate sharpshooters fired from the house and yard toward Union artillerymen less than a hundred yards away. Union Capt. James B. Ricketts ordered his cannon to open fire on these riflemen in response, unaware that 85-year-old bedridden widow

*What we saw cannot be forgotten while memory lasts. Dead men and dead horses everywhere in all attitudes ranging from peaceful slumber to stark, agonized rigidity.*

Judith Carter Henry remained inside the house with her daughter and a female slave. The artillery fire mortally wounded Mrs. Henry, the only civilian fatality of the battle. Her daughter, Ellen, hid inside the fireplace and suffered permanent hearing loss due to the reverberations while Lucy, the female slave, suffered a wound in the ankle. According to one local resident, the house itself was “pretty much riddled” with shots.

After several hours of intense fighting on Henry Hill, the fortunes of war shifted in favor of the Confederates. Union soldiers retreated from the battlefield in disarray. The first major battle of the war proved not what soldiers

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# *Sesquicentennial* *of the*

# *First* *Battle* *of Manassas*

**July 21-24, 2011**

**T**he four-day observance of the 150th anniversary of the First Battle of Manassas begins with a commemorative ceremony at Henry Hill on Thursday, July 21 at 9:15 a.m. This program, sponsored by the National Park Service and the Virginia Sesquicentennial of the American Civil War Commission, will examine both the profound impact of the battle, as well as the broader Civil War, and the rich opportunities afforded by the anniversary. Invited speakers include Robert F. McDonnell, Governor of Virginia, along with local, state, and federal officials. The keynote address will be given by Edward L. Ayers, president of the University of Richmond and historian of the American South.

*Please note that schedule details are subject to change.*

For the latest information, please consult the park's website: [www.nps.gov/mana](http://www.nps.gov/mana)  
and the park's Facebook page: [www.facebook.com/manassasbattlefield](http://www.facebook.com/manassasbattlefield).

# Commemorative Program Schedule

**E**xhibition areas on the battlefield include a living history camp area on the grounds of the Henry House; a three-dimensional photographic exhibit displaying historic images of the battlefield, to be displayed inside the Henry House; a medical aid station demonstration area on the grounds of the Stone House; and a youth program tent offering exhibits, programs, and activities for younger visitors on the grounds of the Visitor Center. In addition, the Virginia Sesquicentennial of the American Civil War Commission will debut the Civil War 150 History Mobile near Henry Hill beginning Thursday, July 21 and continuing through Sunday, July 24. The History Mobile is an immersive exhibit that will present multiple viewpoints on the Civil War. The exhibit will travel throughout Virginia and the nation during the sesquicentennial of the Civil War.

## Thursday, July 21

- 9:15 a.m.** First Manassas Commemorative Ceremony, Henry Hill.
- 12:00 p.m.** Visitor Center and Exhibition Areas open to visitors, including historic Stone House, living history area, Henry House, and Youth Program Tent.
- 12:00 p.m.** Commemorative Stamp Dedication, Henry Hill.
- 1:00 p.m.** Living History: Musketry Firing Demonstration, grounds of Henry House, Henry Hill.
- 2:00 p.m.** Guided Tour: Changing Fortunes on Henry Hill, departs from Visitor Center.
- 3:00 p.m.** Living History: Musketry Firing Demonstration, grounds of Henry House, Henry Hill.
- 4:00 p.m.** Guided Tour: War and Remembrance – The Henry Farm – From Battlefield to Memorial, departs from Visitor Center.

## Friday, July 22

- 10:00 a.m.** Guided Tour: Standing Watch at Stone Bridge, Stone Bridge (Tour Stop 12).
- 11:00 a.m.** Living History: Musketry Firing Demonstration, grounds of Henry House, Henry Hill.
- 1:00 p.m.** Living History: Musketry Firing Demonstration, grounds of Henry House, Henry Hill.
- 2:00 p.m.** Guided Tour: Fading Hopes on Chinn Ridge, departs from Visitor Center.
- 3:00 p.m.** Living History: Musketry Firing Demonstration, grounds of Henry House, Henry Hill.
- 6:00 p.m.** Evening Program: Behind the Lines – War Passes Sudley Springs, departs from Sudley United Methodist Church (adjacent to Tour Stop 5).

## Saturday, July 23

- 10:00 a.m.** Guided Tour: Opening Clash at Matthews Hill, Matthews Hill (Tour Stop 4).
- 11:00 a.m.** Living History: Musketry Firing Demonstration, grounds of Henry House, Henry Hill.
- 11:30 a.m.** Living History: Artillery Firing Demonstration, grounds of Henry House, Henry Hill.
- 1:00 p.m.** Living History: Musketry Firing Demonstration, grounds of Henry House, Henry Hill.
- 1:30 p.m.** Living History: Artillery Firing Demonstration, grounds of Henry House, Henry Hill.
- 2:00 p.m.** Guided Tour: The Robinson Farm – An African American Family Caught in the Crossfire, departs from the Visitor Center.
- 3:00 p.m.** Living History: Musketry Firing Demonstration, grounds of Henry House, Henry Hill.
- 3:30 p.m.** Living History: Artillery Firing Demonstration, grounds of Henry House, Henry Hill.
- 6:00 p.m.** Evening Lecture given by former NPS Chief Historian Edwin Bearss, Commemorative Stage Area, Henry Hill.
- 7:00 p.m.** Evening Concert by the Quantico Marine Corps Band, Commemorative Stage Area, Henry Hill.

## Sunday, July 24

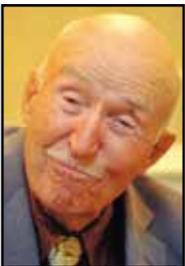
- 10:00 a.m.** Guided Tour: Behind the Lines – The Road to Portici, departs from Visitor Center.
- 11:00 a.m.** Living History: Musketry Firing Demonstration, grounds of Henry House, Henry Hill.
- 12:00 p.m.** Living History: Artillery Firing Demonstration, grounds of Henry House, Henry Hill.
- 1:00 p.m.** Living History: Musketry Firing Demonstration, grounds of Henry House, Henry Hill.
- 2:00 p.m.** Lecture by historian Dr. Matthew Pinsker, Commemorative Stage Area, Henry Hill.
- 3:30 p.m.** Guided Tour: Retreat and Pursuit – A Defeated Army Begins its Withdrawal, departs from Visitor Center.

# Invited Speakers and Authors



Edward L. Ayers

In 2007, Edward Ayers assumed the presidency of the University of Richmond after serving as Dean of Arts and Sciences at the University of Virginia, where he began teaching in 1980. Ayers was named the National Professor of the Year by the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching in 2003. A historian of the American South, Ayers has written and edited ten books. *The Promise of the New South: Life After Reconstruction* was a finalist for the National Book Award and the Pulitzer Prize. *In the Presence of Mine Enemies: Civil War in the Heart of America* won the Bancroft Prize for distinguished writing in American history and the Beveridge. A pioneer of digital history, Ayers created *The Valley of the Shadow: Two Communities in the American Civil War*, an award-winning website that has attracted millions of users. Ayers received a presidential appointment to the National Council on the Humanities, served as a Fulbright professor in the Netherlands, and was elected to the American Academy of Arts and Sciences. He earned his undergraduate degree at the University of Tennessee and a PhD in American Studies at Yale University.



Edwin C. Bearss

Edwin C. Bearss is a renowned authority on the American Civil War, its battles and personalities. He has written many books on Civil War subjects, and is a sought-after speaker and legendary battlefield tour guide. He was hired by the National Park Service, and was assigned to the post of Park Historian at Vicksburg (Mississippi). In 1981, he became Chief Historian for the NPS, and retired in 1995. He continues to participate in round-table discussions and lead groups on battlefield tours.



Matt Pinsker

Pinsker, who holds the Brian C. Pohanka '77 Faculty Chair of American Civil War History, has published two books and numerous articles on Abraham Lincoln and the Civil War era, including his most recent *Lincoln's Sanctuary: Abraham Lincoln and the Soldiers' Home*. He has served as a visiting fellow at the National Constitution Center in Philadelphia and leads annual K-12 teacher workshops on the Underground Railroad for the National Endowment for the Humanities.



Joan Zenzen

*Battling for Manassas* chronicles the many preservation battles fought on the lands associated with the First and Second Battles of Manassas. Zenzen examines early efforts to mark and memorialize the Civil War battlefield, culminating in the establishment of the national battlefield park in 1940. Many preservation battles have marked the life of the battlefield park, including efforts to build Interstate 66 through the park, host a national cemetery on parklands, and have a Marriott theme park next to the park boundary. The two most recent and well-known preservation battles involved the threat of a shopping mall on land associated with Second Manassas and a Disney's America theme park on land within five miles of the park.

# Commemorative Weekend Events

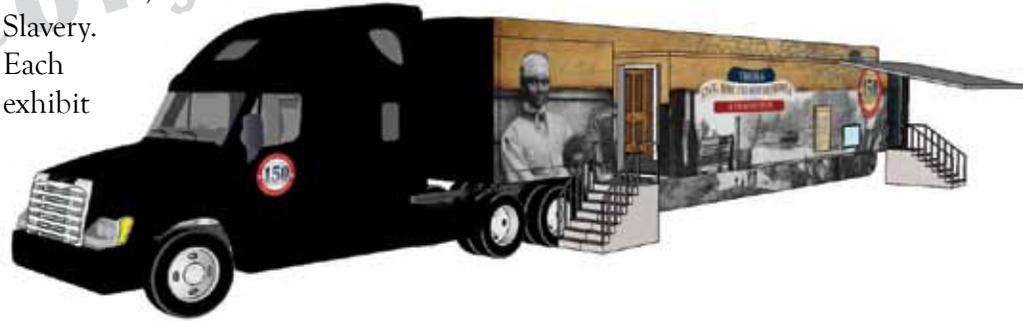
**C**ivil War 150 HistoryMobile Exhibition: An immersive museum exhibition housed in a 53-foot tractor-trailer, the Civil War 150 HistoryMobile makes its debut on July 21, 2011 in Manassas and then travels throughout Virginia and beyond, drawing audiences to events and activities in the Commonwealth. Developed in partnership with the National Park Service and the Virginia Historical Society, the HistoryMobile gives visitors a chance to imagine and

better understand the human experience of the war, both on the battlefield and on the home front.

The HistoryMobile consists of four sections: Why War?, Battlefield, Homefront, and Slavery. Each exhibit

will examine the themes of the exhibit—soldier, civilian, slave—and provoke the question, “Why War?”

For more information, visit [www.vacivilwar.org/historymobile](http://www.vacivilwar.org/historymobile).



**T**he Family and Youth tent will feature hands-on activities for all ages. Programs will be ongoing throughout the event. Decide if you will join the Union or Confederate Army, and discover the stories of the soldiers who fought here! Watch video podcasts that were written and directed by local middle school students! Create your own commemorative ribbon to wear during the event! Send signal flag messages and learn to be a cannoner! Debate about the lasting impact of the Civil War! Walk in the shoes of local families whose lives were interrupted by the battle of Manassas! Immerse yourself in the story of Manassas with these activities and much more! Be a part of the story and help us commemorate the 150th anniversary of 1st Manassas!

**I**n 2010, Prince William County Schools, Manassas National Battlefield Park, and the Journey Through the Hallowed Ground Partnership embarked on a partnership to promote a service-learning program called “Of the Student, By the Student, For the Student” to provide students the opportunity to have an immersive learning experience at the battlefield and to provide their interpretation of its story. During the project, 400 6th grade students from Stonewall Middle School created, produced, and directed vodcasts offering their perspective on the First Battle of Manassas. These vodcasts will be exhibited throughout the commemoration at the Family and Youth tent area near the Visitor Center.

For more on the project, visit the JTHG page: [www.hallowedground.org/content/view/557/52](http://www.hallowedground.org/content/view/557/52)

**E**ight months after the First Battle of Manassas, Northern photographers ventured out to the battlefield in March 1862 to photograph the scenes of the previous summer’s fighting. Their images, captured as paired, side-by-side photographs called stereographs, offered Northern viewers vivid portrayals of the devastation of war that could be rendered into three dimensional views. This 6-1/2 minute video program includes more than twenty of the stereographs taken in the Manassas area in 1862 and include images of the battle-scarred Stone House, the ruins of the Henry House and the Stone Bridge, and wreckage near Manassas Junction, among other evocative scenes.



# Junior Ranger Page

## ***What is archeology?***

**Do you like to dig in the dirt? Find things that are lost? Put pieces together? Figure out stories from clues? Learn about the past? These are all things archeologists do—maybe you're one, too! Archeology is tons of dirt-digging, story-telling, mystery-solving fun - dig in!**

**Archeologists look at old things and sites to investigate how people lived in the past. Archeologists are a hardy bunch. They dig everywhere, including in old garbage piles and toilets. They seem to know something about everything people did in the past: how they made tools, why they moved around, and what kinds of foods they ate. Although learning more about archeology can be fun, it is illegal to dig for artifacts on National Park Service property!**

### ***Robinson House Site***

**Very few pre-Civil War free African American homesteads exist for archeological study, making the Robinson House unusual. James Robinson was a free African American. Though James was free, his wife and their children were enslaved workers for John Lee, a nearby Manassas planter. Upon his death, Lee freed Robinson's wife and children. James began working in a Virginia tavern where he earned the \$484.94 needed to purchase 170 acres of land near Bull Run where he built a small log cabin in 1842.**



**The historic house was occupied by Robinson's family until the early 20th century. The family maintained a deep connection to the site. Sadly in 1993 fire destroyed the Robinson House. Sensitive to their feelings, park officials contacted the Robinson family after the fire in order to decide what to do with the site.**

**Working together, park officials and family members decided to proceed with archeological research, which included excavation, architectural studies, and oral history interviews with James Robinson's descendants.**

## Activity



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**In the space provided identify the number to the artifact being described. Each of the objects is from the Robinson house site.**



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• **African beads found at Robinson house site believed to be used in religious ceremonies.** \_\_\_\_\_



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• **Colonoware dish found at Robinson house. There was a mix of both homemade colonoware and store bought ceramics at the home.** \_\_\_\_\_



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• **Many glass jars and bottles were found at Robinson house site. Purchased goods such as these revealed what the Robinsons liked to eat and drink, where they liked to shop, and what kind of income they had to buy treats.** \_\_\_\_\_

• **Small, ceramic gaming pieces found at Robinson house site believed to be a part of the traditional Nigerian game Mancala.** \_\_\_\_\_



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• **The initials of two of James Robinson's sons were found carved into the chimney stone of Robinson house.** \_\_\_\_\_

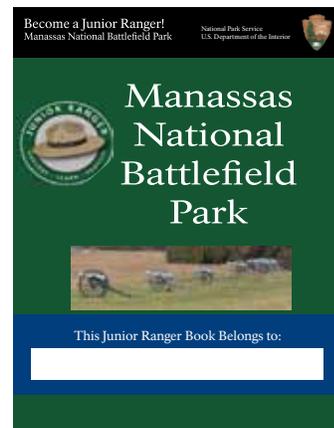


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• **This document is proof of sale for James Robinson's son Tasco, who he purchased out of slavery.** \_\_\_\_\_

**Pick up a Junior Ranger book from any park staff member, complete the required activities, and become an official Manassas National Battlefield Park Junior Ranger! It contains fun activities and projects to learn more about the battle, the park, and the people who were here.**

**Want to learn more?**



# MUSEUM COLLECTION

By **Jim Burgess**

Park Historian  
Manassas National Battlefield Park

## The David B. Harris Map of Manassas Battlefield (Catalog # 1701)

Shortly after the guns fell silent on July 21, 1861, Captain David B. Harris, a topographical engineer on the staff of General P.G.T. Beauregard, began sketching the geographical features of the Manassas battlefield and opposing troop positions to support his commanding officer's after-action report. Harris's original field sketch is regarded as one of the most accurate maps of the battlefield. Note that Union positions are colored in red while Confederate positions are in blue. Harris's family cherished this map after his death from yellow fever in October 1864.



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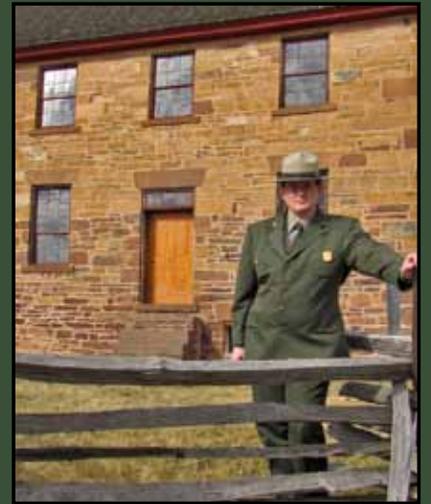
This year marks the Sesquicentennial of the American Civil War and the National Park Service and its many partners are preparing for the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the First Battle of Manassas.

The year 1861 was a turbulent one; first the inauguration of President Abraham Lincoln, then the bombardment and capture of Fort Sumter in Charleston harbor. But what happened at Manassas on July 21, 1861 would shock the

Nation into understanding that this would be a costly struggle.

Take advantage of the numerous programs this summer and attend the commemorative events of the anniversary weekend. Join us on the hallowed ground of Manassas National Battlefield Park as we mark this momentous period of American history and remember the events that captured the attention of the world.

- Superintendent Edward W. Clark III



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and civilians expected. With almost 5,000 casualties, it became clear to both North and South that the war would not be a short and bloodless affair. One Confederate from South Carolina wrote home about his experiences at First Manassas and told his family "For ten long hours it literally rained balls, shells, and other missiles of destruction... The dead, the dying and the wounded; friend and foe, all mixed up together; friend and foe embraced in death; some crying for water; some praying their last prayers; some trying to whisper to a friend their last farewell message to their loved ones at home."

In the aftermath of the battle, residents found their homes and farms damaged or destroyed. The bodies of the dead littered the fields. Jim Robinson found thirteen



Lewis House "Portici"

Confederates laying in his front yard when he returned to the house. Soldiers attempted to bury the dead in shallow graves or cover them with underbrush. Many homes, including the Chinn residence "Hazel Plain" and the Lewis family home "Portici", were used as makeshift hospitals. Some local residents assisted the wounded. Fifteen-year-old Marianne Compton

accompanied other locals to Henry Hill and later recalled that, "What we saw cannot be forgotten while memory lasts. Dead men and dead horses everywhere in all attitudes ranging from peaceful slumber to stark, agonized rigidity." Given the sobering losses at Manassas, soldiers and civilians from both North and South braced themselves for a long and bloody war.



# 149<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Commemoration of the Battle of Second Manassas August 26-28 , 2011

Manassas National Battlefield Park will commemorate the 149<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Second Battle of Manassas from Friday, August 26 - Sunday, August 28 with a wide range of walking tours and living history programs.

Walking tours will occur over ground where heavy fighting took place between Union forces under Gen. John Pope and Confederate forces under Gen. Robert E. Lee. All walking tours will last 60 to 90 minutes.

Living history demonstrations will occur at the Brawner Farm and include portrayals of Union and Confederate soldiers who will demonstrate musketry and artillery firing and cavalry demonstrations of maneuver and carbine firing.

*Please note that schedule details are subject to change.*

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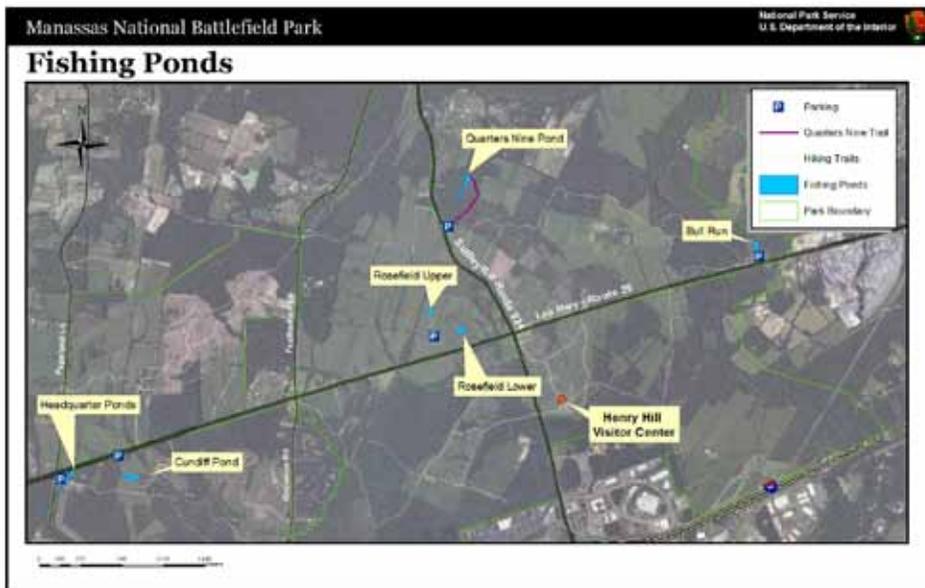
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# Fishing at Manassas National Battlefield Park

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Manassas National Battlefield Park offers catch-and-release fishing at any pond located on site. Each of the recommended ponds shown are conveniently located near parking lots or roadside parking and are open year round. State fishing regulations are enforced, and a Virginia State Fishing License is required. A complete description of regulations is posted at each fishing site. To report violations, call Park Law Enforcement at 703-754-8694.

## CATCH-AND-RELEASE FISHING TIPS

When catching a fish, play it quickly and keep the fish in the water as much as possible while handling. Avoid the use of a net in landing the fish and release it quickly to avoid exhaustion.

Handle the fish gently and as little as possible. Do not put your fingers in its eyes or gills. Avoid wiping the slime or scales off the fish; this reduces their survival by making them more susceptible to disease or infection.

Remove hook promptly using needle nose pliers or a "hook out" device. If the hook is too deep or

hooked in the stomach or throat, cut the line and leave the hook in. The hook will dissolve without harming the fish.

Carefully revive the fish if it appears exhausted by holding it upright and moving it gently forward so water runs over the gills. Release the fish when it begins to struggle and is able to swim.

Do not hold fish in a live well and later decide to release it. If you are going to release a fish, do so right away.

With a little care and by following the guidelines set above, you can give released fish a better chance of survival.

## BOOKSTORE



Just off the main lobby of the Henry Hill Visitor Center is the park bookstore. Operated by Eastern National, the park's cooperative association, the store offers an extensive collection of titles on Civil War subjects, Northern Virginia history and specialized topics. Audio CD driving tours and trail guides

are available. Browse through a fun selection of souvenir items and collectible merchandise, prints, music CDs and movie DVDs.

