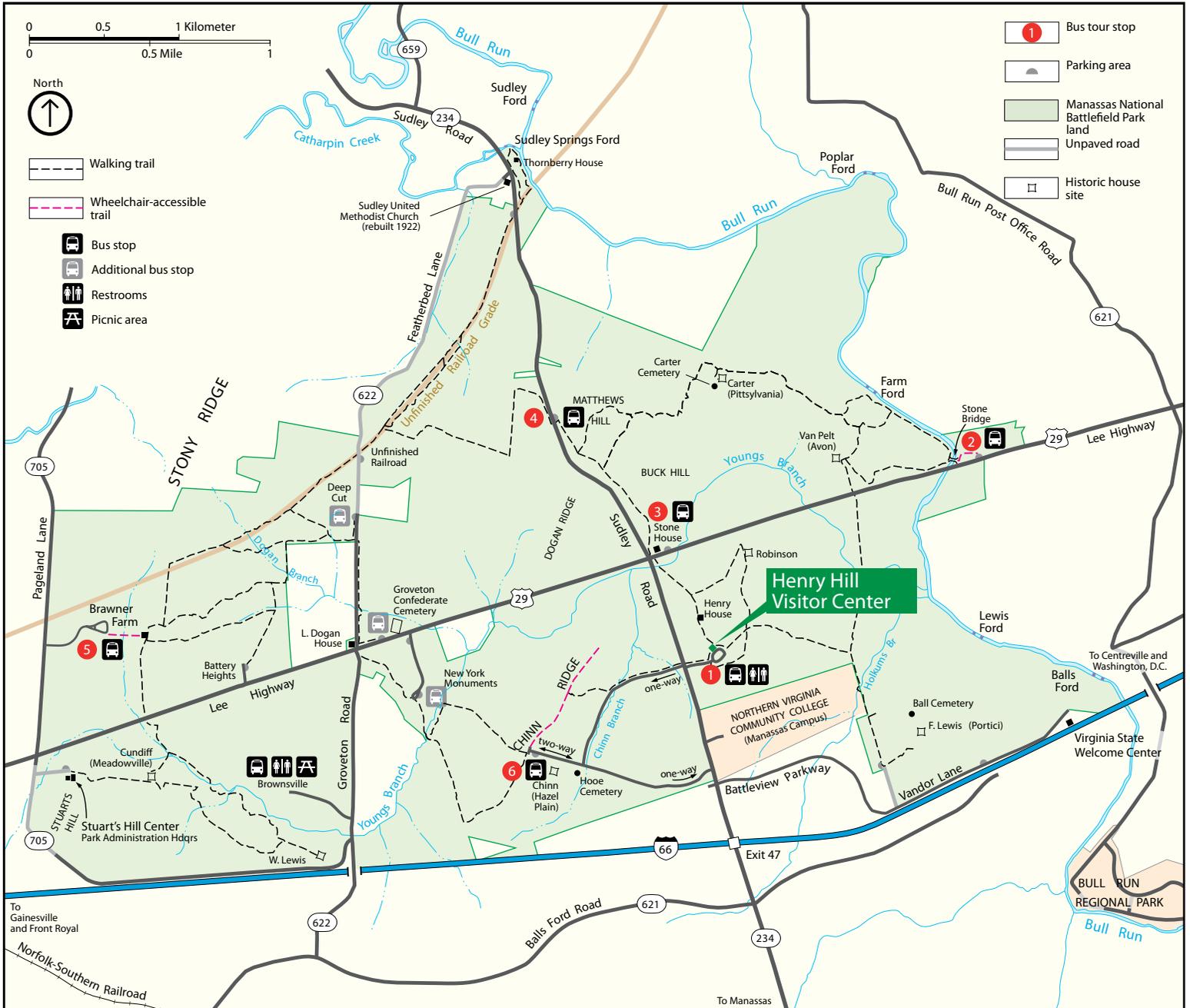




Bus Tour Route

Manassas National Battlefield Park



Bus Stop 1 Henry Hill Visitor Center

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

Time needed: 1 hour



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Henry Hill Visitor Center:

The park offers a wide array of activities, scenic vistas, historic sites and walking trails. Pick up a park brochure, map, trail guide and check out the daily schedule of interpretive programs. Restrooms and water fountains are available.

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.

Museum Exhibits:

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

Did You Know?

Only one civilian was killed during the First Battle of Manassas. Judith Carter Henry, an 85 year old bed-ridden widow, was mortally wounded by Union artillery fire. She is buried in a small family cemetery located on Henry Hill.

Bookstore:

Just off the main lobby of the Visitor Center is the park bookstore. Operated by Eastern National, the store offers a wide variety of books related to the American Civil War. Browse through a selection of souvenir items, prints, multi-media, and theme-related merchandise. Audio CD driving tours and trail guides are available.

First Manassas Battlefield: A Walking Tour

The critical fighting at First Manassas (Bull Run) centered on Henry Hill. A self-guiding loop trail with interpretive signs tells the story of the battle. The trail begins behind the Visitor Center, leads past Ricketts’s Battery of Union artillery, and continues to the rebuilt Henry House. In the yard of the 1870 house is the grave of Judith Carter Henry, who was mortally wounded by artillery fire and the only civilian killed during the first battle. Behind the house is an 1865 monument erected by Union soldiers in “Memory of the Patriots who fell at Bull Run.”

**Bus Stop 2
Stone Bridge**

Auto Stop 12

Time needed: 20 minutes

The first shots of the First Battle of Manassas, fired by Union artillery on the ridge to the east, flew over the bridge on the morning of July 21, 1861. The Union army made only a diversionary attack here, however, and crossed Bull Run farther upstream. Federal soldiers retreated across Bull Run in this vicinity following both battles. Confederates destroyed the original bridge in March 1862 when they abandoned the Manassas area. The current bridge dates to 1884.



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**Bus Stop 3
Stone House**

Auto Stop 3

**Open seasonally,
check at Visitor Center
for hours**

Time Needed: 30 minutes.



Photo by Brad Waldron

Once caught in the vortex of two bloody battles, the Stone House today is a peaceful landmark of Manassas Battlefield. Built in the second quarter of the nineteenth century, the house served travelers on the Warrenton Turnpike (modern Route 29) as a pre-war tavern. Caught between the lines during the First Battle of Manassas, the building sheltered wounded Union soldiers. Union General John Pope established his headquarters nearby on Buck Hill during the Second Battle of Manassas.

**Bus Stop 4
Matthews Hill**

Auto Stop 4

Time needed: 20 minutes

The opening combat of the First Battle of Manassas occurred here on Matthews Hill. Confederate troops posted near the Stone Bridge rushed to this vicinity in an effort to contest the Union advance southward down Sudley Road.

The two lines collided shortly after 10 a.m. Confederate resistance bought ninety minutes of time, enabling reinforcements to hurry toward the developing battle. Southern troops established a new defensive line on neighboring Henry Hill.

**Bus Stop 5
Brawner Farm**

Auto Stop 1

Time needed: 45 minutes

On August 28, 1862, Confederate General Thomas J. "Stonewall" Jackson concealed his troops on Stony Ridge, just north of tenant farmer John Brawner's fields. Confederate artillery fired on a



Photo by Brad Waldron

column of Union soldiers as they marched east on the Warrenton Turnpike toward Centreville. Turning to drive off the guns, the Federals encountered massed Confederate infantry. The lines exchanged fire for nearly two hours, in places only eighty yards apart. Over 2,000 men fell as casualties in this opening action of the Second Battle of Manassas.

The Brawner Farm Interpretive Center, located approximately 300 yards from the parking area, offers exhibits and a fiber-optic battle map that describe the Second Battle of Manassas. The building is open seasonally. Please check at Visitor Center for hours of operation.

**Bus Stop 6
Chinn Ridge**

Auto Stop 10

Time needed: 30 minutes

Chinn Ridge witnessed heavy combat during both Battles of Manassas. On July 21, 1861, Confederate troops drove off Colonel Oliver O. Howard's brigade in the battle's final drama. Thirteen months later on August 30, 1862, Union soldiers fought desperately to delay a massive Confederate

counter-attack long enough for a rearguard position to be formed on Henry Hill. The stone foundation is all that remains of Hazel Plain, the house of Benjamin Chinn.

**Important
Bus Information**

Manassas National Battlefield Park is a National Park Service Fee Area. Pay your fee at the Henry Hill Visitor Center upon your arrival in the park. The roads in and around the park can be very congested with traffic. Use caution. All bus stops within the park have limited bus parking. Please do not drive on the grass and only park in designated bus parking areas. Restrooms are available at the Henry Hill Visitor Center and at the Brownsville picnic area.

Visitor Center facilities and many tour route exhibits are wheelchair-accessible. Fully accessible paved paths connect the parking areas with the Stone Bridge, Stone House yard, Brawner Farm Interpretive

Center and Chinn Ridge. Picnic Tables are available at the Brownsville Picnic Area located off of Groveton Road.

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