

Pea Ridge National Military Park

Schedule of Events 2016

Iron Ranger Challenge: The Arkansas National Parks challenge you to run, walk, bike, hike or paddle 100 miles in 2016 as a way to celebrate the 100th birthday of the National Park Service. You may conduct your activities at any of the National Parks or other public lands in Arkansas. We want to make the Centennial our best year yet and we want you to join us. Please visit www.ironranger2016ar.org to register and track your progress. Do you accept the challenge?

Centennial Cinema: The National Park Service is as diverse as the people of this great land. Join us on the third Saturday of every month throughout 2016 as we showcase 3 different NPS park films so visitors can experience the wonders of their National Parks. The films run approximately 20-25 minutes each and the presentation begins at 4:00 PM in the park visitor center auditorium. Seating is limited.

NPS Centennial Display: Come explore the history of the National Park Service and of Pea Ridge National Military Park by visiting our newly created display in the visitor center. See photos of the park as it has evolved from its establishment in 1956 to present. Begins February 2016.

154th Anniversary of the Battle of Pea Ridge: Saturday, March 5 from 10 AM to 4 PM. Union and Confederate infantry demonstrations, Union artillery demonstrations at the Elkhorn Tavern.

Women in the Civil War: Celebrating National Women's History Month. Join us for a 1 hour program on the varying roles Civil War era women played on both the home front and the battlefield. Program dates: March 19 and 26. Programs will begin at 10 am in the visitor center auditorium and will last approximately 1 hour.

National Park Week: April 16-April 24. Fee Free week. Come tour the park, take a hike, or watch wildlife. Auto caravan tours available at 10 AM on April 16, 17, 23 and 24.

Junior Ranger Day: A part of National Park week we invite kids (and kids at heart) to come and earn the NEW Pea Ridge NMP Junior Park Ranger patch and help us celebrate the NPS 100th anniversary year.

*Union artillery demonstrations: Experience the sights and sounds of firing a 6lb cannon. This program explores the role of artillery in the battle of Pea Ridge and the effort and training of the men serving on the gun. Dates are as follows:

May- 28

June – 11, 25

July- 4, 16, 30

August- 13, 27

September- 10, 24

October- 8, 22

*Artillery demonstrations will take place behind the visitor center at 10:30, 11:30, 1, 2 and 3.

Drive thru History: Follow a park ranger in an automobile caravan tour around the park and get a more in depth history of the battle of Pea Ridge. Caravan tour participants will meet in the visitor center by 9:50 and will leave the parking lot at 10 AM. Please allow 1.5 hours for the tour. Tours will be offered every Thursday through Sunday beginning June 12 and ending August 14.

Soldiers blue and gray: 20 minute talks describing the uniforms, equipment and every -day life of a common soldier in the ranks at the battle of Pea Ridge. Talks will take place behind the visitor center at 2 pm. These talks will be offered every Thursday through Sunday beginning June 12 and ending August 14.

Please check our website (www.nps.gov/peri) and Facebook page for updates to our Schedule of events throughout the year as we add to the schedule.