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## Petersburg National Battlefield News Release

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### Free RV Sites Available to Volunteers at Petersburg National Battlefield

Petersburg National Battlefield in Petersburg, Virginia has three camp sites available to anyone interested in volunteering in the area where one of the last campaigns of the American Civil War was fought. The recreational vehicle sites include water, electric, and sewer and have close access to many of the wooded nature trails found within the park.

A wide variety of volunteer opportunities exist including trail maintenance, photography, visitor center staffing, etc. Although the camp sites are located in the Eastern Front unit of Petersburg National Battlefield, volunteers may also choose to work at one of the park's other units including General Grant's Headquarters at City Point, Poplar Grove National Cemetery, or Five Forks Battlefield.

To qualify for one of the free camp sites, volunteers must commit to 20 hours per week per individual or 32 hours per week per couple, for a period of at least four consecutive weeks.

Petersburg, Virginia is a historic city located 20 miles south of Richmond and only 60 miles from Williamsburg. The city has an Old Town section which has seen much rejuvenation over the past ten years. Quaint restaurants, museums, antique shops, antebellum mansions, and a playhouse provide visitors with entertainment both day and night.

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For those wishing to get closer to nature, Petersburg National Battlefield includes ten miles of nature trails along with historic trails which remind visitors of the sacrifices made by soldiers who fought and died there 142 years ago.

For more information, please call ranger and volunteer coordinator Richard Hotchkiss at (804) 732-3966, ext. 113.

Petersburg National Battlefield was created in order to commemorate the campaign and siege and defense of Petersburg, Virginia, in 1864 and 1865. The park staff is committed to preserving and protecting the historical, cultural, and natural resources within the park in a manner that will provide interpretation, education, and enjoyment for the visitors.