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Civil War Kayak Tour of Union Crossings and Supply Sites On Appomattox River

PETERSBURG, Va - On Sunday September 21, 2014, Petersburg National Battlefield will offer a kayak tour of Point of Rocks and Broadway Landing – supply sites and crossings used by the Union forces during the fighting around Petersburg. The two hour tour begins at 11:00 am at Anchor Point Marina located at 303A Beacon Ridge Road in Hopewell, Va. Participants must be experienced and provide their own kayaks and safety equipment. Reservations are required.

Engineering in the Siege of Petersburg

On both sides of the Civil War military engineers were responsible for assuring the movement of materials and troops. During the Siege of Petersburg engineers were responsible for building bridges, constructing railroads, and laying out fortifications, among other duties. This tour, along the Appomattox River, will be led by Petersburg National Battlefield volunteer Kathleen Vincent and will highlight engineering accomplishments using the Union's occupation of City Point as a focal point of discussion.

Reservations are required since space is limited to ten participants. To make a reservation or for additional information, call Park Ranger Grant Gates at 804-732-3531, ext. 202, and leave a voice mail message with your name, the best telephone contact number, e-mail address, if you use one, and the approximate number in your party. Your registration will be confirmed by telephone.

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. Park Visitor Centers, located in Petersburg,

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Hopewell, and Dinwiddie County are each open from 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. The fee to enter the park is \$5 per vehicle; however the Petersburg National Battlefield annual pass and federal recreation passes are also honored. For more information about events at Petersburg National Battlefield, you can become a fan on our Facebook page or follow us on Twitter @PetersburgNPS.