

Eastern Front Trail System

National Park Service
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Petersburg National Battlefield



- Multi-Use Trail

Hike & Bike Trail

Interpretive Trail

Encampment Loop

2.5 Miles

Harrison Creek Loop

3 Miles

Tour Road

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Trail Marker

5

Road Tour Stop

Picnic Area

Horse Trailer Parking
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- Not drawn to scale.
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Markers & Blazes

Trail signs are at all trailheads and major intersections are marked with a letter. Use the closest letter to help emergency responders assist quickly . Trail blazes are found on trees throughout the park. The color identifies the trail type:

- Red - Bikers and hikers only
- Yellow - Open to horses, bikers, and hikers
- Blue & Yellow (on map) - Harrison Creek Loop
- Purple & Yellow (on map)- Encampment Loop

Harrison Creek Loop (multi-use)

3 miles of connecting multi-use trails for horse, biking, and hiking on the eastern side of the park. The following trails are included in this loop.

- Meade Station - 0.2 mile
- Battery 7- 0.88 mile
- Harrison Creek - 1.09 miles
- Friend - 1.25 miles (0.54 on the loop and 0.71 from M to Fort Stedman) - *A portion of the Friend Trail breaks away from the loop (at M) and connects to Fort Stedman is for hiking and biking only.
- Water Line - 0.66 mile - *The portion of Water Line trail from Q to HH is for hiking and biking only. (0.45 mile)
- Attack Road - 0.66 mile - *The portion of the Attack Road from HH to E hiking and biking only. (0.16 mile).

Encampment Loop (Multi-use)

2.5 miles of connecting multi-use trails for horse, biking, and hiking on the western side of the park. The following trails are included in this loop:

- Encampment - 1.34 miles - *The portion of Encampment trail from U to T is for hiking and biking only. (0.1 mile)
- Poor Creek - 0.78 mile
- Fort Haskell - 0.08 mile
- Taylor’s Creek - 0.32 mile
- Willcox - 0.3 mile - Cuts across the loop connecting Taylor’s Creek to Encampment

Hiking and Biking Only Trails

The following trails are for hiking and biking only:

- Hickory - 0.4 mile
- Water Line - 0.45 mile from Q to HH
- Prince George Courthouse - 0.55 mile from C to D and E to F
- Jordan Point Road - 0.31 mile
- Branch Creek - 0.61 mile
- Soldier’s Spring - 460 ft to the monument for the spring that provided water for the 209th PA Vols.

Interpretive Trails

Interpretive trails are found at tour road stops 1, 5, and 8. These trails are for walking only.

- Battery 5 (Stop 1) - 1 mile
- Fort Stedman (Stop 5) – 1 mile
- Crater (Stop 8) - 0.75 mile

In Case of an Emergency

If there is an emergency call 911. Sign posts at all trailheads and major intersections are marked with a letter. Use the closest letter to help emergency responders assist quickly.

All Trail Users

- Plan ahead, bring plenty of water, and prepare for the weather.
- Dispose of trash properly.
- Stay on maintained trails.
- Prevent damage to fragile cultural resources by staying off of earthworks.
- Avoid muddy areas if possible; bicycle ruts and hoofs can damage trails.
- Announce your presence when overtaking other trails users from behind.
- Wooden bridges may be slippery when wet or covered with leaves.
- Keep pets on leashes (6 ft max) at all times.
- Respect all wildlife and keep your distance.
- Creeks and streams are not suitable for bathing or drinking.
- Metal-detecting is not allowed in any part of the battlefield.
- If you find an artifact, leave it and contact a ranger.
- No operating unmanned aircraft (drones).

Horse Riders

- Stay on yellow blazed trails only.
- Horses should have the temperament and training for riding on multi-use public trails.
- Be aware of other trail users - some may not be familiar with horses.
- Ride at a safe speed to avoid endangering others.
- Horse trailer parking address is 1539 Hickory Hill Rd.
- Do not clean out horse trailers in the parking area.
- Clean up and remove manure and hay.

Bicyclists

- Do not ride on sidewalks or interpretive trails.
- Do not wear headphones while riding (state law)
- Ride in the multi-purpose lane on the tour road.
- Ride in control and pass with caution.
- Stay alert. Faster trail users can startle horses and slower moving individuals.
- Yield to horse riders and hiker/joggers. This may require stopping and/or walking your bike.

Hikers and Joggers

- Do not jog on sidewalks or interpretive trails.
- Use the multi-purpose lane on the tour road.
- Yield to horse riders.

B.A.R.K. Ranger

Pets are welcome on the trails. Following the B.A.R.K. Ranger code can earn a reward for your 4-legged friend. B.A.R.K. stands for:

- Bag your pet’s waste
- Always leash your pet
- Respect wildlife
- Know where you can go

See the staff at the Eastern Front Visitor Center for more details.

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