

Petersburg National Battlefield 2015 Schedule of Events



**Note: Schedule is subject to change.
Please call (804) 732-3531 to confirm details.**

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Schedule of Artillery Demonstrations

Pegram's Company of Virginia Light Artillery (C.S.A.)
Demonstrations for the dates listed below will occur behind the
Eastern Front Visitor Center
1:00 - 4:30 p.m.

February 22

August 30

April 26

September 27

May 24

October 25

June 28

December 20

Also... (1:00 - 4:30 pm)

July 26

Eastern Front Unit, Tour Stop 8 (The Crater)

November 22

Eastern Front Unit, Tour Stop 3

Cooper's Battery (U.S.A.)

Demonstrations for the dates listed below will occur behind the
Eastern Front Visitor Center
1:00 - 4:30 p.m.

February 21

August 8

April 11

September 12

May 9

October 17

June 13

December 12

JULY

Redcoats at City Point!

Date: Saturday July 11—Sunday July 12, 2015
Time: Saturday 10am—5pm & Sunday 9am-Noon
Location: Grant's Headquarters at City Point, 1001 Pecan Avenue, Hopewell, VA
Contact: Grant Gates : Grant_Gates@nps.gov / 804-732-3531 x202

British forces landed at City Point in April 1781 on their way to take Petersburg and threaten Richmond. Re-enactors portraying these British troops will be on hand to demonstrate the life of these soldiers and provide firing demonstrations of both small arms and artillery.

Battle of the Crater: Living History

Date: Saturday July 25, 2015
Time: 10:00am – 4:00 pm
Location: Eastern Front Visitor Center and Tour Stops #7 & #8, 5001 Siege Rd. Petersburg VA
Contact: Grant Gates Grant_Gates@nps.gov / 804-732-3531 x202

Stop #7

Union Artillery Demos throughout the day

Stop #8:

10 am - Union High Tide & Mahone's Counter Attack Tour

11 am - Bugles in the Civil War

11:30 am - Confederate Artillery Demo

1 pm - CS Infantry Drill

1:30 pm - Bugles in the Civil War

2 pm - Union High Tide & Mahone's Counter Attack Tour

3 pm - Confederate Artillery Demo

3:30 pm - US Infantry Drill

Remember the Glorious Dead: The Battle of the Crater

Date: Thursday, July 30, 2015
Time: 7:00 pm – 8:30 pm
Location: Blandford Church Reception Center 319 S Crater Rd, Petersburg, VA
Contact: Elizabeth Dinger Elizabeth_Dinger@nps.gov / 804-732-3531 x208

A special event commemorating southern soldiers killed at the Battle of the Crater, this walking tour will allow participants to learn the story of this encounter, view memorial plaques and stones in Blandford Church and Cemetery. Admission is free. This partnership event is sponsored by the City of Petersburg Museums and the Petersburg National Battlefield.

AUGUST

The Lives of Petersburg's Enslaved and Free Black People

Date: Saturday August 1, 2015
Time: 10:30am & 2:30pm
Location: Historic Petersburg Courthouse, 7th Courthouse Avenue, Petersburg VA
Contact: Emmanuel Dabney Emmanuel_Dabney@nps.gov / 804-732-3531 x222

This tour will highlight the role of slaves and slavery in Petersburg's commerce and highlight the lives of free blacks. Visitors can expect to see buildings that showcase the architecture of urban slavery. The tours are free, but each of the two tours is limited to 20 people and visitors will need to make reservations. Contact Park Ranger Emmanuel Dabney at (804) 732-3531 x222 or by e-mail at Emmanuel_Dabney@nps.gov to make your reservation. Please make sure to leave your name, telephone number, and/or e-mail address and how many vehicles will be in your party. Confirmation will be made by phone or e-mail.

From Slavery to Freedom

Date: Saturday, August 8, 2015
Time: 10:00 am – 2:00 pm
Location: Departs from Eastern Front Visitor Center, 5001 Siege Rd. Petersburg VA
Contact: Robert Webster Robert_Webster@nps.gov / 804-732-3531

Travel to the location where slaves and slave owners walked the streets of Petersburg. Learn about the issues facing these citizens as the Civil War comes to an end in 1865

Decorating from the Grand Tour: The Eppes' Art Collection

Date: Saturday August 15, 2015
Time: 1:00 pm
Location: General Grant's Headquarters Unit, 1001 Pecan Ave., Hopewell, VA
Contact: Emmanuel Dabney Emmanuel_Dabney@nps.gov / 804-732-3531 x222

This program explores the art collection of the Eppes family at City Point. The program is free and takes place at Grant's Headquarters at City Point (1001 Pecan Avenue, Hopewell, VA). Visitors will get a chance to hear about the items that the Eppes' bought in Europe; and they also will get a chance to see some of the artwork that is original to the family.

The Fight for the Weldon Railroad

Date: Tuesday, August 18, 2015
Time: 3:00 pm
Location: Ft. Wadsworth, Western Front Tour Stop #1, Halifax Rd. & Flank Rd. Petersburg, VA
Contact: Tracy Chernault Tracy_Chernault@nps.gov / 804-7532-3531 x 200

Rangers presentation on the Grant's Fifth offensive of the siege

Concert at City Point

Date: Friday, August 28, 2015
Time: 7:00 pm
Location: Grant's HQ at City Point, 1001 Pecan Avenue, Hopewell, VA
Contact: Ann Blumenschine Ann_Blumenschine@nps.gov / 804-732-3531 x203

Bring a chair and relax (or march!) while listening to the 392nd Army Band from Ft. Lee.

SEPTEMBER

Petersburg's Patients and Prisoners Part 2

Date: Saturday, September 5, 2015
Time: 10:30 am & 2:30 pm
Location: Departs from 201 West Washington Street in Petersburg, VA
Contact: Emmanuel Dabney Emmanuel_Dabney@nps.gov / 804-732-3531 x222

The 2 hour driving tour will cover sites associated with Petersburg's Civil War hospitals and prisoner of war sites. Participants will follow the ranger in their vehicles. For anyone who went on the tour offered in 2014, there will be different sites on this tour. The tours are free; but, due to parking constraints the morning and afternoon tours are limited to 8 vehicles each and visitors must make reservations. Contact Park Ranger Emmanuel Dabney to make your reservation. Please make sure to leave your name, telephone number, and/or e-mail address and how many vehicles will be in your party. Carpooling with family and friends is highly encouraged. Confirmation will be made by phone or e-mail.

The Forgotten Fourteen

Dates: Saturday, September 26, 2015
Time: 10:00 am & 2:00 pm
Location: Eastern Front Visitor Center
Contact: Robert Webster, Robert_Webster@nps.gov / 804-732-3531 x223

African-American infantry men fighting for the United States in the Civil War earned sixteen Medals of Honor. Fourteen of these medals were earned during the siege at the Battle of New Market Heights. Discover what these men achieved, their lives after the war and how they are remembered today.

Battle of Peebles' Farm

Date: Tuesday, September 29, 2015
Time: 3:00 pm
Location: Fort Fisher, Western Front Unit Tour Stop #3, Church Rd. & Flank Rd. Dinwiddie Co. VA
Contact: Tracy Chernault Tracy_Chernault@nps.gov / 804-7532-3531 x 200

Ranger's presentation on the Grant's Fifth offensive of the siege.

October

Hard Liquor and Women

Date: Saturday, October 3, 2015
Time: 10:30 am, 1:315 pm, & 2:30 pm
Location: Farmer's Market parking lot at 9 Old Street, Petersburg VA
Contact: Grant Gates Grant_Gates@nps.gov / 804 732-3531 x202

A one hour walking tour and living history event will begin at the Farmer's Market parking lot in Old Towne Petersburg. "Hard Liquor and Women" will follow an 1864 newspaper reporter as he walks the streets of Old Towne Petersburg making observations and conducting interviews to see how Confederate soldiers pass their scarce leisure time away from the boredom, noise and danger of the City's defense lines. Accompany the reporter as he explores a side of the Siege of Petersburg that is rarely written about.

United States Colored Troops in Winter Camp

Date: Sunday, October 17, 2014
Time: 10:00 am – 2:00 pm
Location: Tour Stop #3 Eastern Front, 5001 Siege Rd. Petersburg VA
Contact: Robert Webster Robert_Webster@nps.gov / 804-732-3531

Learn about the lives of United States Colored Troops and how they spent their time in camp during the winter months.

National Park Service Family Feud

Date: Tuesday, October 20, 2015
Time: 7:00 pm
Location: Eastern Front Visitor Center, 5001 Siege Rd. Petersburg VA
Contact: Ann Blumenschine Ann_Blumenschine@nps.gov / 804-732-3531 x203

Come watch teams show off their park service knowledge as they compete for prizes.

November

Poplar Grove National Cemetery Annual Luminary

Due to beginning of cemetery's rehabilitation project there will be no luminary this year.

Confederate Countermines

Date: Saturday, November 14, 2015 (Rain Date Nov. 21, 2014)

Time: 1:00pm

Location: Tour Stop #5 Eastern Front, 5001 Siege Rd. Petersburg VA

Contact: Emmanuel Dabney Emmanuel_Dabney@nps.gov / 804-732-3531 x222

This walking tour will allow visitors to see where Confederates countermined beyond the Crater battlefield. This tour requires reservations and is limited to 20 participants. Participants will have to ford a creek and climb some rugged, hilly terrain with no real trails. Appropriate waterproof shoes and clothing is necessary to access this portion of the battlefield. . Contact Park Ranger Emmanuel Dabney to make your reservation. Please make sure to leave your name, telephone number, and/or e-mail address.

Thanksgiving in the Trenches

Date: Saturday, November 21, 2015

Time: 5:30pm & 6:45pm

Location: Tour Stop #3 Eastern Front, 5001 Siege Rd. Petersburg VA

Contact: Grant Gates Grant_Gates@nps.gov / 804-732-3531 x202

Visit Petersburg National Battlefield to witness how soldiers, Union and Confederate, observed the Thanksgiving season. Guided lantern tours will take place at tour stop #3 of the Eastern Front Unit. Each tour will consist of five stops where different scenes will play out depicting moments of peace to moments of violence. The event is free of charge.

Reservations are required to participate in this tour. To make a reservation, please call (804) 732-3531 ext. 202. Reservations can also be requested by e-mailing. Please make sure to leave your name, telephone number, and/or e-mail address as confirmation will be made by phone or e-mail. Register early as there is a limit of 30 people per tour.

December

Union Aid Organizations during the Petersburg Campaign

Date: Saturday, December 5, 2015

Time: 1:00pm

Location: Grant's Headquarters at City Point, 1001 Pecan Avenue, Hopewell, VA.

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