

Eastern Front Recreational Trails

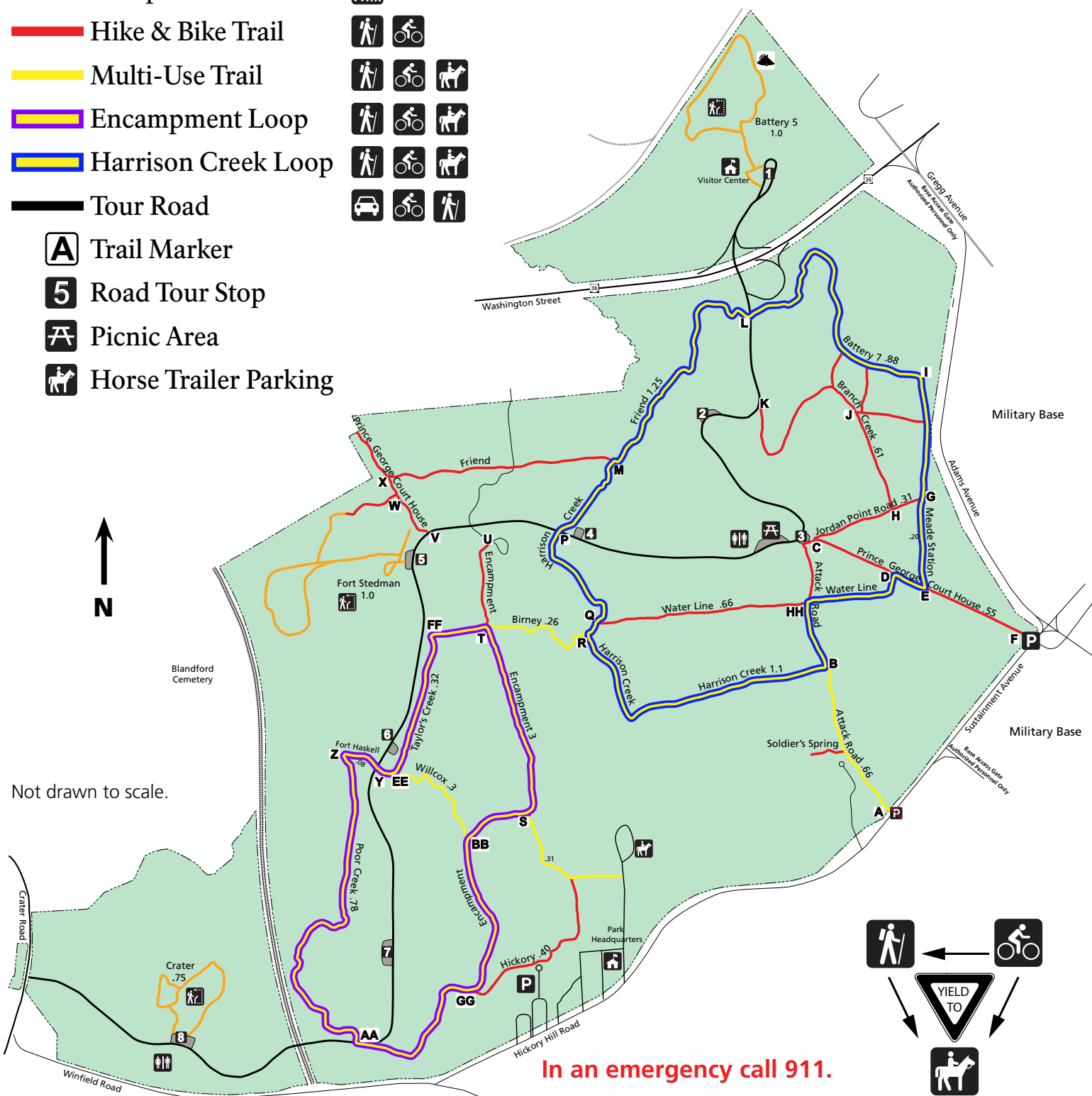
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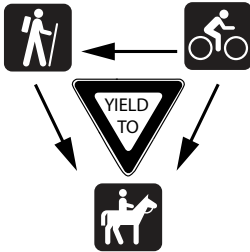


- Interpretive Trail
- Hike & Bike Trail
- Multi-Use Trail
- Encampment Loop
- Harrison Creek Loop
- Tour Road
- Trail Marker
- Road Tour Stop
- Picnic Area
- Horse Trailer Parking

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In an emergency call 911.



Plan Your Visit

Petersburg National Battlefield
Eastern Front Visitor Center
5001 Siege Road
Petersburg, VA 23803
(804) 732-3531
www.nps.gov/pete

- » Horse Trailer Parking
1539 Hickory Hill Rd.
- » Hickory Hill Trailhead
1437 Hickory Hill Rd.

Sign posts at all trailheads and major intersections are marked with a letter. Use the closest letter to help emergency responders determine your location quicker.

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Markers & Blazes

Trail signs are at all trailheads and major intersections are marked with a letter. Trail blazes are found on trees throughout the park. 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

Hikers and Joggers

- » Use the tour road multi-purpose lane
- » Yield to horse riders.

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 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.

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 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).

Emergency

In an emergency call 911.

Hiking and Biking Only Trails

- 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

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

Harrison Creek Loop (Multi-Use)

3 miles of connecting multi-use trails for horse, biking, and hiking on the eastern side of the park. Trails 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) - *Friend Trail (at M) breaks away from the loop and connects to Fort Stedman a hiking and biking only.
- Water Line - 0.66 mile - *The portion of Water Line trail from Q to HH hiking and biking only. (0.45 mile)
- Attack Road - 0.66 mile - *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. Trails 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

B.A.R.K. Ranger

Pets are welcome on the trails. Following the B.A.R.K. Ranger code.

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

Contact staff at the Eastern Front Visitor Center for information about the BARK Ranger Program.