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BATTLE OF DREWRY'S BLUFF SEVEN DAYS BATTLES

Visitor Guide to Richmond's 1862 / 2012 Sesquicentennial Commemoration



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One hundred and fifty years ago this spring, the eyes of the world were on Richmond.

Here in May and June 1862, more than 200,000 Americans fought to decide the future of the United States.

In April 1862, Union General George B. McClellan moved his army – numbering more than 100,000 – from his landing point at Fort Monroe, on the Virginia Peninsula, west toward Richmond.

After a series of Confederate defeats in Kentucky and Tennessee, the capture of New Orleans, and now with a massive Union army approaching the

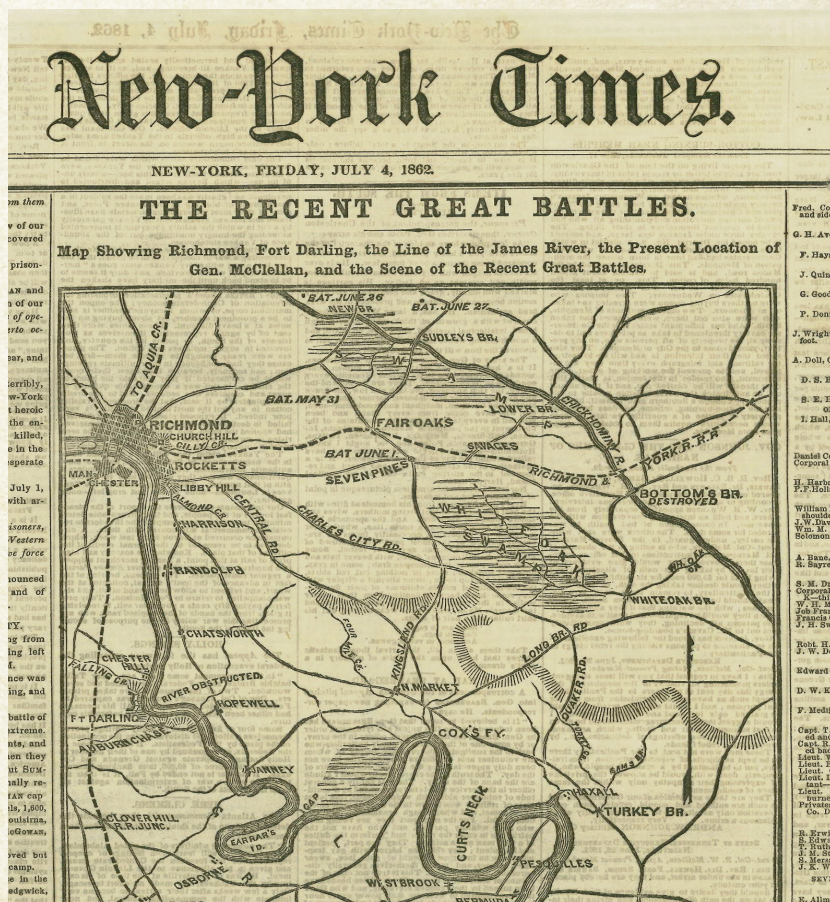
capital, the future of the Confederacy was uncertain. McClellan hoped to take Richmond and bring the war to an end.

Wherever McClellan's army went, its location instantly became the ninth largest city in North America.

By July, his campaign had failed and had caused more than 35,000 casualties on both sides. Far from ending, the course of the war was transformed.

Northern leaders issued a call for tens of thousands of new troops and began to craft a document that would become the Emancipation Proclamation.

The new commander of the Confederate Army of Northern Virginia – Robert E. Lee – had seized the initiative. Two months later, his army would be across the Potomac.



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Confederates were successful in preventing Union warships – including the U.S.S. Monitor – from reaching the city of Richmond. For the rest of the campaign – and the remainder of the war – Union forces would rely on overland routes in their efforts to take the capital.

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Confederate Gen. Joseph E. Johnston was wounded and Robert E. Lee was appointed to lead the Army of Northern Virginia.

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In what would become the first of the Seven Days Battles, Lee began to execute his battle plan north of the Chickahominy River. Confederate attacks along the creek failed to dislodge entrenched Federals, but the arrival of Stonewall Jackson late in the day made the Union position untenable. McClellan withdrew southeast along the river.

June 27, 1862: Battle of Gaines' Mill | Pages 6 - 7

McClellan decided to move his supply base from the Pamunkey River to the James. He left Union troops under Fitz John Porter to hold the high ground south of Boatswain's Creek. In the evening, the Federal line finally gave way, resulting in a Confederate victory—Lee's first—and the initiative shifted to Lee. This was by far the largest

and costliest battle in the Eastern theatre thus far (95,000 engaged; estimated casualties 15,000).

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As Confederates pressed McClellan, Federals abandoned the supply depot at Savage's Station on the Richmond and York River Railroad.

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Despite fierce fighting in close quarters, Confederate attempts to cut the Union army off in its retreat to the James were unsuccessful.

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Repeated but disorganized Confederate assaults were unable to take the strong Union position on high ground in the final and largest battle of the Seven Days. Nonetheless, McClellan abandoned the field overnight.

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McClellan withdrew his army to Harrison's Landing on the James River. Lee determined that McClellan's position was too strong to be assaulted successfully and withdrew, ending the Seven Days Battles and the Peninsula Campaign. Over the next few weeks and months, Lee seized the initiative and the armies took the fight north to Manassas and, ultimately, Antietam.

1862 / 2012 Sesquicentennial Events

From May to July of 2012, the Richmond region is commemorating this momentous period in our nation's history...at the times and in the places where it happened.

Join us for a wide range of activities – living history demonstrations, NPS ranger-led walking tours of the battlefield landscapes, lectures, discussions, and multimedia presentations.

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1862 / 2012 Sesquicentennial Evening Program Series

Tuesday, June 19, 5:30 p.m. – Virginia Historical Society

The Civil War at a Crossroads: The Seven Days

University of Richmond President Ed Ayers

A review of the situation in Richmond on the eve of the Seven Days and what was at stake for national reunification and emancipation.

A partnership event cosponsored by the National Park Service, the Virginia Historical Society, and the American Civil War Center

Saturday, June 23, 8:30 p.m. – Historic Tredegar

Voices from the Storm, Richmond 1862

Special outdoor multimedia program at the Tredegar Iron Works created from the images and voices of the people who lived 150 years ago. Their important reminiscences illuminate the struggles, hopes, and transformations during the summer of 1862.

A partnership event cosponsored by the National Park Service and the American Civil War Center (rain date: June 24)

Wednesday, July 11, 5:30 p.m. – Virginia Historical Society

More Important Than Gettysburg: The Seven Days Campaign as a Turning Point

Gary Gallagher, Professor of Civil War History, University of Virginia

A review of the situation after the Seven Days, the ramifications of McClellan's failure to take Richmond, and where the armies moved from here as a result.

A partnership event cosponsored by the National Park Service, the Virginia Historical Society, and the American Civil War Center

Bus and Walking Tours / Presentations

Thursday, May 31 and Saturday, June 2

The Battle of Seven Pines / Fair Oaks: Lee Assumes Command of the Army of Northern Virginia

Program presented by NPS Alumnus Mike Andrus and NPS Ranger Bert Dunkerly. Please register by May 16 by calling Richmond NBP's Tredegar Visitor Center at 804-771-2035.

Thursday, May 31

12:15 p.m.,

4:00 p.m., and

5:30 p.m.

Public presentation at Sandston Library, Henrico County (free). The 5:30 p.m. presentation only will be followed by a bus tour of the battlefield (\$25 registration fee).

Saturday, June 2

11:00 a.m. and

4:00 p.m.

Public presentation at Sandston Library, Henrico County (free). Both presentations will be followed by a bus tour of the battlefield (\$25 registration fee).

Sunday, June 3, 4:00 p.m.

Seven Pines and the Peninsula Campaign: Photography Begins to Tell the Tale of the Civil War

Program with NPS Ranger Mike Gorman looking at the Peninsula Campaign and Seven Pines through the photographer's lens. Henrico Theater, 305 E Nine Mile Rd, Henrico, 23075.

Sunday, June 17, 2:00 p.m.

Richmond: Life in the Confederate Capital City in the Summer of 1862

Tour starting at the State Capitol Building, with Capitol Guide Mark Greenough and NPS Ranger Mike Gorman

Sunday, June 24, and Friday, June 29, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Bus tour: The Seven Days Battles – Led by NPS Alumnus Mike Andrus

National Park Service alumnus Mike Andrus leads a day-long tour commemorating the 150th anniversary of the Seven Days' Battles. To register, call the National Park Service at 804-771-2035. Fee: \$40. Please register by June 6. Tour meets at the NPS Chimborazo Visitor Center and Medical Museum (3215 E. Broad St, Richmond 23223)

BATTLE OF DREWRY'S BLUFF

Drewry's Bluff activities at Chesterfield County Central Library | Wednesday, May 9 - Saturday, May 12

9501 Lori Road, Chesterfield 23832

Wednesday, May 9, 11:00 a.m.: Official Opening of the Virginia Sesquicentennial Commission Civil War History Mobile and Kickoff for Drewry's Bluff Commemorative Week – media and dignitaries invited.

Wednesday, May 9 through Saturday, May 12: A variety of activities includes digital scanning by the library of area residents' historical letters, documents, and artifacts to make them accessible for future research and study, children's scavenger hunts and traveling trunks, and Civil War-era demonstrations.

Friday, May 11, 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.: Drewry's Bluff Panel Discussion

Welcome: David Ruth, Superintendent of Richmond National Battlefield Park

Moderator: Scott Williams, chair of Chesterfield Historical Society's Military History Committee

- "Defending the James River" – Sam Craghead, Public Relations Specialist, Museum of the Confederacy
- "The Battle of Drewry's Bluff" – Mike Gorman, Park Ranger, National Park Service
- "Political and Home Front Reaction to the Battle of Drewry's Bluff" – Ashley Whitehead, Park Ranger, National Park Service

Living History Weekend at Drewry's Bluff Unit | Saturday, May 12 - Sunday, May 13

Drewry's Bluff Unit, Richmond National Battlefield Park | 7600 Fort Darling Road, Richmond 23237 (*See map note for parking information.)

Ongoing all weekend:

9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

- The U.S. Marine Corps Historical Company and Hampton Roads Naval Museum exhibits (Exhibit Area)
- Living history programs and demonstrations of life and activities at Drewry's Bluff in 1862 (Fort Area)
- Interactive family and children's activities and demonstrations, including "Civil War Texting," an exhibit demonstrating the use of telegraphy during the Civil War (Exhibit Area)

Saturday, May 12

9:15 a.m. – 9:45 a.m.

Troop Muster and Program Kick-off with Park Superintendent David Ruth (Exhibit Area)

10:00 a.m. – 10:45 a.m.

"The Drewry's Bluff Story" – An NPS Ranger-led walking tour of the fort at Drewry's Bluff (Meet in Exhibit Area)

10:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

"Through the Eyes of Marines: Small Arms and Tactical Doctrine at the Battle of Drewry's Bluff" (Exhibit Area)

11:00 a.m. – Noon

Dedication of New Interpretive Signs: "U.S.S. Monitor," "Confederate Marines at Drewry's Bluff" (Exhibit Area)

12:30 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.

"Artillery Along the James: Defending the Confederate Capital" – A demonstration of the use of artillery (Fort Area)

1:30 p.m. – 2:15 p.m.

"Drewry's Bluff, 1862-1865: Gibraltar of the Confederacy" – A program featuring Dr. John Coski, Historian and Vice President, Museum of the Confederacy (Exhibit Area)

2:30 p.m. – 3:15 p.m.

"The Drewry's Bluff Story" – An NPS Ranger-led walking tour of the fort at Drewry's Bluff (Meet in Exhibit Area)

3:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

"Through the Eyes of Marines: Small Arms and Tactical Doctrine at the Battle of Drewry's Bluff" (Exhibit Area)

3:30 p.m. – 4:15 p.m.

"Artillery Along the James: Defending the Confederate Capital" – A demonstration of the use of artillery (Fort Area)

4:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.

Concert by the U.S. Marine Corps Quantico Marine Band (Exhibit Area)

Sunday, May 13

10:00 a.m. – 10:45 a.m.

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10:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

"Through the Eyes of Marines: Small Arms and Tactical Doctrine at the Battle of Drewry's Bluff" (Exhibit Area)

11:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

"Artillery Along the James: Defending the Confederate Capital" – A demonstration of the use of artillery (Fort Area)

Noon – 12:30 p.m.

"Drewry's Bluff Through the Civil War Camera's Lens" – a special NPS Ranger-led tour of Drewry's Bluff using Civil War-era photographs (Exhibit Area)

1:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.

"Through the Eyes of Marines: Small Arms and Tactical Doctrine at the Battle of Drewry's Bluff" (Exhibit Area)

2:30 p.m. – 3:15 p.m.

"Meeting Sgt. Samuel Mann through his great-great-grandson, Chip Mann" – Sgt. Mann was one of the fort's Confederate defenders in 1862 (Exhibit Area)

3:30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

"Artillery Along the James: Defending the Confederate Capital" – A demonstration of the use of artillery (Fort Area)



Drewry's Bluff Education Day | Monday, May 14

Drewry's Bluff Unit, Richmond National Battlefield Park | 7600 Fort Darling Road, Richmond 23237

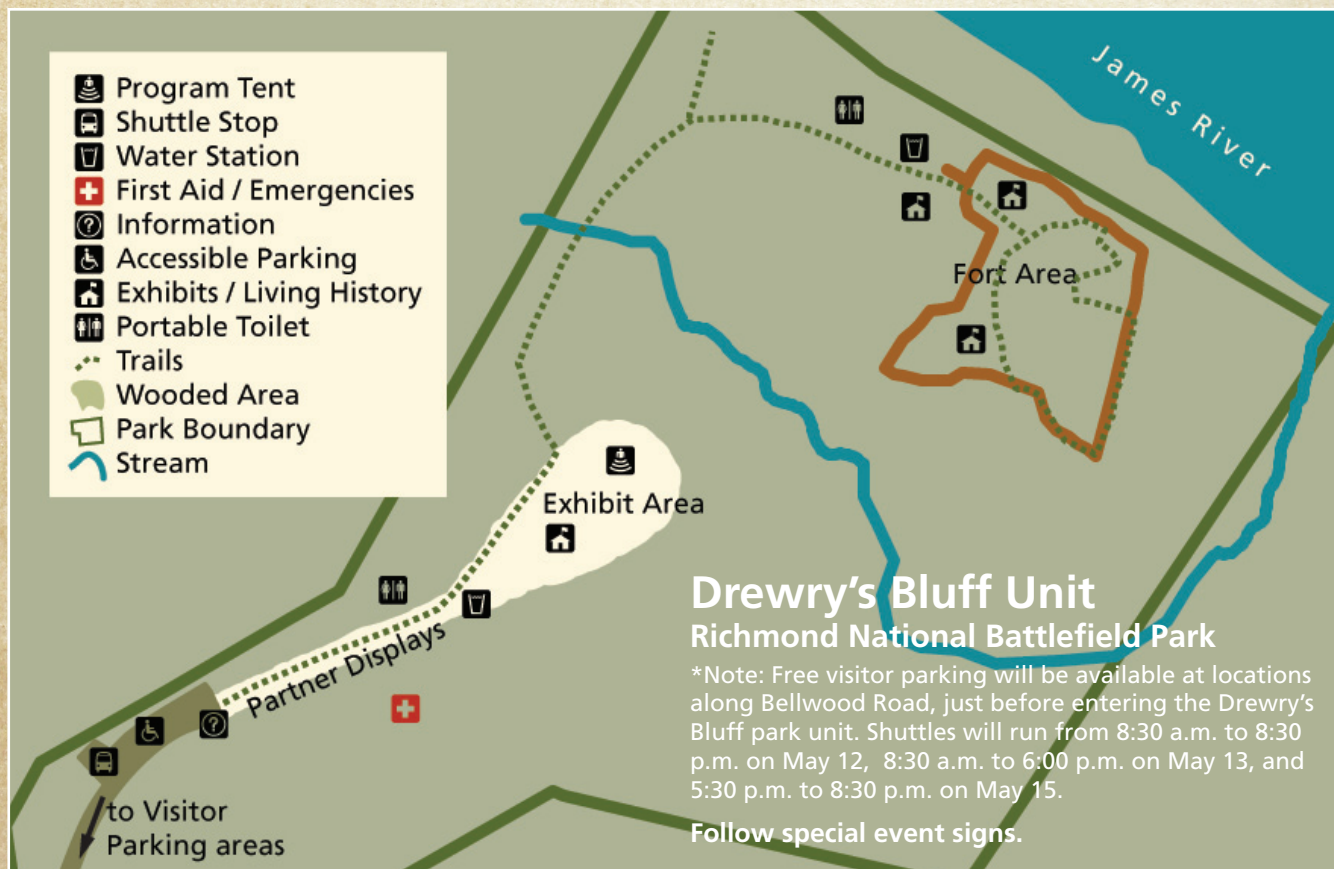
Student / Teacher Open House Day – Visit stations manned by the U.S. Marine Corps Historical Company, NPS Rangers and living history units, explore the fort, and learn about the battle of Drewry's Bluff. Groups of 20-25 will rotate through six history stations. Teachers will be given a map and instructions upon arrival. To reserve a spot or for more information on SOL curriculum fulfillments, contact Pat Ferrell, Education Specialist at 804-771-2018 or Patrice_Ferrell@nps.gov.

- 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Education Stations with USMC Historical Company, NPS Rangers, and living history units:
- The Drewry's Bluff Story – Explore the fort and learn about the battle of Drewry's Bluff.
 - Marines Then and Now – Marines talk about the battle and the role of Marines then and today.
 - Naval Warfare – Hear about the two navies during the Civil War and the role they played at Drewry's Bluff.
 - Small Arms in the Civil War – A demonstration of the use of small arms during the battle.
 - Science, Technology, and Engineering during the Civil War – What does engineering and surveying have to do with battles? Talk to an engineer to learn about his duties.
 - Artillery along the James River – A demonstration of the use of artillery
- 3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. Informal interpretation and education for the remainder of the afternoon

Anniversary Tours and Commemorative Ceremony | Tuesday, May 15

Drewry's Bluff Unit, Richmond National Battlefield Park (*Please see map note for evening shuttle information; onsite parking for daytime programs.)

- All day The U.S. Marine Corps Historical Company, the James River Squadron, and the Southside Artillery will provide living history programs and demonstrations of life and activities at Drewry's Bluff in 1862. (Exhibit and Fort areas)
- 9:00 a.m. "By this time of the morning on this date 150 years ago..." A real time NPS Ranger-led tour of the fort exactly 150 years after the Battle of Drewry's Bluff (Exhibit Area)
- 11 a.m., 1 p.m., 4 p.m. "The Drewry's Bluff Story" – An NPS Ranger-led walking tour of the fort at Drewry's Bluff (Exhibit Area)
- 6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. **"Honoring Service: Commemorating the Battle of Drewry's Bluff"**
A ceremony commemorating the sacrifice and courage of America's service members 150 years ago and today – especially Cpl. John Mackie. For his actions during the Battle of Drewry's Bluff in 1862, Mackie became the first Marine awarded the Medal of Honor. Remarks by members of the armed services, as well as dignitaries from Chesterfield County, and the National Park Service. The ceremony will conclude with "Taps Over the Battlefield: A Salute to the Soldiers, Sailors, and Marines." *Note: There is limited seating and capacity for this event. Please arrive early to ensure a place.* (Exhibit Area)



Battle of Gaines' Mill

Living History Weekend and Anniversary



Living History Weekend at Gaines' Mill Battlefield | Saturday, June 23 - Sunday, June 24

6283 Watt House Road, Mechanicsville 23111 (*Parking available at Cold Harbor Visitor Center, 5515 Anderson-Wright Dr., Mechanicsville 23111)

Ongoing all weekend

9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

- A demonstration of the innovative use of balloons during the Civil War
- Living history programs and demonstrations of life and activities in camp and on the battlefield in June 1862
- Interactive family and children's activities
- Visitor orientation and interpretation near the shuttle stop around the Watt House
- At the nearby Cold Harbor Visitor Center, NPS Ranger orientation, exhibits and maps

Saturday, June 23


10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

"Civilians Caught in the Maelstrom: The Story of Sarah Watt and Other Hanover Civilians" – an NPS Ranger-led walking tour of the Watt House area (Near Watt House)

11:00 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.

"The Confederates Break Through: the Battle of Gaines' Mill" – an NPS Ranger-led talk illustrated with living history infantry, artillery, and cavalry demonstrations (Tactical Demonstration Area)


Noon – 12:45 p.m.

"Gaines' Mill Through the Soldiers' and Civilians' Eyes" – an NPS Ranger-led walking tour with historic vignettes offered by military and civilian living historians (Visitor Information Tent) 

1:00 p.m. – 1:45 p.m.

"The Confederates Break Through: the Battle of Gaines' Mill" – an NPS Ranger-led talk illustrated with living history infantry, artillery, and cavalry demonstrations (Tactical Demonstration Area)

2:00 p.m. – 2:45 p.m.

"Gaines' Mill Through the Soldiers' and Civilians' Eyes" – an NPS Ranger-led walking tour with historic vignettes offered by military and civilian living historians (Visitor Information Tent) 

3:00 p.m. – 3:45 p.m.


"Reconnaissance from Above: Balloons in the Civil War" – demonstration of the use of balloons during the summer of 1862 (Balloon Demonstration Area)

4:00 p.m. – 4:45 p.m.

"The Confederates Break Through: the Battle of Gaines' Mill" – an NPS Ranger-led talk illustrated with living history infantry, artillery, and cavalry demonstrations (Tactical Demonstration Area)

Sunday, June 24

11:00 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.

"The Battle of Gaines' Mill: Lee's First Victory" – an NPS Ranger-led walking tour overview (Visitor Information Tent) 


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2:00 p.m. – 2:45 p.m.

"Gaines' Mill Through the Soldiers' and Civilians' Eyes" – an NPS Ranger-led walking tour with historic vignettes offered by military and civilian living historians (Visitor Information Tent) 

3:00 p.m. – 3:45 p.m.

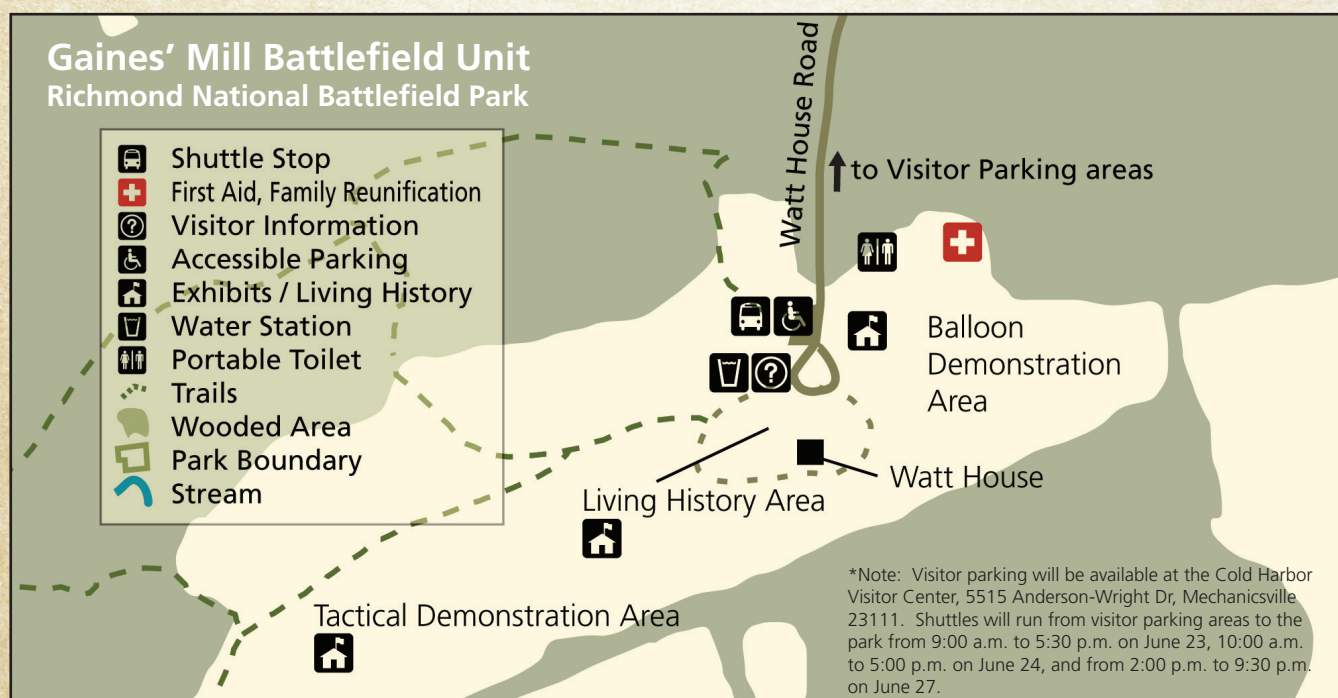
"The Confederates Break Through: the Battle of Gaines' Mill" – an NPS Ranger-led talk illustrated with living history infantry, artillery, and cavalry demonstrations (Tactical Demonstration Area)

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Battle of Gaines' Mill Anniversary | Wednesday, June 27

6283 Watt House Road, Mechanicsville 23111 (*Parking available onsite until 3:00 p.m. – please see note on map for shuttle information.)

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| 10:00 a.m. | "Civilians Caught in the Maelstrom: The Story of Sarah Watt and Other Hanover Civilians" – an NPS Ranger-led walking tour of the Watt House area (Near Watt House) |
| 11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. | "The Battle of Gaines' Mill: Lee's First Victory" – 30-minute walking tour overviews at 11:00 a.m., 12:00 p.m., 1:00 p.m., 2:00 p.m. with NPS Rangers (Visitor Information Tent) |
| 3:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. | "Stonewall Jackson Challenges the U.S. Regulars" – an NPS Ranger-led hiking tour of the eastern end of the battlefield (Visitor Information Tent) |
| 5:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. | "Terrain Shapes the Battle: A Glimpse into Griffin's Woods" – a walking tour with NPS Historian Robert E.L. Krick (Visitor Information Tent) |
| 6:30 p.m. – 7:15 p.m. | Special Commemorative Anniversary Program: "Gaines' Mill: An Overview of Lee's First Victory" with former NPS Chief Historian Ed Bearss (Program Tent) <i>In case of inclement weather, this program will take place at the VFW Hall, 7168 Flag Lane, Mechanicsville 23111.</i> |
| 7:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. | "Texans Lead the Way: Lee's Largest Attack of the Civil War Breaks the Union Left" – a walking tour with NPS Historian Robert E.L. Krick (Visitor Information Tent) |
| 8:45 p.m. | "Taps Over the Battlefield: A Salute to the Soldiers" |



Battle of Beaver Dam Creek

Anniversary Tours at the Beaver Dam Creek Battlefield | Tuesday, June 26

7423 Cold Harbor Road, Mechanicsville 23111 (*Parking available onsite until 3:00 p.m.; then at the VFW Hall, 7168 Flag Lane, Mechanicsville 23111. Shuttles will run from 3:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.)

All tours meet at the shuttle bus stop in the Beaver Dam Creek Battlefield park unit.

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| Beginning at 2:00 p.m. | NPS Staff and volunteers available to provide orientation about the Battle of Beaver Dam Creek |
| 2:00 p.m. | "The Stage is Set for Lee's Offensive" – an NPS Ranger-led walking tour |
| 4:00 p.m. | "The Seven Days Battles Commence" – an NPS Ranger-led walking tour |
| 7:00 p.m. | "Battle of Beaver Dam Creek: Lee Takes the Initiative" – an NPS Ranger-led real time walking tour |

Battle of Glendale

Anniversary Tours and Programs at the Glendale Battlefield | Saturday, June 30

- Ongoing all day (9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.)
- Virginia Sesquicentennial HistoryMobile (Malvern Hill)
 - Demonstrations of medical care during and after the battles of Glendale and Malvern Hill (Willis Church)
 - Exhibits interpreting the history of the Gravel Hill community of free African Americans during the Civil War (Gravel Hill Community Center)
 - NPS Ranger orientation, exhibits and maps illustrating the Battles of Glendale and Malvern Hill (Visitor Center)
 - Living history programs and demonstrations of life and activities in camp and on the battlefield in June 1862 (Visitor Center)
 - Interactive family and children's activities and demonstrations (Visitor Center)

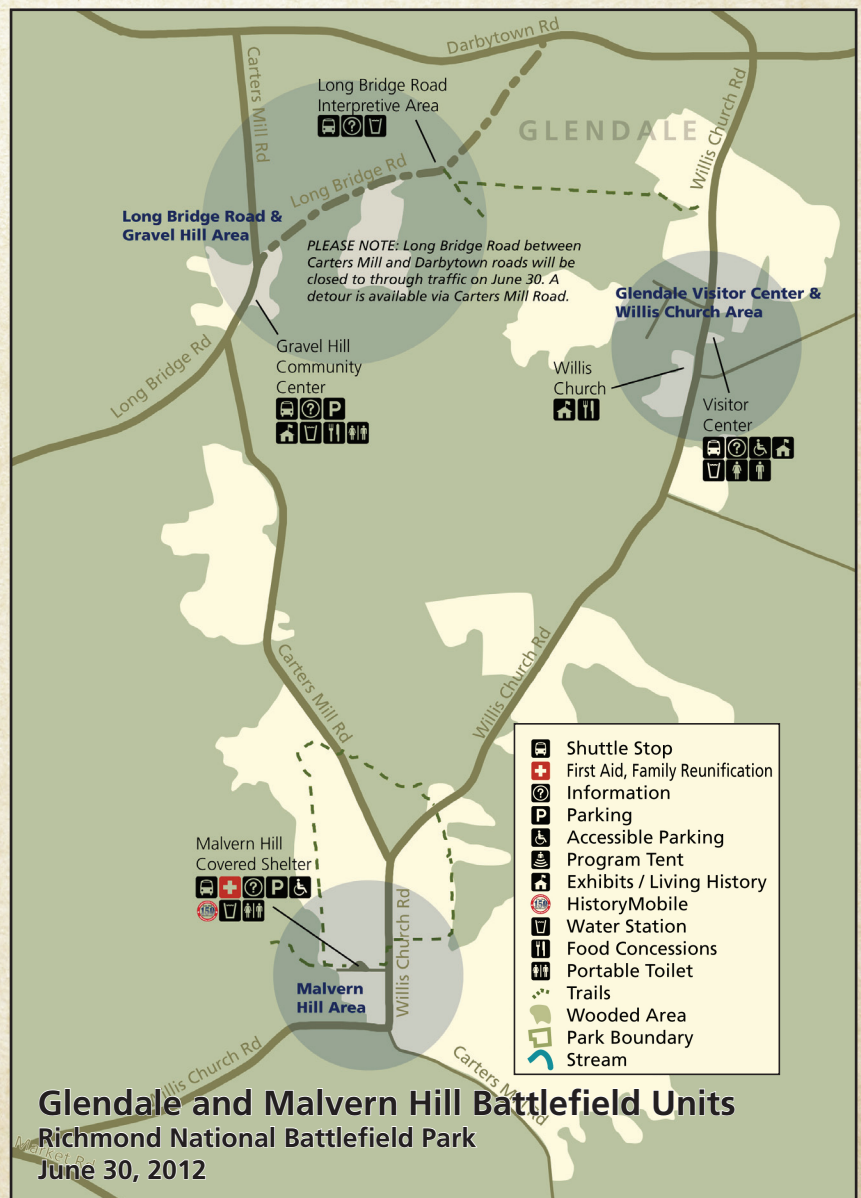
- 12:00 p.m. The Battle of Glendale – an overview tour of the fighting along Long Bridge Rd (Long Bridge Road Interpretive Area)
- 1:00 p.m. "African Americans Caught in the Vortex" – a special program with the Gravel Hill Community Center. The families of Gravel Hill were the only free African American community situated in the middle of the contending armies. (Gravel Hill Community Center)
- 1:30 p.m. The Battle of Glendale – an overview tour of the fighting along Long Bridge Rd (Long Bridge Road Interpretive Area)
- 2:30 p.m. "Pennsylvanians vs. South Carolinians: Uncommon Valor of the Common American Soldier" – an NPS Ranger-led walking tour exploring some of the fierce fighting that characterized the Battle of Glendale (Long Bridge Road Interpretive Area)
- 3:00 p.m. The Battle of Glendale – an overview tour of the fighting along Long Bridge Rd (Long Bridge Road Interpretive Area)
- 4:00 p.m. "Burying the Fallen" – A Tour of Glendale National Cemetery, the final resting place for many of the Union soldiers killed during the battles of Glendale and Malvern Hill (Visitor Center)
- 4:30 p.m. The Battle of Glendale – an overview tour of the fighting along Long Bridge Rd (Long Bridge Road Interpretive Area)
- 4:45 p.m. "Taps Over the Battlefield: A Salute to the Soldiers" at Glendale National Cemetery (Visitor Center)
- 5:00 p.m. – 5:45 p.m. "Music Around the Campfire" – songs from home and the battlefield will be performed by members of the 26th North Carolina Fife and Drum Corps (Willis Church)
- 6:00 p.m. – 8:15 p.m. "Opportunity Lost: The Final Confederate Push at Glendale Falls Short" – a two-part real time walking tour beginning at the Whitlock Farm and finishing along the Willis Church Road corridor (Long Bridge Road Interpretive Area)

Please note that these tours take place over rough and uneven terrain not suitable for strollers and scooters. Water bottles and comfortable walking shoes are recommended.

Visitor Parking Areas:

- Malvern Hill: 9175 Willis Church Rd, Henrico 23231
- Gravel Hill Community Center: 5417 Long Bridge Road, Henrico 23231


Note: Shuttles will run from 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.






Battle of Malvern Hill

Anniversary Tours and Programs at the Malvern Hill Battlefield | Sunday, July 1

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| <p>Ongoing all day
9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.</p> <p>8:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.</p> <p>10:30 a.m. – 11:15 p.m.</p> <p>11:30 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.</p> <p>12:30 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NPS Ranger orientation, exhibits and maps illustrating the Battles of Glendale and Malvern Hill (Glendale Visitor Center) • Living history programs and demonstrations of life and activities in camp and on the battlefield in July 1862 (Parsonage) • Demonstrations of medical care during and after the battles of Glendale and Malvern Hill (Willis Church) • Visitor orientation and interpretation near the shuttle stop along the Union artillery line (Malvern Hill) • Virginia Sesquicentennial HistoryMobile (Malvern Hill) • Interactive family and children's activities and demonstrations (Malvern Hill) <p>"In the Footsteps of History: the March to Malvern Hill" – Union and Confederate soldiers recreate the march between the two great battlefields. March departs from Glendale Visitor Center and ends at the Parsonage.</p> <p>"In Camp and on the Battlefield: Civil War Musicians Sound the Call" – the 26th NC demonstrates calls used by the armies to communicate in camp, on the march, and across the battlefield. (Parsonage)</p> <p>"The Role of Artillery, Infantry, and Sharpshooters at Malvern Hill" – an NPS Ranger-narrated demonstration of the tactics utilized by each element of the army (Malvern Hill)</p> <p>"A Modern General's View of Leadership During the Seven Days" – Brig. Gen. John Mountcastle USA (Ret.) (Malvern Hill)</p> |
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| <p>2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.</p> <p>3:30 p.m. – 4:15 p.m.</p> <p>4:30 p.m. – 5:15 p.m.
(also at 10:45 a.m., 12:45 p.m.)</p> <p>5:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.</p> <p>7:00 p.m. – 7:45 p.m.</p> <p>8:00 p.m.</p> | <p>"The Battle of Malvern Hill: A Breakdown in Leadership and Communications: a Recipe for Disaster" -- From cannon fire to infantry attacks, this program will be a unique interplay of narration by an NPS park ranger and living history demonstrations illustrating how the battle unfolded. (Malvern Hill)</p> <p>"The Union Defenders of Malvern Hill" – an NPS Ranger-led walking tour exploring the Union front line during the battle (Malvern Hill) </p> <p>"Stonewall Jackson's Artillery at Malvern Hill: One Confederate Perspective" – a walking tour and demonstration of the Confederate artillery position at the Poin-dexter Farm, in partnership with Henrico County (Jackson's Artillery Area) </p> <p>"It was not war -- it was murder" – Southern Valor vs. Union Firepower" – NPS Ranger-led walking tours that follow in the footsteps of the attacking Confederates. Meet at the Confederate artillery position to follow Gen. Magruder's attack; meet at the Parsonage to follow Gen. D.H. Hill's. As the two groups converge, experience the challenge of coordinating these assaults. </p> <p>"Malvern Hill Brings an End to the Seven Days Battles" – a special evening discussion with NPS Historians Frank O'Reilly and Robert E.L. Krick (Malvern Hill)</p> <p>"Taps Over the Battlefield: A Salute to the Soldiers" (Malvern Hill)</p> |
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Visitor Parking Areas:

- Malvern Hill: 9175 Willis Church Rd, Henrico 23231
- Gravel Hill Community Center: 5417 Long Bridge Road, Henrico 23231

Note: Shuttles will run from 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Additional Partner Events

Please check www.nps.gov/rich for updated information about these and other partner events.

Civil War on the James | Saturday, May 19, 10:00 a.m.

A two-hour cruise of the James River with Civil War historian Scott Williams aboard the Discovery Barge II, a 24-foot, covered pontoon boat, hosted by Chesterfield County Sesquicentennial of the American Civil War Committee and the Chesterfield Historical Society. (Fee: \$45.) More information at DiscoverTheJames.com or 804-938-2350.

Bus tour of Hanover County's 1862 Sites | Saturday, May 19, 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Hosted by Hanover County Parks & Recreation. (\$20; Pre-registration is required.)
Register online: www.co.hanover.va.us/parksrec/default.htm and click on Discover Recreation Online.

Bus tour – Battle of Hanover Court House | Sunday, May 27, 12:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Hosted by Hanover Tavern Foundation, with NPS Historian Robert E.L. Krick as guide. Includes lunch at Hanover Tavern. (\$75)
To register contact Josh Epps at jepps@hanovertavern.org or call 804-537-5050. www.hanovertavern.org.

Lee Takes Command Commemorative Events | May 31 to June 3

Hosted by the Museum of the Confederacy, the Dabbs House Museum, and the Virginia War Memorial

- Day 1: Lecture with Civil War historian and author Dr. Emory Thomas – Thursday, May 31, 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. – Virginia War Memorial Freedom Hall (Free, but reservations are required: www.moc.org or 855-649-1861 x121)
- Day 2: Dinner with Lee reenactor David Palmer – Friday, June 1, 6:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. – Dorey Park Barn (\$15)
- Day 3: Walking tour of Dabbs House, White House of the Confederacy, Stewart-Lee House, Virginia State Capitol, and St. Paul's Episcopal Church – Saturday, June 2, 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. – Depart Dabbs House Museum (\$30)

More information is available at www.DabbsHouse.HenricoRecandParks.com or 804-652-3411.

Seven Pines National Cemetery Tour and Commemoration | Sunday, June 3, 7:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Tour the cemetery and learn about the Battle of Seven Pines, its impact on the families caught in the middle, and the men whose final resting place is here. Commemoration ceremony to follow. Hosted by Henrico Recreation and Parks. (Free)
www.DabbsHouse.HenricoRecandParks.com or 804-652-3409

Stuart's Ride Commemoration | Sunday, June 10, 12:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Ribbon-cutting on new Stuart's Ride Commemoration Trail with Civil War historian Dr. James I. (Bud) Robertson, followed by living history and tours. Dabbs House Museum. (Free) www.DabbsHouse.HenricoRecandParks.com or 804-652-3411

Lodging, Dining, Other Attractions

For lodging and other visitor information, visit www.VisitRichmondVA.org.

Groups

Please call the park at 804-226-1981 or the host of a partner event above for information about group reservations.

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Plan your visit thoughtfully to ensure that you are comfortable, safe, and well-prepared.

Weather:

Check weather forecasts before departing. Most of the events in this guide take place outdoors. Richmond area weather in spring can vary and change. Summer days can be extremely warm. Please dress accordingly – wear loose clothing, bring a hat, and choose comfortable, sturdy shoes for walking on uneven battlefield terrain. Bring and wear sunscreen.

Water and Food:

Bottled water will not be sold in the park, but free water stations will be available for refilling personal water bottles and canteens. Please plan to bring a water bottle with you. Souvenir water bottles will also be available for purchase.

In most cases, food will not be available for purchase; however, visitors are welcome to bring lunches and snacks during these special events only. Please dispose of litter and recycling in the provided containers. During the weekend of June 30 - July 1, food sales will be available outside of the park at the Gravel Hill Community Center and the Willis Church.

Roads and Trails:

Please stay on designated trails and note special event signs on roadways and trails.

Insects:

Richmond's battlefields contain mosquitoes and a variety of ticks. Knowing tick safety protocols is very important for one's health. Some ticks are carriers of blood-borne pathogens, which can be transmitted when the tick is embedded in its host. Rocky Mountain Spotted Fever and Lyme Disease can be prevented with the right precautions. Check yourself, your children, and all clothing for ticks.

Facilities and Accessibility:

All events will provide accessible parking facilities. Most events and programs are fully accessible. However, several walking/hiking tours take place over long distances and uneven and rough terrain. They are indicated in the event descriptions. Outdoor events will offer portable restrooms that are accessible.

Pets:

Pets on leashes are allowed within Richmond National Battlefield Park units as long as they remain outdoors. Service animals only are allowed inside park buildings.

Seating:

Some limited seating will be provided for programs and events that are stationary and expected to last longer than 20 minutes. If you are planning to be in the park for an extended period of time, consider bringing a blanket or chair that is easy to transport. Keep in mind that most events will be reached via a shuttle system, so it is a good idea to plan carefully what to bring.

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