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Translating History

Park Offers Cell Phone Tour in Espanol!

VALLEY FORGE, Pa. — Valley Forge National Historical Park’s popular cell phone tour has a new twist. It’s now available in *Spanish*.

“We’re striving to make certain every visitor has an enjoyable and meaningful experience here. And each enhancement to services, like our cell phone tour, moves us closer to best meeting our visitors’ needs,” said Park Superintendent Mike Caldwell.

Park visitation by Spanish-speaking guests has increased as nearby communities experience an influx of Hispanic residents, according to Assistant Superintendent Barbara Pollarine. “We’ve noticed that Spanish-speaking family groups often use the Schuylkill River Trail and the park’s picnic areas,” said Pollarine.

Also a great boon to growing numbers of international visitors to the region and Park, the Spanish version of the cell phone tour is available 24 hours a day at 484-396-1015. The tour comprises a series of two to three minute-long messages that inform listeners about the Park’s monuments, how Valley Forge got its name, origins of regiments encamped there in the winter of 1777-78 and more. Callers are also prompted to offer Park officials valuable guest feedback at the push of a button. Since visitors use their own cell phones, the only costs they incur are their calling plan minutes. The English version of the tour is available at 484-396-1018.

Lincoln Boyhood National Memorial in Lincoln City, Ind., is the only other U.S. National Park to feature a cell phone tour in Spanish.

About Valley Forge Convention and Visitors Bureau

The Valley Forge Convention and Visitors Bureau, Ltd. is a nonprofit, membership-based sales and marketing organization that aggressively promotes the Valley Forge area and Montgomery County as a convention site and leisure visitor destination by encouraging patronage of its 500-plus member hotels, restaurants, attractions and services. The Bureau’s web site, www.valleyforge.org, serves visitors, residents, meeting planners and tour operators.

About Valley Forge National Historical Park

Valley Forge National Historical Park is a national icon of the American Revolution that serves as a place where visitors enjoy, understand, care for, and preserve America’s history and natural heritage. The Park offers an engaging, complete educational and recreational experience, providing an important piece of the American story in a beautiful, historical, preserved landscape.

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