



Living History in the Park

Summer 2008

May 31 – August 3, 2008



Plan Your Visit | Ranger-Conducted Programs

The following is a series of programs and activities presented to enhance your experience at Vicksburg National Military Park. Please check the schedule on the back of this guide for times and locations. The \$8.00 entrance fee covers all activities and exhibits throughout the park. Visitor Center highlights include:

In Memory of Men – An 18-minute introductory video on the campaign and siege of Vicksburg, and the city's significance in American history and the Civil War. (First showing, 8:05 a.m.; last showing 4:30 p.m.)

Fiber Optic Map – See the campaign unfold through lights and sound, from Grant's initial march down the Louisiana side of the Mississippi River through the decision to lay siege to the 'Gibraltar of the West.' (Self-starting, 6-minute presentation)

LIVING HISTORY PROGRAMS & DEMONSTRATIONS –

Rifle Demonstration – (10-20 mins) Casualty rates increased dramatically during the Civil War due to the evolution of nineteenth century firearms. Learn about the weaponry and daily drills. (Location – Living History area adjacent to Visitor Center)

Artillery Demonstration – (15-30 mins) Hear the roar and smell the smoke as a Civil War cannon is fired again! Watch a cannon detachment load and fire nineteenth century artillery. (Location – Living History area adjacent to Visitor Center)

Soldier's Choice – (15-30 mins) Join interpreters for talks on fortifications, artillery, and rifles used during the siege, life in the trenches, Civil War medicine, civilian life, life in occupied Vicksburg, and more! (Location – Living History area adjacent to Visitor Center)

PROGRAM SCHEDULE – LIVING HISTORY 2008

	SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
9:00 am	Rifle	Rifle	Rifle			Rifle	Rifle
10:00 am	Soldier's Choice	Soldier's Choice	Soldier's Choice			Soldier's Choice	Soldier's Choice
10:30 am	Artillery	Artillery	Artillery			Artillery	Artillery
11:30 am	Soldier's Choice	Soldier's Choice	Soldier's Choice			Soldier's Choice	Soldier's Choice
12:00 – 1:00 pm	Soldier's Choice	Soldier's Choice	Soldier's Choice			Soldier's Choice	Soldier's Choice
1:30 pm	Artillery	Artillery	Artillery			Artillery	Artillery
2:00 pm	Soldier's Choice	Soldier's Choice	Soldier's Choice			Soldier's Choice	Soldier's Choice
2:30 pm	Rifle	Rifle	Rifle			Rifle	Rifle
3:00 pm	Soldier's Choice	Soldier's Choice	Soldier's Choice			Soldier's Choice	Soldier's Choice
3:30 pm	Soldier's Choice	Soldier's Choice	Soldier's Choice			Soldier's Choice	Soldier's Choice

SCHEDULE SUBJECT TO CHANGE

Program adjustments are sometimes made due to staffing limitations or severe weather.

Check Visitor Center Desk for details.