

EDUCATORS' GUIDE TO

***THE BATTLE OF
WILSON'S CREEK***

AUGUST 10, 1861

**WILSON'S CREEK NATIONAL BATTLEFIELD
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE**

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INTRODUCTION

Thank you for your interest in educational opportunities at Wilson's Creek National Battlefield. This guide is designed to provide you with the necessary introductory materials so that you and your students can make the most of your study of and, if time permits, your visit to the battlefield. Please ask about our other educational packets developed specifically for use with elementary, junior high, and high school students. Please feel free to copy information from any of these packets for use in your classroom. Also see our packets for information on how you may acquire other park materials such as one of our four traveling trunks, DVDs, and more. Should you have further questions and/or concerns, please call us at (417) 732-2662, Monday through Friday, between 8:00 A.M. and 4:30 P.M.

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EDUCATIONAL GROUP RESERVATIONS

Wilson's Creek National Battlefield

6424 W. Farm Road 182
Republic, Missouri 65738
(417) 732-2662

The staff and volunteers at Wilson's Creek National Battlefield look forward to your school group touring our Battlefield. Before making your reservation, please read carefully our visit guidelines listed at the bottom of this page; be aware that all groups **must** follow these guidelines. In order to facilitate our reservation process, we ask that you call us here at the park and ask to speak to one of the rangers at the front desk who will gather the information needed to schedule your group for a specific date and time. Please be prepared to provide the information listed below. Soon after you have contacted us, we will send you a reservation confirmation letter along with guide-lines and application for waiver of fees (this will only have to be done once and then will remain on file).

Information required for group reservations:

1. Reservation date.
2. Arrival and departure times.
3. Name of school, its address, and phone number.
4. Contact person and her/his phone number.
5. Do you have a fee waiver on file with us?
6. Age group of your students and total number of students?
7. Number of adults in your group.
8. Number of vehicles your group will be using.
9. Special requests: Will you be touring our visitor center? Do you plan to observe our 26 minute film (shown each 45 minutes) and/or our 8 minute map program (shown each 30 minutes)? Would you like to tour the Ray House and/or observe a Civil War soldier presentation at Stop 5 (both of these are dependent on volunteer or staff availability)? Tour Bloody Hill (this will be self-guided)?

VISIT GUIDELINES:

- *The teacher(s) is(are) responsible for the conduct of their students and must remain with their students during their visit.
- *The school will provide one adult for each ten students.
- *If you need to reschedule or cancel your visit, please contact the battlefield as soon as possible.
- *If you are interested in reserving a dvd, a grade-specific educational packet, or one of our traveling trunks before your visit to Wilson's Creek, please use the following Educational Materials Request Form.

EDUCATIONAL MATERIALS REQUEST FORM

Wilson's Creek National Battlefield

(417) 732-2662

As with group reservations, we ask that interested teachers please call us here at Wilson's Creek and ask to speak to the ranger at the front desk in order to request one of our films and/or educational packets, which will be sent to you free of charge. You can also call and reserve one of our traveling trunks, but you will need to pick it up here at the park and return it within two weeks unless you make arrangements with the park and another teacher to keep it for an additional two weeks and then return it to us.

ORIENTATION AND DOCUMENTARY FILMS

_____ The Visitor Center Orientation film was made in August 2007 on the anniversary of the battle. This lively film runs for 30 minutes. This comes only as a dvd.

_____ Beyond the Visitor Center dvd mentioned above, Wide Awake Films will also release an extended version of this film (60 minutes plus extras) that should be available during the Winter of 2009.

Due to our limited supply, please select only one per school.

Please return the dvd within two weeks or at the time of your visit, whichever is shorter, so that other schools may also use them.

EDUCATIONAL PACKETS

_____ *Common Soldier, Common Man.* An educational activity booklet for grades 3-6.

_____ *No Easy Choices: Taking Sides in Civil War Missouri.* An educational activity booklet for grades 7-8.

_____ *Hard Times, Hard War.* An educational activity booklet for grades 9-12.

TRAVELING TRUNKS

You can select one of our four trunks: Union, either U.S. Regular or 1st Iowa, or Confederate, either Missouri State Guard or 3rd Louisiana. Please schedule a trunk for pickup and return by calling (417) 732-2662.

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BOOKSTORE

VISITOR CENTER

WILSON'S CREEK NATIONAL BATTLEFIELD

Our bookstore offers a wide variety of sales items. Because our inventory fluctuates as to items available and current prices, we have listed representative categories below rather than list our entire

stock. To see our complete list of items and prices please go online at *eparks.com*. You will also find sales lists for other parks such as Pea Ridge, Shiloh, Fort Sumter, and others at this same site. If you have specific questions about our sales items, feel free to call us at 417-732-2662.

Books: Our books are organized into the following categories:

1. Regional Interest.
2. The Battle of Wilson's Creek.
3. Civil War in the West.
4. Civil War, General Interest.
5. Civil War Fiction.
6. Children's Literature.

DVDs and CDs: Civil War era music, documentaries, and more.

T-shirts and Hats.

Miscellaneous Items For the Young and the Old: t-shirts, hats, coffee cups, Christmas decorations, flags, maps, postcards, replicas, and more.

Toys for Children.

RELATED ORGANIZATIONS

The following organizations provide different types of information and services for those interested in various aspects of the American Civil War.

1. **The Civil War Round Table of the Ozarks**

P.O. Box 3451, Springfield, MO. 65808-3451

Website: <http://history.missouristate.edu/wgpiston/cwrt.htm>

A local organization whose members promote an interest in and disseminate information about the Civil War in Southwest Missouri. Their monthly meetings usually include guest speakers who address a wide variety of issues on the Civil War.

2. **Greene County Archives**

1126 Boonville, Springfield, MO 65802

ph. (417) 868-4021

Website: www.RNeumann@greenecountymo.org

These archives provide access to the official records of Greene County from 1833 to the present, including records of civil and criminal court cases, probate court records, tax records, and similar materials.

3. **Greene County Historical Society**

P.O. Box 3466, Glenstone Station, Springfield, MO 65808

ph. (417) 881-6147

Website: www.rootsweb.ancestry.com

E-mail: grcomohs@yahoo.com

A group concerned with the promotion and dissemination of information pertaining to Greene County history. Please write for more information.

4. **The History Museum for Springfield-Greene County**

City Hall Building, Third Floor, 830 Boonville,
Springfield, MO 65802

ph. (417) 864-1976

Website: www.springfieldhistorymuseum.org

E-mail: info@springfieldhistorymuseum.org

This museum provides permanent and rotating exhibits on local history in Springfield and Greene County. In addition, its archives are open to the public and contain thousands of historical books, documents, and photographs.

5. **Ozarks Genealogical Society Library**

534 West Catalpa

Springfield, MO 65807

ph. (417) 831-2773

Website: www.ozarksgs.org

E-mail: ogsoc@sbcglobal.net

This facility houses and provides public access to genealogical materials for southwest Missouri. Please write

for free brochure and information.

6. **The Library Center, Local History and Genealogy Department, Springfield-Greene County Public Library**
4653 South Campbell, Springfield, MO 65802
ph. (417) 882-0714, ask for the Local History Department.
Website: thelibrary.org, link to askalibrarian

Formerly known as the Shepard Room, this department is the local history and genealogical center for the Springfield-Greene County library system. It has information on Springfield, Greene County, the Ozarks, and Missouri history. It also has material of interest to Civil War enthusiasts, including information from the National Archives, official records, and more.

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In cooperation with the National Park Service and Wilson's Creek National Battlefield, the Foundation seeks through a variety of means to encourage the full educational utilization and development of the cultural resources of Wilson's Creek National Battlefield.