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Monocacy National Battlefield
Frederick, Maryland

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Monument of the 14th New Jersey Volunteer Infantry.

On July 9, 1864, along the banks of the Monocacy River three miles south of Frederick, Maryland, two armies clashed in a desperate battle for time.

Lieutenant General Jubal Early and his Confederate army of 15,000 were on the road to Washington, D.C., with orders to threaten, or perhaps even capture, the Federal City. At the Monocacy River, he encountered Major General Lew Wallace, with 5,800 Union troops, blocking the road in an effort to slow the Confederate advance.

Greatly outnumbered, Wallace's Union forces lost the battle, but saved Washington. The Battle of Monocacy cost the Confederates time; allowing Union reinforcements to get to Washington just as Early's troops were arriving at the Capital gates.

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The Monocacy National Battlefield visitor center is located on Maryland Route 355, two miles south of Frederick, Maryland.

The visitor center features an interpretive exhibition with artifacts and a fiber optics display of the battle. There is a 6-mile self-guided auto tour of the battlefield with wayside exhibits at each of the 5 stops that provide an overview of the battle.

To enhance your visit five trails are offered: Two trails (1.6 & 1.9 miles) on the Worthington Farm and a 1.75 mile trail with a .5 mile spur on the Thomas Farm. There is also a .5 mile trail near Gambrill Mill that includes a handicap accessible boardwalk.

Park brochures and a museum store are available at the visitor center. Restrooms facilities are located in the visitor center which is handicap accessible. Ranger conducted programs are available seasonally on weekends.

Visitor Center hours:

Open daily 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monocacy National Battlefield is closed Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year's Day.

Directions:

From the north, east and west: Take I-70 to exit #54 (Market Street) and proceed south (left) on Maryland Route 355. The visitor center is approximately one and one-half miles south on the left.

From the south: Take I-270 to I-70 East. Take exit #54 (Market Street) and proceed south (left) on Maryland Route 355. The visitor center is approximately one and one-half miles south on the left.