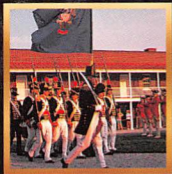




NATIONAL PARKS COLLECTION

FORT McHENRY



FORT MCHENRY NATIONAL MONUMENT AND HISTORIC SHRINE

BALTIMORE, MARYLAND

Perhaps it is the uniformed Fort McHenry Guard clad as the 1814 defenders of Baltimore, or the gleaming stars and stripes that fly overhead, but a victorious spirit prevails at Fort McHenry National Monument and Historic Shrine.

The successful defense against a 25-hour British attack in 1814 prompted not only the raising of the victory flag, but the writing of "The Star-Spangled Banner" by poet-lawyer Francis Scott Key.

Visitor activities include films, exhibits, walking tours, picnicking and ranger-led programs. Also, a seawall path is available for walking, jogging, or bicycling.

SPECIAL INFORMATION

To ensure the safety of all, climbing on cannons, earthen mounds and the seawall is not permitted. Be cautious near edges of the fort walls. Inquire at the visitor center for special services for the hearing and sight impaired. • Superintendent, Fort McHenry National Monument and Historic Shrine, Baltimore, MD 21230-5393 (410) 962-4290.