

WILSON'S CREEK NATIONAL BATTLEFIELD

RECREATIONAL USE GUIDE

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WALKING AND JOGGING

1. All recreational users must comply with established entrance fees.
2. For safety reasons, the use of headphones or personal audio devices (i.e. "Walkman") is discouraged. Pay attention to other traffic and use caution.
3. When on trails:
 - be careful of uneven footing
 - yield right of way to horseback traffic
 - cross the creek only at bridge sites (fords are for horse traffic only)
 - ticks, chiggers, poison ivy and snakes are common. Use repellent and stay on trails.
 - water quality of Wilson's Creek is questionable. Swimming, wading or drinking not recommended
4. Pets must be restrained at all times with a leash no longer than 6 feet.
5. Climbing on cannons is hazardous. Please stay off.
6. Please respect the memorial qualities of the battlefield. Behavior in the Visitor Center parking lot such as changing clothes, using trees or light posts for stretching exercises, playing loud music, stripping off clothes and "toweling off" is inappropriate. Please do not change clothes in Visitor Center restrooms.

BICYCLING

1. All recreational users must comply with established entrance fees.
2. **Bicycles are only permitted in the restricted use lane on the right side of the Tour Road. Stay inside the designated Tour Road lane except to pass to the left of pedestrians and slower riders. Bicycles are prohibited on the trails, in the picnic area and on the Visitor Center sidewalks.**

3. Bicyclists must obey all traffic control devices.
4. Yield the right of way to pedestrians and horse traffic.
5. Riding abreast is prohibited.
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HORSEBACK RIDING

1. All recreational users must comply with established entrance fees.
2. The designated horse loading/unloading area is located to the southeast of the Ray House. An alternate area is located on the left side of the Tour Road 1 1/4 miles south of the Ray House. Trailers must not block traffic.
3. Horses are permitted on designated trails ONLY. Do not ride horses on the Tour Road, along fence lines **or across fields.**
4. Horses may be tied at designated hitch rails only.
5. Please remove manure and other litter from public use areas before departure.
6. Use caution when crossing the fords through Wilson's Creek.
7. All horses must be under your physical control (no free-trailing).
8. Allowing horses to proceed in excess of a slow walk is prohibited.

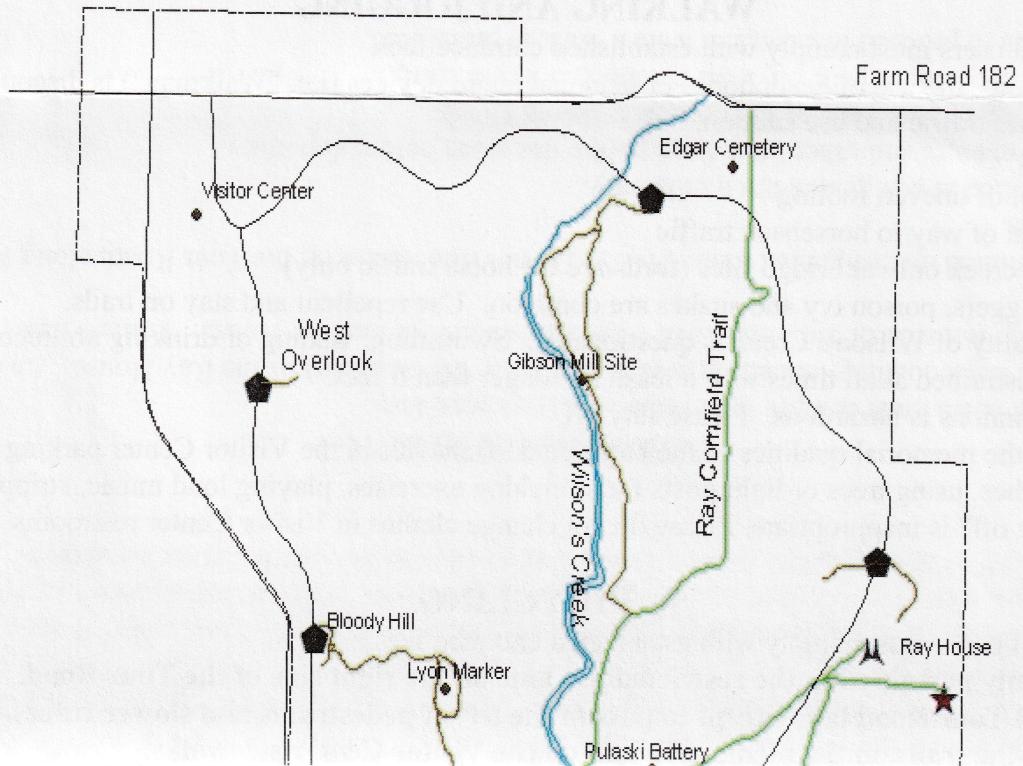
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To report an emergency call 911 (Sheriff or ambulance), 838-0014 (Park Ranger), or 732-2662 x 227 (Visitor Center)

For assistance, contact a park employee or volunteer. For further information, contact:

Chief Ranger's Office, Wilson's Creek National Battlefield
6424 W. Farm Road 182, Republic, Missouri 65738 telephone: (417) 732-2662 x 225

- Horse/Hiking Trails
- Hiking Trails Only
- ★ Horse Trailer Parking
- ♣ Horse Hitch Rail
- Tour Stop/Parking Pull-off
- Horse Ford
- Tour Road/Bicycle Path
- - - Park Boundary





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