

National Park Service  
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NATIONAL MONUMENT AND HISTORIC SHRINE



*O say can you see ...*

*A large red, white and blue banner gallantly  
streaming over this 18th century star-shaped fort?*

The valiant defense of Fort McHenry during a 25-hour  
British attack on September 13-14, 1814, inspired Francis  
Scott Key to write "The Star-Spangled Banner."

## *Birthplace of our National Anthem*

Explore the park's Visitor and Education Center with its interactive exhibit galleries on the War of 1812, award-winning ten-minute interpretive film, and diverse Gift Shop. Self-guide your way through the historic Star Fort where you will find displayed historical and military memorabilia in the barracks, officers' quarters, guardhouses and powder magazine, interpreting the fort's long and varied history. Stroll the ramparts and hear the crack of the replica 15-star, 15-stripe Star-Spangled Banner as it snaps in the breeze high above the parade ground, and you can begin to understand what moved Francis Scott Key to write a song for the fort's brave defenders.

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## HOURS

Memorial Day to Labor Day 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. every day except  
Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year's Day.

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## ENTRANCE FEE TO HISTORIC STAR FORT

Adults \$7; Children 15 & under Free. National Parks & Federal Recreational Lands Passes honored - Senior, Interagency Annual, Volunteer, Access, Military Annual, Fort McHenry Annual

## SPECIAL FEATURES

- ★ Grounds are Free
- ★ Free Parking
- ★ ADA Accessible
- ★ Park Ranger Programs
- ★ Special Group Programs  
(with Reservations)
- ★ Living History:  
Memorial Day - Labor Day

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