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United States Department of the Interior

NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

FORT NECESSITY NATIONAL BATTLEFIELD FRIENDSHIP HILL NATIONAL HISTORIC SITE

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Dear Friend of the National Parks:

Fort Necessity National Battlefield and Friendship Hill National Historic Site are jointly administered by the National Park Service, U. S. Department of the Interior. Fort Necessity National Battlefield was established to preserve and interpret George Washington's first battle. The July 3, 1754 engagement was his only surrender and marked the beginning of the French and Indian War.

Friendship Hill National Historic Site was created to commemorate the story of American life during the Jeffersonian period of the early 1800's. The park contains the 35 room house of Albert Gallatin, a Swiss immigrant who played a significant role in the economic and political development of the young United States.

Jumonville Glen, site of a skirmish that occurred a few weeks before the battle of Fort Necessity, and Braddock's Grave, where British Major General Edward Braddock was buried after his 1755 defeat, are detached units of the national battlefield. The Great Meadows area, site of Washington's "Fort Necessity" continued to be important as the first National Road was built in the early 19th Century following much of the path used by Washington and Braddock. Albert Gallatin, as Secretary of the Treasury under Thomas Jefferson, was instrumental in the development of the National Road. Both parks, therefore, are linked in national significance by their roles in the westward expansion of our country. Mount Washington Tavern, a stagecoach inn that served travelers on the National Road, is also part of the national battlefield.

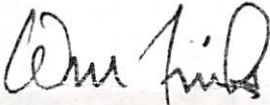
The Fort Necessity battlefield is open daily from 8 AM to 5 PM, November 1 to April 30, and daily 8 AM to 8 PM, May 1 to October 31. The visitor center is open daily 10:30 AM to 5 PM except for Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Years' Day. The Mount Washington Tavern is open daily April 1 to October 31, 10:30 AM to 5 PM. The hours of the visitor center and tavern may be expanded during the summer, please inquire locally.

Friendship Hill National Historic Site, including a temporary visitor center, is open daily between Memorial Day and Labor Day and weekends only the rest of the year from 9:30 AM to 5 PM. Restoration of the Gallatin house is underway, therefore, tours of the home may not always be possible. The grounds and the outside of the mansion can be seen on a self-guiding basis. A park folder, available near the visitor center, is supplemented by individual information sheets located near the feature they describe.

Presently there are no fees for any of the services at Fort Necessiy or Friendship Hill. Both parks have donation boxes in the visitor centers for those who wish to help defray the cost of the services provided.

Enclosed are brochures that tell you more about both parks. Current information concerning open hours, tours available, and special events can be obtained by telephoning 412/329-5512. Please let us know if we can be of further assistance.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Wm Fink".

William O. Fink
Superintendent

Enclosures