



**THE BATTLE OF GETTYSBURG
ANNIVERSARY BATTLE WALKS
JULY 1-3, 1993**

The Railroad Cut. Barlow Knoll. Little Round Top. East Cemetery Hill. East Cavalry Field. The High Water Mark. Names all made famous by the three day Battle of Gettysburg. You can visit these historic sites and others by joining National Park Service rangers for a series of free, special 2 1/2 hour walking tours covering all three days of the battle.

On all walks a hat, water, and good hiking shoes are recommended.

JULY 1, 1993

THE OPENING CLASH

Program Begins
10:00 a.m.

Walk over the ground where the lead elements of each army collided on the morning of the First Day and learn of the events that turned this small engagement into the largest battle of the war. Meet the ranger at the West End Guide Station located on Route 30 West. This 1.5 mile walk covers the area from McPherson's Ridge to the Railroad Cut.

**OUTFLANKED AND OUTFOUGHT:
THE UNION 11TH CORPS ON JULY 1ST**

3:00 p.m.

As the struggle of the morning continued into the afternoon, more units of each army marched onto the field and the battle spread to the fields north of town. Defending this area was the Union 11th Corps, a veteran unit with a dubious background. Meet the ranger at Barlow Knoll (off Route 34 North) and learn how and why these determined soldiers were eventually defeated that afternoon.

JULY 2, 1993

THE STRUGGLE FOR LITTLE ROUND TOP

10:00 a.m.

Col. Joshua Chamberlain and the 20th Maine Infantry have earned countless laurels for saving this vital terrain on the Union left flank. Yet other heroes, both blue and gray, struggled over this hill and their stories have rarely been told. This 1 mile walk will cover in detail the decisions and actions of the opposing forces that decided the outcome of this decisive struggle. Meet the ranger at the intersection of Wheatfield Road and Sedgwick Avenue.

ASSAULT ON EAST CEMETERY HILL

3:00 p.m.

As dusk fell over the battlefield, a violent Confederate attack struck the apex of the Union line on Cemetery Hill. This action was marked by some of the fiercest hand-to-hand fighting of the battle as Union artillerymen defended their guns against this Southern onslaught. Learn how this Confederate assault nearly succeeded and why it failed in this 2 mile walk. Meet the ranger at the Taneytown Road entrance to the National Cemetery, across from the Visitor Center.

JULY 3, 1993

CLASH AT EAST CAVALRY FIELD

10:00 a.m.

In conjunction with Pickett's Charge against the center of the Union line, Confederate cavalry lead by J.E.B. Stuart would ride behind the Union army to threaten its rear. This plan was foiled as Union cavalry clashed with Stuart's troopers three miles east of town. Charge and countercharge marked this desperate struggle of thundering horsemen that resulted in the defeat of the once invincible Southern cavaliers. Check at the information desks for details, directions and starting location.

PICKETT'S CHARGE:

THE ADVANCE AND REPULSE OF PICKETT'S DIVISION

3:00 p.m.

Join a team of rangers to follow the advance of the three Confederate brigades of Pickett's Division in its famous assault upon Cemetery Ridge, or learn of the Union defense along that ridge. This 2 mile walk will meet at the Virginia Memorial (Stop 5 on the Auto Tour) for the Confederate route or behind the Cyclorama Center for the Union defenses. There is little shade along either route and headgear and water are highly recommended.

