

Pea Ridge

National Military Park
Arkansas

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JR Ranger Activity Book—Ages 10-18



Pea Ridge National Military Park Junior Ranger Program

Pea Ridge National Military Park was set aside as a national park in honor and remembrance of the most important Civil War battle fought west of the Mississippi River. Fought March 7 and 8, 1862, the Battle of Pea Ridge saved the state of Missouri for the Union (the North). Over 23,000 men from Texas, Arkansas, Missouri, Iowa, Illinois, Ohio and the Indian Territory fought on this land.

As you go through the Visitor Center Museum and drive/hike the battlefield, complete the following activities in order to receive a Pea Ridge National Military Park Junior Ranger badge. Answers can be found on the waysides, OnCell Audio cell phone tour, museum exhibits and the park film.

Please remember that this area has been set aside to honor those men who fought and died here, so be respectful of the battlefield, as well as other visitors. The battlefield is not a playground, so please do not climb the fences, up trees or on the cannons. Remember, to pick up all trash and to take out of the park everything that you brought in. Drink plenty of water and stay with an adult at all times.

Ask a ranger if you have any questions!

Museum

As you go through the museum, watch the 30-minute film and check out all the displays and exhibits in order to complete the following museum activities.

Scavenger Hunt

Search for the answers to the following questions in the museum area.

1. In what year did Arkansas vote to leave the Union? _____
2. On what dates was the Battle of Pea Ridge fought? _____
3. How many miles did General Van Dorn's army march to reach Pea Ridge in 3 days? _____
4. What is a sponge rammer used for? _____
5. What general wore the blue coat on display in the museum during the battle? _____
6. Who was the president of the United States during the Civil War? _____
7. Who was the president of the Confederate States? _____
8. Which of the following ammunition is better to use if your enemies are charging at close range?
a. Solid shot b. Shell/case shot c. Canister shot d. Musket ball
9. Why might a young man choose to join the Confederate or Union armies in 1861?

10. Was the Battle of Pea Ridge a Union or Confederate victory? _____



Did you know?

Some experts estimate that about 5% of Civil War soldiers were less than 18 years old.

Museum

1. Name this item and what it is used for.



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3. Name this item and what it is used for.



4. Name this item and what it is used for.



5. Name this item and what it is used for.



6. Name this item and then list five items a soldier may have carried in it.



Battlefield Tour

Tour Stop #1 Trail of Tears

1. What congressional act led to the removal of thousands of Native Americans from their ancestral homes in the east to Indian Territory (modern day Oklahoma)?

2. Name the five tribes forced to move to Indian Territory:

A. _____

B. _____

C. _____

D. _____

E. _____

3. How many miles had the Cherokee already walked when they came to this area? Where did this band of Cherokee begin their journey?

4. In what town in Indian Territory (modern day Oklahoma) did this band of Cherokee end their journey?

Did you know?

Indian removal took place in the Northern states as well. In Illinois and Wisconsin, for example, the bloody Black Hawk War in 1832 opened millions of acres of land to white settlement that had belonged to the Sauk, Fox and other native nations.



Battlefield Tour

Tour Stop #2 Curtis's Headquarters

1. Who commanded the Union army during the battle?

2. The top commanders of the Union army held a council of war near who's store?

3. On the morning of March 7, the Union army was unprepared for an attack by the Confederates from the north via the Telegraph Road. Where had they been expecting the battle to take place?

Tour Stop #3 Leetown

1. Which army used many of the buildings in Leetown as field hospitals during the Battle of Pea Ridge?

2. What occupation would a resident of Leetown NOT have had?

A. Shop owner B. Farmer C. School teacher D. Blacksmith E. Auto mechanic



LEFT

Confederate First National Flag 1862

RIGHT

United States Flag 1862



Battlefield Tour

Tour Stop #4 Leetown Battlefield

1. Who commanded the Confederate division that fought in the battle of Leetown?
A. Benjamin McCulloch B. Earl Van Dorn C. J.E.B. Stuart D. Robert E. Lee
2. What two Confederate generals were killed here during the fighting at Leetown?

3. Who commanded the Arkansas and Louisiana troops (Confederate) in Morgan's Woods before he was captured by Union reinforcements?

4. Who commanded the 36th Illinois Infantry Regiment (Union) during the battle of Leetown?
A. Peter Osterhaus B. Abraham Lincoln C. Nicholas Greusel D. Eugene Carr
7. Name the 19 year old young Illinoisan who won the Medal of Honor for his actions during the fighting here at Leetown.



Did you know?

The Army Medal of Honor was created on July 12, 1862 when President Abraham Lincoln signed S.J.R. (Senate Joint Resolution) No. 82.

“...to direct that the same be presented, in the name of the Congress, to such non--commissioned officers and privates as shall most distinguish themselves by their gallantry in action, and other soldier-like qualities, during the present insurrection (Civil War).”

Battlefield Tour

Tour Stop #5 Foster's Farm

1. Who won the Medal of Honor for his actions at Foster's Farm on March 7, 1862?

2. Two regiments of _____ Indians, led by Stand Watie, fought at Pea Ridge for the Confederate army.

- A. Cherokee B. Choctaw C. Muskogee D. Chickasaw E. Seminole

3. How many Iowa (Union) cavalry and artillery troops made their way to Fosters Farm (to the north) and were confronted by the Confederates marching east?

4. What road were the Confederates traveling on while moving east to meet up with the other Rebel division?

Tour Stop #7 East Overlook

Imagine you are standing on this spot on the morning of March 8, 1862. What would the fields in front of you have looked like? What happened to men who tried to take refuge in the rocks below?

Battlefield Tour

Tour Stop #8 Elkhorn Tavern

1. Who owned the Elkhorn Tavern in 1862?

2. What two roads intersect in front of the Elkhorn Tavern?

3. What was the tavern used for during the battle?

4. Name the two men who won the Medal of Honor during the fighting near the Elkhorn Tavern.

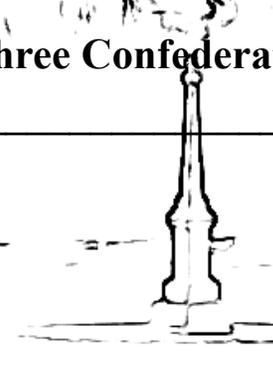
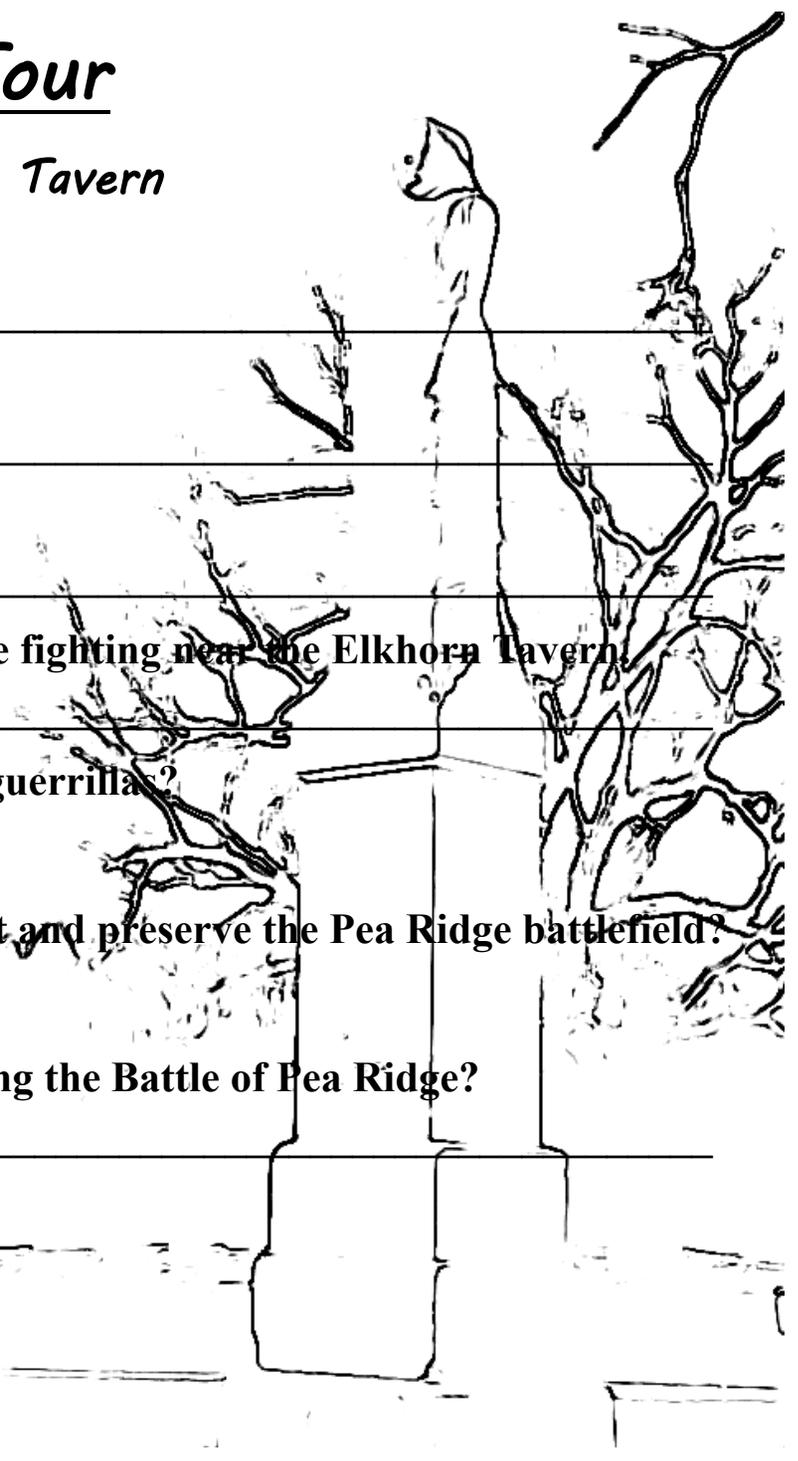
5. What year was the Elkhorn Tavern burnt by Confederate guerrilla?

- A. 1861 B. 1863 C. 1865 D. 1872

6. What year did President Eisenhower sign the law to protect and preserve the Pea Ridge battlefield?

- A. 1872 B. 1919 C. 1936 D. 1956

7. Name the three Confederate generals who were killed during the Battle of Pea Ridge?



Battlefield Tour

What was/is the significance of the Battle of Pea Ridge?

Why is it important to protect and preserve sites that are historically and culturally significant to American history?

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Junior Ranger

As a Junior Ranger, I

promise to leave all plants, animals and historical objects in the parks where I find them. I promise to learn more about American history and our National Parks. I promise to support and protect America's battlefields.

Junior Ranger

Ranger

Date

