

1996 Special Events Schedule

April 7, 1996 (Sunday) 1st Manassas Battlefield Hike

A FIVE MILE HIKE CONDUCTED BY A MEMBER OF THE PARK STAFF COVERING IN DETAIL THE EVENTS SURROUNDING THE 1ST BATTLE OF MANASSAS.

April 21, 1996 (Sunday) 2nd Manassas Battlefield Hike

A FIVE MILE HIKE CONDUCTED BY A MEMBER OF THE PARK STAFF COVERING IN DETAIL THE EVENTS SURROUNDING THE 2ND BATTLE OF MANASSAS.

May 26, 1996 (Sunday) Memorial Day Observance at Groveton Confederate Cemetery

CEREMONIES IN OBSERVANCE OF MEMORIAL DAY. LIVING HISTORY, LECTURES, AND MUSIC.

June 15, 1996 (Saturday) Opening of the Monroe Heights Visitor Contact Station

1996 WILL SEE THE OPENING OF A NEW VISITOR CONTACT STATION AT MANASSAS BATTLEFIELD. LOCATED ON STUART'S HILL, THE FACILITY WILL BE DEDICATED TO THE INTERPRETATION OF THE 2ND BATTLE OF

MANASSAS, AND WILL OPEN WITH A CEREMONY ON JUNE 15, 1996. LIVING HISTORY, MUSIC, AND EXHIBITS WILL HIGHLIGHT THIS SPECIAL PROGRAM.

July 21, 1996 (Sunday) Anniversary of the First Battle of Manassas.

LIVING HISTORY AND SPECIAL PROGRAMS TO TAKE PLACE AT PORTICI, SITE OF CONFEDERATE HEADQUARTERS DURING THE FIRST BATTLE OF MANASSAS.

August 31, September 1-2 (Saturday, Sunday, Monday) Anniversary of 2nd Manassas

LIVING HISTORY, BATTLEFIELD HIKES LED BY JOHN HENNESSY AND MEMBERS OF THE PARK STAFF. PLUS, AN EVENING LANTERN TOUR WILL HIGHLIGHT THIS COMMEMORATION OF THE 2ND BATTLE OF MANASSAS.

October 13, 1996 (Sunday) 1st Manassas Battlefield Hike

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October 27, 1996 (Sunday) 2nd Manassas Battlefield Hike

A FIVE MILE HIKE CONDUCTED BY A MEMBER OF THE PARK STAFF COVERING IN DETAIL THE EVENTS SURROUNDING THE 2ND BATTLE OF MANASSAS

Other Activities

* Orientation Slide Program - A 13-minute orientation slide program is shown in the Visitor Center auditorium on the hour and half-hour. It provides a general introduction to the Civil War and the two battles fought at Manassas. The program is captioned for the benefit of the hearing impaired. The auditorium seats 150.

* Battle Map Program - This 5-minute audio-visual program outlines the troop movements of the First and Second Battles of Manassas on a large relief map, while modern scenes of the battlefield are shown above on a monitor. The program is shown repeatedly throughout the day in the Map Room, located at the rear of the exhibit area. Capacity is 25-30, with no seating. Closed captioned for the benefit of the hearing impaired.

* Information/Sales Desk - Park Rangers on duty can provide information on points of interest within the park, as well as answer questions regarding the battles.

* Henry Hill Walking Tour - A one-mile, self-guided trail visits the important sites associated with the First Battle of Manassas. The trail is marked with signs, audio exhibits, monuments, and cannon. Allow approximately 45 minutes to an hour to complete.

* Second Battle of Manassas Battlefield - Thirteen months after the First Battle of Manassas, the armies returned to fight a second, much larger battle. Today, a 12-mile, 12-stop driving tour highlights the battlefield. Audio-cassette tapes and printed material are available to supplement the signs and markers along the tour route. Check with the Park Ranger at the information desk to help plan your driving tour.