

INTERPRETATION AND VISITOR SERVICES

Manassas National Battlefield Park offers a number of programs and services to help visitors gain a better understanding of the First and Second Battles of Manassas, or Bull Run. A park entrance fee of \$2.00 for adults (over age 16) covers any and all of these activities for 7 days:

VISITOR CENTER MUSEUM

Open daily, except Christmas Day, 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.; extended to 6:00 p.m. during the summer months. Main floor exhibits focus on the two battles at Manassas, while downstairs exhibits focus on soldier life.

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 fighting and First and Second Manassas largely from the perspective of the soldiers themselves. Suitable for all age groups. Captioned for the hearing impaired. The auditorium seats 150.

BATTLE MAP PROGRAM

A 5-minute audio-visual program outlining the troop movements at First and Second Manassas is shown repeatedly throughout the day in the Visitor Center Map Room. Capacity is 40-50, with no seating.

INFORMATION/SALES DESK

Rangers on duty can provide information on points of interest and special activities in the park, as well as answer questions and provide basic research regarding the battles. A wide variety of books, maps, and other materials pertaining to the Civil War are available for sale through Eastern National Park and Monument Association. Proceeds benefit park programs and projects.

SELF-GUIDED WALKING TOUR OF HENRY HILL

A one-mile trail over Henry Hill, oriented to the First Battle of Manassas, begins at the Visitor Center and takes approximately 45 minutes to complete. Interpretive markers, audio stations, and artillery positions are found along the way. The tour is designed to be completed easily without maps or guides.

SELF-GUIDED DRIVING TOUR OF SECOND MANASSAS BATTLEFIELD

At the Visitor Center, maps and brochures are available for a 12-mile driving tour, which covers the important sites associated with Second Battle of Manassas in approximately 90 minutes. At each of the 12 stops along the tour, interpretive markers unfold the story of the battle. For more detail, a 2 1/2 hour audio tape tour of the battle is also available for rent or purchase at the Visitor Center.

BATTLEFIELD HIKING TRAILS

Extended trails are available for an in-depth examination of both the First and Second Manassas battlefields. The Stone Bridge Trail is a 5.5 mile route which visits the key sites associated with the First Bull Run campaign, including the Stone Bridge, Matthews Hill, Stone House, and Henry Hill. The Deep Cut Trail covers the second battle in 6.5 miles, with stops at the Stone House, Unfinished Railroad, Deep Cut, and Chinn Ridge. Both trails begin and end at the Visitor Center, where a trail folder is also available. For scouts and other groups, a trail booklet and patch are available for successful completion of the Stone Bridge Trail and accompanying questions.

HISTORIC STONE HOUSE

A former tavern used as a temporary field hospital by Union forces during both battles, the house has been restored to its 1860s appearance and furnished to reflect the pre-civil war era. Open daily during the summer months and on weekends in the spring and fall.

RANGER CONDUCTED PROGRAMS

Guided tours and other programs are scheduled on a regular basis during the summer season and on the weekends the remainder of the year (weather permitting). For a schedule of events, write to the above address or call (703) 361-1339 after May 1.