

Wilson's Creek National Battlefield



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The Battle of Wilson's Creek was fought on August 10, 1861 and marked the beginning of the Civil War in Missouri. The bitter five-hour struggle between Union and Southern forces involved more than 17,000 troops, leaving 2,539 men killed, wounded or missing.

Visitor Center: Open daily except for Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year's Day and offers a film, exhibits, and a gift shop. Entrance fee is charged and should be paid at the Visitor Center. For additional information visit: www.nps.gov/wicr

Tour Road: A 5-mile auto tour road with eight informational pull-outs provides convenient access to the battlefield and important points of interest. Short hiking trails to additional historic sites or features are available at some of the stops.

Activities: Tours of the Ray House and historic weapons firing demonstrations are offered primarily during the summer based on volunteer availability. Outdoor recreation opportunities include walking, jogging, bicycling, and picnicking.

Directions: The battlefield is east of Republic and southwest of Springfield, MO • From I-44: take Exit 70 (MO MM) south to MO ZZ; turn right on ZZ; go to park. • From US 65: go west on US 60 (James River Expressway) to US 60 /Republic exit; go south on US 60 to MO M; go left on MO M to MO ZZ; turn right on MO ZZ; go to park.

GPS Coordinates: Entrance to VC parking

In decimal degrees 93.419172° W 37.117570° N

In degrees minutes seconds 93° 25' 9.019808" W

37° 7' 3.253749" N