

Wilson's Creek

National Battlefield

YOUR SAFETY IS IMPORTANT TO US

- Wilson's Creek is home to a rich diversity of natural and cultural treasures. For the safety and enjoyment of all visitors, please respect the resources that surround you.
- Swimming in Wilson Creek, or any other water source is not recommended. Jumping or diving from trees or banks is prohibited.
- Drinking water from any place except park water fountains is not recommended.
- Ticks and chiggers are common summer residents. When planning a hike, remember to bring insect repellent. Check yourself for ticks during and after your outing. Rocky Mountain Spotted Fever and Lyme's Disease are two diseases that can result from tick bites.
- Driving is permitted only on the park's tour road. No off-road driving is permitted.
- Poison Ivy is abundant in many areas of the battlefield. Familiarize yourself with the three leaflets of this plant and avoid all contact with it.

- Park only in designated areas. When leaving your car, please lock your vehicle and store all valuables in the trunk.
- Possession of firearms and other weapons within the park is illegal.
- Collecting artifacts is not allowed in the park. Metal detectors are prohibited.
- For the safety of your animal and other visitors, all pets must be kept on a leash at all times.
- Several species of snakes reside within the Battlefield. Two types, the Western Cottonmouth and the Copperhead are poisonous. Learn to identify these snakes, be aware of your surroundings, and avoid encounters with either of these species.
- All wildlife, including snakes within the battlefield is protected.
- Do not pick any plants. Certain kinds of fruits and nuts may be picked, but check at the visitor center first.

The National Park Service needs your help in protecting the resources of this special place. Should you observe any safety hazard or unusual activity please contact the nearest Park Ranger.

