



*Sydney King painting of the Union counterattack at Fort Stedman*

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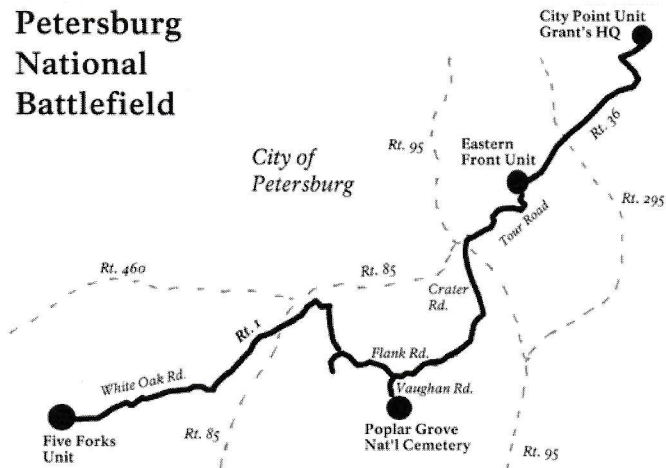
*“Petersburg... guardian to Richmond’s  
lifeline to the Southern Heartland.”*

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### **Deadly Impact**

The 292-day siege of Petersburg took its toll on soldiers and civilians alike as 70,000 combatants became casualties while some civilians were driven from their homes. Almost a quarter of the entire Civil War was fought around the city of Petersburg as Generals Ulysses S. Grant and Robert E. Lee came head-to-head in their effort to control the rails and other supply lines which the Confederacy so desperately needed for its survival. The longest siege in American history began in mid-June, 1864 and ended April 2, 1865, with the evacuation of Lee’s Army and their retreat westward. Appomattox Court House was the location where the Confederates surrendered, only seven days after the fall of Petersburg.

# Petersburg National Battlefield



This 2,659 acre park contains a 16-stop driving tour which takes visitors through all four units of Petersburg National Battlefield: Grant's Headquarters at City Point (present day Hopewell), Virginia; the Eastern Front (where the initial assaults and the battles of the Crater and Fort Stedman occurred); the Western Front, where intense fighting continued as Grant's Army encircled the city struggling to destroy the last of Lee's supply lines; and the Five Forks Battlefield, a battle in which the outcome would eventually lead to the Confederates' retreat to Appomattox.

## How to get to the Eastern Front Visitor Center

### From North of Petersburg via Route 95:

Follow Rt. 95 South to exit #52. Bear to the left following the signs for Wythe Street (Rt. 36). The entrance to the Battlefield is 2.8 miles down Rt. 36 on your right.

### From South of Petersburg via Route 95:

Follow Rt. 95 North to exit 50D (Wythe St./Rt. 36). The entrance to the Battlefield is 2.8 miles down Rt. 36 on your right.

### From Route 295:

Take exit 9B (Fort Lee/Petersburg). Follow Rt. 36 for approximately 2.5 miles to entrance located on the right.

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**Web Site:** [www.nps.gov/pete](http://www.nps.gov/pete)

**Admission Charged**

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### Hours of Operation:

Grounds are open 8:00 a.m. - dusk

### Visitor Center Hours:

Eastern Front	9:00-5:00
City Point	9:00-5:00
Five Forks	9:00-5:00

### Information:

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