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Petersburg National Battlefield
Petersburg, Virginia

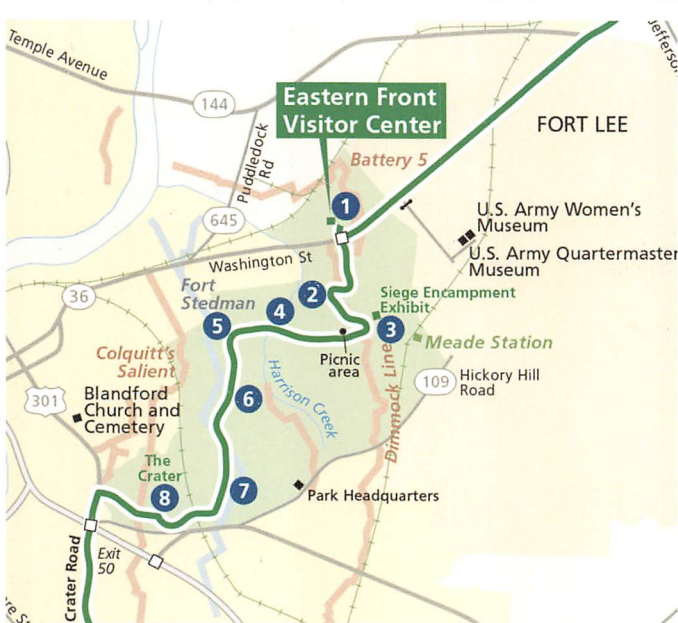


Confederate Battery V of the Petersburg Dimmock (Defense) Line

*"Petersburg... guardian to Richmond's
lifeline to the Southern Heartland."*

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.



ABOUT YOUR VISIT

Begin your visit at the Eastern Front Visitor Center where you can view an 18 minute Siege overview video, explore the museum and browse through the book store/gift shop. While at the Visitor Center, you can acquire maps and CD tours which will lead you through the park's 4-mile tour road which includes the Crater and Fort Stedman Battlefields. The information will also guide you to the park's three other units: General Grant's Headquarters at City Point, the Western Front, and Five Forks Battlefield. For more information, please visit our website at www.nps.gov/pete.

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.

Web Site: www.nps.gov/pete

Free Admission



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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