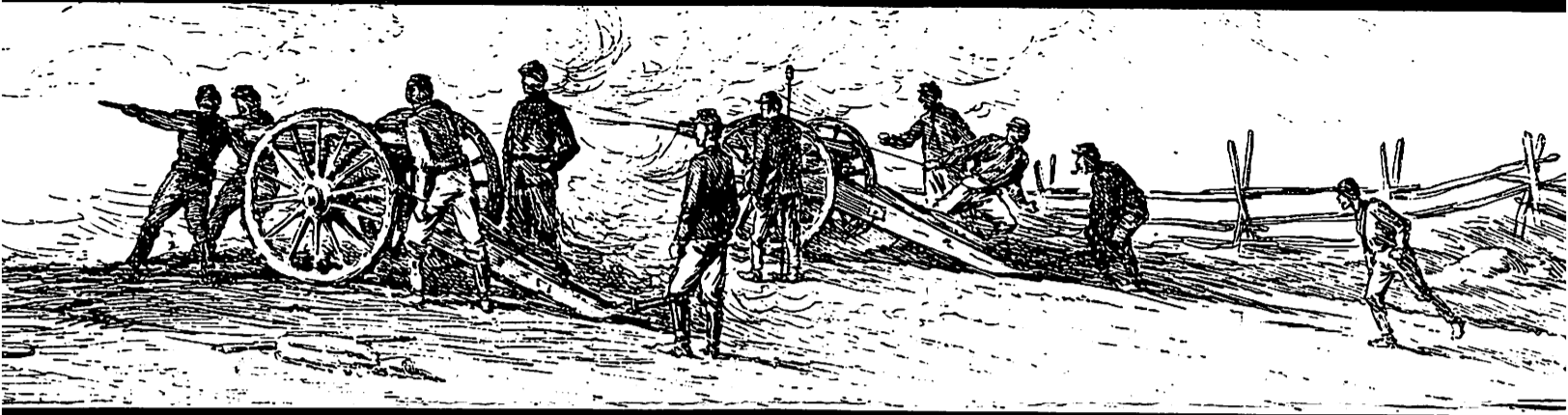
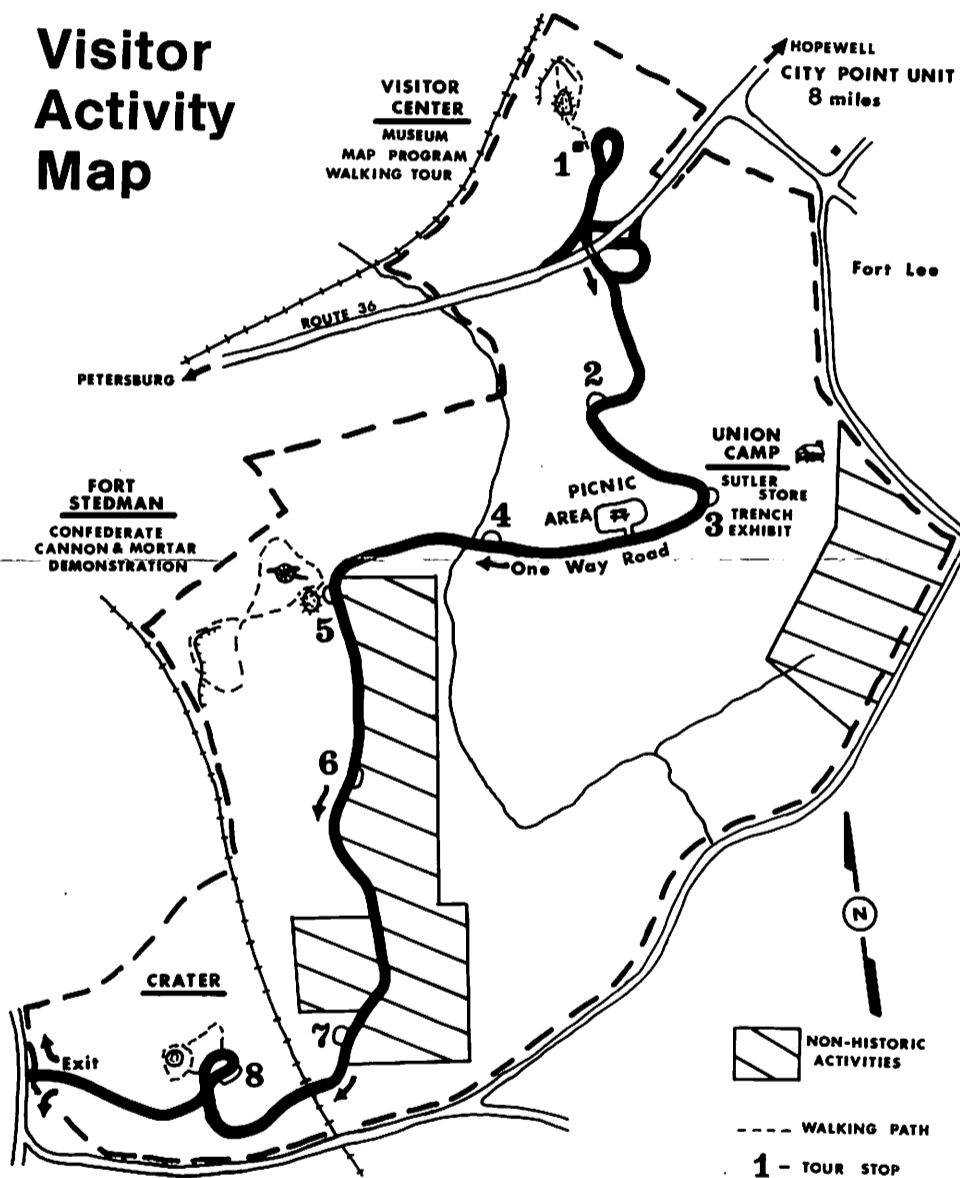


Petersburg National Battlefield

1986 Summer Schedule



Visitor Activity Map



WELCOME TO PETERSBURG

Petersburg National Battlefield commemorates the ten month Siege of Petersburg in 1864-1865. When you arrive at the Battlefield make your first stop the Visitor Center. Here exhibits and a map program will introduce you to the story of Petersburg. Park Rangers will be glad to help you plan your visit.

Along the tour road interpretive demonstrations are offered at Stop 3 and Stop 5.

The "living history" interpreters you will see at the Union Camp and the Confederate Cannon Crew will be practicing their drills and carrying on daily duties as in 1864. Some of the activities continue throughout the day, while others are held at scheduled times. The schedule is given within this folder. We hope you enjoy your visit.

PLEASE

The only physical reminders we have of the Petersburg siege are the forts and earthworks left behind by the troops. Please help preserve these historic sites by staying on the designated trails. Thank you.

For A Safe Visit

Please use caution and common sense. Help prevent accidents by keeping your family or group together. Watch your footing. Be prepared to deal with annoyances such as insects, poison ivy, snakes and hot, humid weather. Stay alert to prevent an electrical storm from overtaking you away from shelter. Always lock your vehicle. Lock all valuables in the trunk.

Necessary Regulations

Certain regulations are enforced to protect park resources and visitors. The principal ones are mentioned here: Possession or use of metal detectors is strictly forbidden. All pets must be kept on a leash. No recreational activities are allowed in historic areas. (See map) All picnicking must be in the picnic area (See map).

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WHAT TO DO AT PETERSBURG NATIONAL BATTLEFIELD

JUNE 9 to AUGUST 17

STOP 1—VISITOR CENTER

Open daily — 8:00 to 7:00

Begin your tour here. Exhibits and map show introduce the Siege of Petersburg. The 20 minute map show begins every half hour.

20 minute walking tours of Confederate Battery 5, where the fighting for Petersburg began. Tours at 10:20, 11:20, 2:20, 3:20 Monday thru Friday; 10:20, 11:20, 12:20, 2:20, 3:20, 4:20 on Saturday and Sunday. Also available is a Braille Trail next to the parking area at Confederate Battery 6.

STOP 3—UNION CAMP

Open daily — 9:00 to 6:00



Walk back to 1864. Visit the camp of the 200th Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry. A soldier or a member of the U.S. Sanitary Commission will escort you through the reconstructed living quarters and earthworks.

A member of the Medical branch of the Union army will explain Civil War field medicine.

Sutler Store — the forerunner of the present Army PX system. Open daily 9:15 to 5:00.

STOP 5—ARTILLERY DEMONSTRATION

Daily except Monday and Tuesday



Representatives of Louisiana's Washington Artillery gallop into the area with cannon and limber drawn by a 6 horse team. Using the authentic Civil War drill, the 12 pounder Napoleon field gun is fired at 11:00, 2:30 and 4:30.

The gun crew will demonstrate the firing of the small Coehorn mortar at 12:00 and 3:30.

Between firings, the crew and their horses are camped near Fort Stedman.

Visitors are welcome.

CITY POINT UNIT

The newest addition to Petersburg National Battlefield is the City Point Unit, in Hopewell, Virginia. On this site, Lt. General Ulysses S. Grant maintained his headquarters from June, 1864 until March, 1865. Here also the greatest logistical operation and communication center of the Civil War was operated.

Appomattox Manor, the ancestral home of the Eppes Family, whose ownership of the land spanned 344 years, is located here. The grounds are open to visitors from 8:30 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. daily.

SPECIAL WALKING TOURS

June through August

Guided walking tours are offered at 10:00 a.m. on Saturdays and 3:00 p.m. on Sundays. Tours cover less than one mile and last about one hour.

SPECIAL EVENING PROGRAMS

July 5 and August 2

Special evening programs will be presented during the summer. These special events will feature "first person" interpretation as though it was the summer of 1864. Check at the Visitor Center for details, programs will be held the following Saturday evening if cancelled due to inclement weather.

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