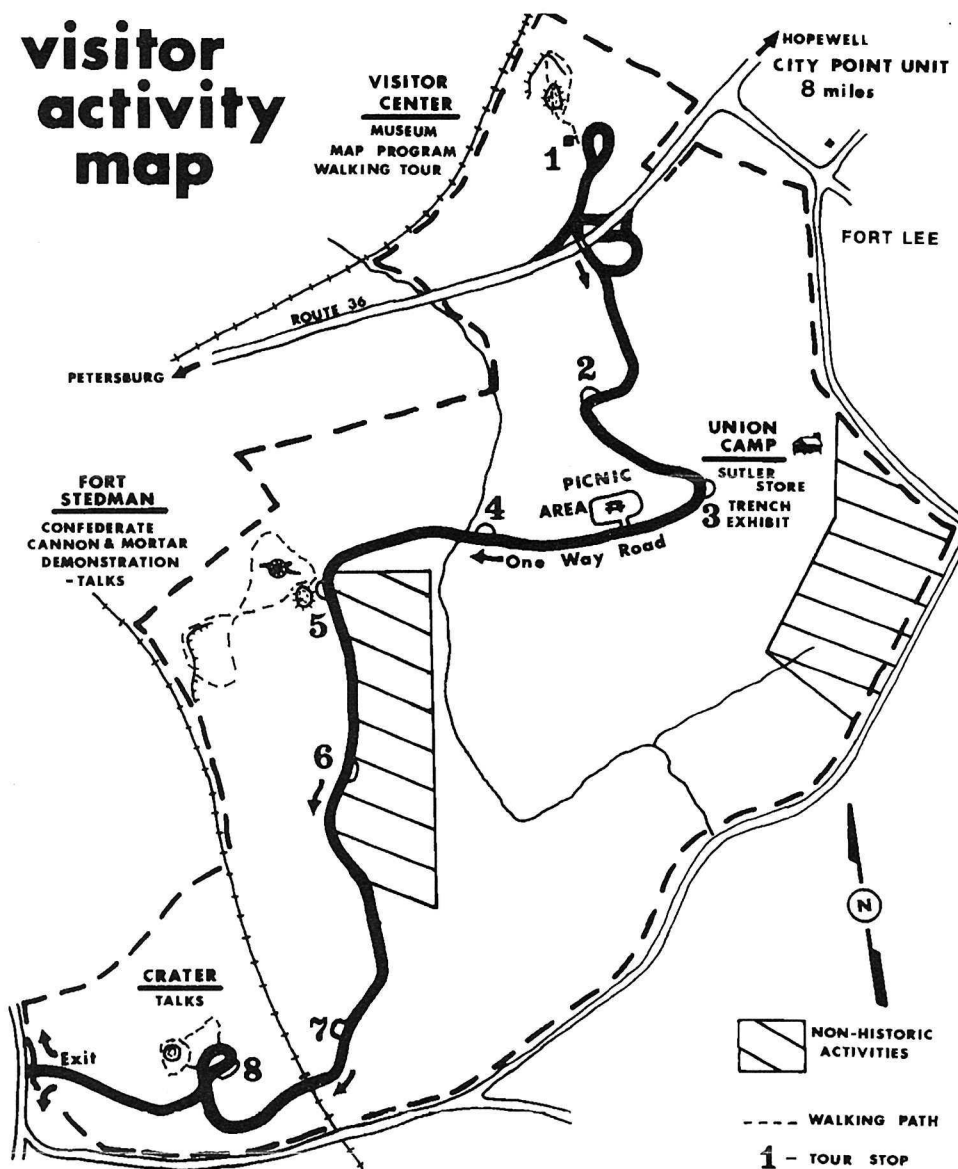


Petersburg National Battlefield

1997 Summer Schedule



visitor activity map



WELCOME TO PETERSBURG, VIRGINIA

Petersburg National Battlefield commemorates the ten month siege of Petersburg in 1864-1865. When you arrive at the battlefield, make your first stop at the Visitor Center. Here exhibits and a map program will introduce you to the story of the Petersburg Campaign. Park Rangers will be glad to assist you in planning your stay.

As you travel through the park, be sure to take advantage of our "living history" interpreters. At the Union camp and with the Confederate cannon crew you will see the soldiers practicing their drills and carrying on daily duties as they would have done during the siege. Some of the activities continue throughout the day, while others are held at specified times. The schedule for these is located on the back of this folder.

PLEASE

The only physical reminders we have of the Petersburg siege are the forts and earthworks left behind by the troops. Please help us preserve these historical sites by staying on the designated trails. We thank you for your help with this matter.

ENTRANCE FEES: THE PETERSBURG CAMPAIGN PASS

Newly available for our visitors this year is a special block ticket to the many attractions in the area whose themes deal with the siege. For \$15.00 per adult ticket (a savings of \$9.00 in admission fees), one can see the following places: Petersburg National Battlefield (including the City Point and Five Forks Units), Weston Manor (Hopewell), the Siege Museum, Centre Hill and Blandford Church (City of Petersburg), Pamplin Park Civil War Site, and Sutherland's Fork Inn in Dinwiddie County. This ticket is valid for one visit to each of the nine sites through October 31, 1997.

Should you decide not to use this opportunity, admission to Petersburg National Battlefield is \$5.00 per adult with those 16 and under free.

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 electrical storms from overtaking you when away from shelter. **ALWAYS LOCK YOUR VEHICLE. LOCK ALL VALUABLES IN THE TRUNK.** Please carry your purse with you.

NECESSARY REGULATIONS

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 historical areas (see map). Please obey the speed limit (25 m.p.h.) while in the park, particularly when going to the summer interpretive programs.

NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

DAILY PROGRAMS AT PETERSBURG NATIONAL BATTLEFIELD

JUNE 8 to AUGUST 16

Start your tour here. First, exhibits and a 17-minute map show introduce you to the story of the Siege of Petersburg. The show begins every half hour, the last at 5:00 p.m.

STOP 1 — VISITOR CENTER

Open daily — 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

A 20-minute walking tour is offered daily to Confederate Battery Five where the opening battle for Petersburg on June 15, 1864, took place. This scheduled tour is at 9:30 a.m. with others being announced when staffing is available.

In following the walkway to Battery Five, you will see an artillery display of various kinds of field and siege pieces used during the campaign, along with a 13" seacoast mortar at the site of the original "Dictator."

STOP 3 — UNION CAMP

Daily except Wednesday and Thursday, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.



NOTE: BECAUSE THE TOUR ROAD IS ONE-WAY, YOU MAY HAVE TO EXIT THE PARK AND RETURN BY WAY OF THE ENTRANCE ALONG ROUTE 36 EAST TO COORDINATE SEEING ALL THE PROGRAMS. TO DO SO, TURN RIGHT ONTO CRATER ROAD UPON LEAVING THE PARK, THEN RIGHT AGAIN AT WYTHE STREET (FIRST LIGHT) WHICH IS ROUTE 36.

Walk back into 1864. Visit the camp of the 200th Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry where a soldier will escort you through the reconstructed encampment and earthworks. Along the way, you can visit with female participants and learn about the various roles women filled in the camps.

The earthworks display represents a typical section of the siege lines at Petersburg, with examples of: 1) a picket or communication trench, 2) fraise - a defense line of pointed fence rails, 3) gabions - hollow wicker cylinders filled with dirt to provide protection and support in the trenches, 4) Coehorn mortar in its trench position.

A regimental field surgeon will explain the medical branch of the Union army during the siege.

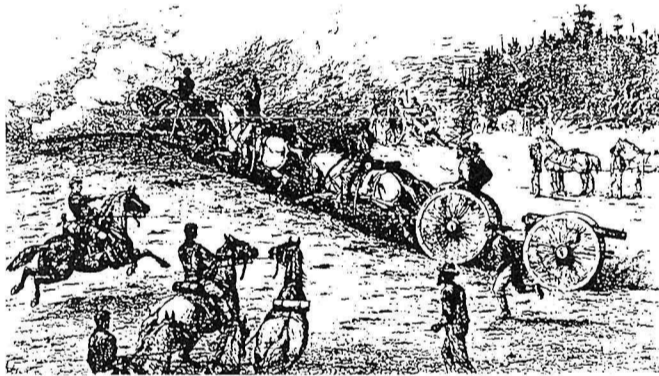
The Sutler Store, the forerunner of the army PX system, is open to serve you from 9:15 a.m. to 5:45 p.m.

Musket firing and drill demonstrations will take place in the camp at 10:15, 2:00, 4:00 and 5:00.

STOP 5 — ARTILLERY DEMONSTRATION

Daily except Monday and Tuesday

First firing at 11:00 a.m., last firing at 4:30 p.m.



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Representatives of Louisiana's Washington Artillery gallop into the area with cannon and limber drawn by a four or six-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 24 pounder Coehorn mortar at 12:00 and 3:30 using an actual projectile.

Between firings, the crew and their horses are camped near the presentation site. Please feel free to talk with them about their equipment, the horses, and the role of field artillery at Petersburg.

IN THE EVENT OF SEVERE WEATHER, THIS DEMONSTRATION WILL BE CANCELLED. IN EXTREME HEAT, THE HORSES MAY NOT BE USED.

STOP 5 — THE BATTLE OF FORT STEDMAN WALKING TOUR

Daily beginning in the Stop 5 parking lot at 12:30 p.m.

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Daily, beginning in the Stop 5 parking lot at 12:30. This 40-minute walk along a paved trail explains the fighting on June 18, 1864, particularly the role of the 1st Maine Heavy Artillery. You will then visit the Confederate lines at Colquitt's Salient, the starting point of General John B. Gordon's assault on the Union lines, March 25, 1865. The tour ends in Fort Stedman with an explanation of "Lee's Last Grand Offensive."

STOP 8 — THE BATTLE OF THE CRATER WALKING TOUR

Daily starting at 2:30 p.m. and 3:30 p.m. in the Stop 8 parking lot

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This 40-minute walking tour along a paved path, begins with the story of the tunneling operation carried on by former Pennsylvania coal miners. From that point the battle plan is developed until the "crater" itself is reached. Here the role of United States Colored Troops in the battle is defined and the Confederate counter-attack explained.

CITY POINT UNIT

The City Point Unit of Petersburg National Battlefield is in Hopewell, Virginia, eight miles east of the main Petersburg Unit. At this site, Lt. General Ulysses S. Grant maintained his headquarters from June, 1864 to March, 1865. The greatest logistical operation and communication center of the Civil War was also managed here.

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

On Friday through Tuesday there is available a "living history" character on duty who will show you Grant's cabin and explain the grounds around the Eppes' plantation. Wayside exhibits are also located throughout the site.

FIVE FORKS BATTLEFIELD

Dinwiddie County

In 1990-91, 1,115 acres of the Five Forks Battlefield, fought April 1, 1865, were added as a new unit of Petersburg National Battlefield. Planning is still underway for the development of interpretive facilities at the site. A small contact station will be open at the road intersection on Wednesday through Sunday, 8:30 to 5:00, during the summer season.

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