

South Mountain State Battlefield

Maryland Department of Natural Resources



Battle of South Mountain

160th Anniversary Commemoration

Saturday & Sunday, September 10 - 11, 2022

Artillery demonstrations 10:00am - 4:00pm

Discover the significance of artillery during the Battle of South Mountain and the important role cannons played in the attack and defense of the mountain. Cannon firing demonstrations are presented at 11:00 a.m., 1:00 p.m., and 3:30 p.m. both days.

Washington Monument State Park - 6620 Zittlestown Rd, Middletown, MD 21769

Frostown Battlefield Hike, September 10 – 2:00 p.m.

Late in the afternoon of September 14, 1862, Union General George Meade's Pennsylvania Reserve Division attacked South Mountain just to the north of Turner's Gap. Opposing them were Confederates from Robert Rode's Alabama Brigade and eventually, from Nathan Evans' South Carolina Brigade. Learn about this fight as you hike the ground where it happened. The tour will begin at the Gaver Farm. The hike will take place over rough, uneven ground. Bring plenty of water, sunscreen, insect repellent and wear comfortable walking shoes. Program will last about one hour.

Gaver Farm - 9209 Frostown Rd, Middletown, MD 21769

Fox's Gap Battlefield Hike, September 11 – 2:00 p.m.

At Fox's Gap during the late afternoon of September 14, 1862, Confederate reinforcements attempted to push the Federals of the 9th Corps out of the Gap and retake the position. As Confederates from Drayton's Brigade pushed south against the Union positions captured that morning, Wilcox's Brigade of the 9th Corps advanced from the east. The resulting fight would bring disaster to Drayton's men. Discover what happened at Fox's Gap late in the day of the battle as you walk the land where it happened. The tour will begin near the Reno Monument at the intersection of Reno Monument and Lab's Knoll Roads. The hike will take place over rough, uneven ground. Bring plenty of water, sunscreen, insect repellent and wear comfortable walking shoes. Program will last about one hour.

Major General Jesse Reno Monument - 21605 Reno Monument Rd, Boonsboro, MD 21713



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Wednesday, September 14, 2022

Sunrise on South Mountain: D.H. Hill and the Defense of Turner's and Fox's Gaps

Realtime Hike - 6:30 a.m.

On September 14, 1862, Confederate General D. H. Hill arrived at the Mountain House in Turner's Gap between "daylight and sunrise." He quickly learned that the Union army was in proximity in larger numbers than expected. Hill then proceeded to reconnoiter both Turner's and Fox's Gaps to determine how to best defend the mountain. Join us for this real-time hike starting at Turner's Gap and follow the trace of the Woods Road as Hill did the morning of the battle. Discover what Hill learned during his morning reconnaissance and how the beginning of the battle unfolded at Fox's Gap. The hike will begin at the Appalachian Trail parking lot next to the South Mountain Inn. Be sure to bring a flashlight or headlamp. The hike will cover rough and uneven ground; wear comfortable walking shoes and bring water and insect repellent. Program will last about 2.5 hours.

Appalachian Trail Parking - 6132 Old National Pike, Middletown, MD 21769

The Battle for Crampton's Gap

Realtime Hike - 4:00 p.m.

Late in the afternoon of September 14, 1862, the Union 6th Corps, which had been in the area around Burkittsville since early afternoon, deployed and began advancing against the Confederate line at the base of Crampton's Gap. After initially being repulsed, the Federals would break the line and the Confederates would retreat up the mountain into the gap. General Howell Cobb's brigade of Georgians and North Carolinians would arrive in Crampton's Gap and attempt a last stand to hold off the Union advance. Learn about the battle leading up to the arrival of Cobb's Brigade, and hike the area defended and ultimately lost by the Confederates. Hike begins at the Gathland State Park Museum. The hike will take place over rough, uneven ground. Bring plenty of water, sunscreen, insect repellent and wear comfortable walking shoes. Program will last about 1.5 hours.

Gathland State Park - 900 Arnoldtown Rd, Jefferson, MD 21755



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