



SATURDAY, JULY 12, 2014
***A Hike Through History* on the**
Civil War Defenses of Washington Trail for the
150th Anniversary of Battle of Fort Stevens

American Hiking Society (AHS) and the National Park Service (NPS) will be leading a ***Hike Through History*** from Battery Kemble to Fort Stevens to commemorate the 150th Anniversary of the Battle of Fort Stevens and to showcase the Civil War Defenses of Washington (CWDW) Trail, which is an important segment of the Congressionally-designated Potomac Heritage National Scenic Trail (PHNST).

Detailed instructions:

1. AHS will provide CWDW Trail maps and the CWDW Hiker Guidebook just published by AHS and NPS.
2. 8:30 am: Assemble at Battery Kemble, which is located on Chain Bridge Road, NW in Washington, DC, just off of Nebraska Ave, NW, adjacent to where Foxhall Road north ends at Nebraska Ave., just SW of American University (<https://www.google.com/maps/@38.9295107,-77.0929826,16z>).
3. NPS will reserve 10-12 parking spaces for our hiking group, and hikers will be shuttled back to Battery Kemble at 2:00 pm from Fort Stevens. CARPOOLING TO BATTERY KEMBLE IS ESSENTIAL.
4. 9:00 am: The *Hike through History* will be led by AHS staff and possibly joined by an NPS Ranger. We will hike 0.5 miles from Battery Kemble through Wesley Heights Park into Glover Archbold Park to connect with the CWDW trail, where we will turn left and go north towards Fort Reno.
5. We will hike north along this stretch of the CWDW Trail, which is also called the Foundry Trail, crossing Massachusetts Avenue and continuing through Glover Archbold Park, then out onto a side street to Connecticut Ave. and the Tenleytown/AU Metro.
6. From the Tenleytown Metro, take Albemarle St NW, then turn left and continue on 40th Street, NW, cross Chesapeake St, NW and we have arrived at Fort Reno.
7. Fort Reno was built in 1861 and originally named Fort Pennsylvania, but renamed for Major General Jesse Lee Reno. Occupying the highest ground in Washington (409 feet above sea level), it became the largest and most heavily-armed fort protecting Washington during the Civil War.
8. From Fort Reno, we hike ¾ mile north on Nebraska Ave., turn right on Military Road (¾ mile), then go left at Fort DeRussy sign on up the paved trail. We hike past Fort DeRussy, turn left, and then turn right at the next fork in the trail.
9. **NOTE: Public restrooms are available at the Rock Creek Nature Center.**
10. Cross Rock Creek by bridge, continue on paved trail, just after the Military Road overpass, cross Beach Drive and enter Valley Trail (look for trailhead marker and BLUE Blaze). Turn right at junction, follow BLUE blazes.
11. Turn right at trail junction, for Whittier Trail and follow YELLOW blazes uphill eventually leading out to 16th Street.

12. Exit trail, turn right on 16th Street and continue south for 0.4 miles on 16th Street. Turn left on Fort Stevens Drive, and Fort Stevens will be on our right. Up the hill to the Fort Stevens festivities!
13. Fort Stevens is located at 13th and Quackenbos Street, NW (also known as Elizabeth Thomas Way)
14. 12:30 pm – 4:00 pm 150th Anniversary of the Battle of Fort Stevens Commemorative Activities (Civil War re-enactors, living history demos, live period music, and 19th century children's games and crafts, AHS booth with Potomac Heritage National Scenic Trail and Civil War Defenses of Washington maps and info).
15. 2:00 pm, AHS will provide shuttle service to any hikers who need to get back to their cars parked at Battery Kemble.

