

GETTYSBURG, PA

The Battle of Gettysburg was a turning point in the Civil War, the Union victory in the summer of 1863 that ended General Robert E. Lee's second and most ambitious invasion of the North – often referred to as the 'High Water Mark of the Confederacy.'

The two armies began to collide at Gettysburg on July 1, 1863. Low ridges to the northwest of town were defended initially by a Union cavalry division, which was soon reinforced with two corps of Union infantry. However, two large Confederate corps assaulted them from the northwest and north, collapsing the hastily developed Union lines, sending the defenders retreating through the streets of town to the hills just to the south.

On the second day of battle, most of both armies had assembled. The Union line was laid out resembling a fishhook. Lee launched a heavy assault on the Union left flank and fierce fighting raged at Little Round Top. On the Union right, demonstrations escalated into full-scale assaults on Culp's Hill and Cemetery Hill. Across the battlefield, despite significant losses, the Union defenders held their lines.

On the third day of battle fighting resumed on Culp's Hill and cavalry battles raged to the east and south, but the main event was a dramatic infantry assault by 12,500 Confederates against the center of the Union line on Cemetery Ridge. Pickett's Charge was repulsed by Union rifle and artillery fire at great losses to the Confederate army.

Between 46,000 and 51,000 Americans were casualties in the three day battle. That November, President Lincoln used the dedication ceremony for the Gettysburg National Cemetery to honor the Union dead in his historic Gettysburg Address. Find out first-hand hardships faced by soldiers, doctors and civilians and traverse famous fields where generals charged and men maneuvered.

BATTLEFIELD TOUR

Explore the peaceful fields where the Battle of Gettysburg ended in early July 1863. You will see hundreds of cannons and monuments built in remembrance of the more than 46,000 casualties among the Federal and Confederate soldiers who fought and died in Gettysburg. Walking tours and campfire programs are also available. A licensed battlefield guide will narrate your driving tour (which includes several stops) through the park.

ELECTRIC MAP

Develop your understanding of troop movement throughout the battle as you watch the electric map presentation.

GETTYSBURG MUSEUM OF THE CIVIL WAR

Examine real Civil War uniforms, bullets, guns, tents and other historical artifacts.

GETTYSBURG NATIONAL CEMETERY

See the site where Abraham Lincoln delivered the Gettysburg Address and honor the Civil War soldiers buried at Gettysburg.

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