



PAMPLIN HISTORICAL PARK & THE NATIONAL MUSEUM OF THE CIVIL WAR SOLDIER

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Commemoration Pre-Dawn Tour of the Breakthrough at Petersburg Civil War Tour at Pamplin Historical Park

On April 2, 1865 in the early morning mist, General Grant gave the order for the Union army to advance on the Confederate defenses at Petersburg. In the assault of more than 14,000 Union soldiers, General Lee's lines of defense were broken, forcing the Confederate army to evacuate Petersburg and Richmond. Join Pamplin Historical Park historians as they lead you across the Breakthrough Battlefield and share the events that ended the longest siege in American military history.

The tour takes place on Saturday, March 31, 2007 and begins in the early morning at 5:30 a.m., just as the assault took place nearly 142 years ago. The Pre-Dawn Tour admission is \$8 per person and includes a buffet breakfast after the program at the Hardtack & Coffee Café, located at Pamplin Historical Park. Please make reservations by calling 804-861-2408 Ext. 616 or email memberservices@pamplinpark.org.

A full day of activities follows the Pre-Dawn Tour with guided van tours to Dinwiddie Courthouse Battlefield and White Oak Swamp Battlefield. The van tours are \$5.00 for non-Park members, and free to Park Members.

Living history programs, demonstrations, and costumed interpretation are presented throughout the Park to include the Military Encampment where interpreters demonstrate the firing of infantry small arms weapons. Tudor Hall Plantation features programs which focus on the life of civilians in the area, and the impact the siege of Petersburg had on their lives. These programs are included with Park admission. Daily admission for adults is \$13.50, seniors (62+) \$12, children (6-11) \$7.50, and children under 6 free.

Pamplin Historical Park is located just 30 miles south of downtown Richmond and 7 miles south of Historic Petersburg. Take I-95 south to I-85 south, and Exit 63-A. Travel approximately 1 mile to the Park entrance, located on the left.

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One of "Virginia's Best Places to Visit" according to the Travel Channel, Pamplin Historical Park & The National Museum of the Civil War Soldier is located on the Breakthrough Battlefield of April 2, 1865. Designated a National Historic Landmark, this 422-acre Civil War campus located in Dinwiddie County, Virginia offers a combination of interactive multimedia museums and hands-on educational experiences. The Park has four world-class museums, three historic antebellum homes and costumed living history programs daily. Civil War Adventure Camp, one of the Park's newest programs, provides visitors of all ages an opportunity to live the life of a Civil War soldier. For more information, please visit www.pamplinpark.org or call 804-861-2408.