

Events

From full-scale battle reenactments to enlightening living history displays to intriguing lectures and tours, and even kids camps that help our children understand our past—there are activities and events throughout the Shenandoah Valley that appeal to a wide range of interests.

Battle Reenactments

Battle of Waynesboro (April)

Reenactment of the March 1865 Battle of Waynesboro, hosted by the Waynesboro Heritage Foundation.

Battle of McDowell (May*)

Highland County Historical Society recreates the May 8, 1862 battle. *To be held in May 2012; future dates TBD.

Battle of New Market (May)

The New Market Battlefield State Historical Park recreates the battle where VMI cadets turned the tide for victory.

Reenactment at Luray (September)

The Luray Valley Museum hosts an annual reenactment of battles fought in the Valley.

Battle of Cedar Creek (October)

The last major battle in the Valley is recreated every autumn, hosted by the Cedar Creek Battlefield Foundation.

Kids Camps

Camps give your child the chance to explore what life was like for soldiers and civilians during the Civil War.

Conferences and Lectures

Museums, historical societies, universities, and others present programs focusing on the region's Civil War and broader history.

Events Calendar Online

Historic sites throughout the region add new activities to the calendar each week. Visit the online events calendar for more information about these and other activities taking place soon. www.ShenandoahAtWar.org

E-Newsletter

Receive our monthly e-newsletter about events and programs in the Valley by emailing info@svbf.net.



Virginia Civil War Trails

The Civil War Trails program has installed more than 1,000 interpretive markers at Civil War sites in Virginia, Maryland, North Carolina, Tennessee, and West Virginia. As you travel throughout the region, the logo at left will help you find these markers in its historic towns and along its byways. Driving tours following major campaigns have been created, and a series of regional brochures is available. You can pick up printed Trails information at visitor centers throughout the states with Trails signs. You can also visit www.CivilWarTrails.org for a complete listing of Trails sites, or download pdf versions of the Trails maps from CivilWarTraveler.com/maps.

Where to stay? What to eat? What else to do?

The Shenandoah Valley offers a wide variety of experiences for all ages and interests.

History & Heritage – The Civil War is only one chapter in the region's remarkable history. From colonial times to the 20th century, explore history at sites throughout the Valley.

Natural wonders – Scenic vistas, waterways, caverns – and national, regional, and local parks that offer countless opportunities for outdoor activities.

Arts and culture – The Valley offers world-class theatres, music festivals, and arts and crafts venues.

Dining and shopping – The region's charming, historic towns offer a variety of shopping and dining experiences.

Lodging – Whether you like to sleep under the stars or prefer premier accommodations, a wide range of lodgings are available throughout the Valley.

The tourism offices below can help you plan your adventure.

For More Information...

Shenandoah Valley Travel Association

800-VISIT-SV • www.visitshenandoah.org

Winchester-Frederick County Convention & Visitors Bureau

877-871-1326 • www.visitwinchesterva.com

Shenandoah County Tourism

888-367-3965 • www.shenandoahtravel.org

Front Royal-Warren County Visitors Center

800-338-2576 • www.DiscoverFrontRoyal.com

Luray-Page County Chamber of Commerce & Visitor Center

888-743-3915 • www.luraypage.com

Harrisonburg Tourism & Visitor Services

540-432-8935 • www.harrisonburgtourism.com

Staunton Convention & Visitors Bureau

540-332-3971 • www.visitstaunton.com

Waynesboro Tourism

540-942-6512 • www.visitwaynesboro.net

Highland County Chamber of Commerce

540-468-2550 • www.highlandcounty.org

Lexington-Rockbridge Tourism

877-453-9822 • www.lexingtonvirginia.com



What is the Shenandoah Valley Battlefields National Historic District?

If you've made it this far along in this guide, you know that modern visitors are able to view the Shenandoah Valley's landscape much as it was seen by soldiers and civilians during the region's important Civil War campaigns, mostly thanks to the agricultural economy that has thrived in the Valley since before the Civil War.

But this historic landscape is increasingly threatened.

In 1996 the United States Congress created the Shenandoah Valley Battlefields National Historic District to protect this national resource and to ensure that future generations would be able to explore the Valley's Civil War story and more fully understand its impact on the American experience.



As approved by the U.S. Secretary of the Interior, the Shenandoah Valley Battlefields Foundation serves as the non-profit manager of the National Historic District and is responsible for implementing the District's legislated mission to work with partners to preserve the Shenandoah Valley's Civil War battlefields, coordinate the interpretation of the region's Civil War story, and promote the Valley as a visitor destination. The Battlefields Foundation and its partners have collectively protected thousands of battlefield acres and are collaborating to share this history with visitors from across the country and around the world.



Thank you for visiting the Shenandoah Valley Battlefields National Historic District!

National Heritage Areas

The Shenandoah Valley Battlefields National Historic District is a congressionally-designated National Heritage Area.

National Heritage Areas are parts of our country's landscape that have been recognized by the United States Congress for their unique contributions to the American experience. A heritage area may be developed around a common theme or an industry that influenced the culture and history of that region and our country. More information about National Heritage Areas is available online at www.nps.gov/history/heritageareas.

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Supporting Preservation— What You Can Do

AS THE NATION COMMEMORATES THE 150TH anniversary of the American Civil War, you can help preserve the irreplaceable battlefields and historic sites of the Shenandoah Valley as a legacy for future generations

Come visit the Shenandoah Valley and experience its unique Civil War heritage. Explore the region's dramatic history through orientation centers, trails, historical sites, and other attractions. Immerse yourself in the stories, relive the history, and develop a deeper understanding of the war's impact on the Shenandoah Valley and the nation.

Become a partner in this important work. The District's federal funding does much to preserve and promote the Valley's rich Civil War story. But private support is a vital part of the formula. With the help of committed partners and friends, these magnificent landscapes and unique sites can continue to tell their stories.

Contribute to the Foundation's work and the efforts of its partners—when you visit their sites, inquire about how you can donate to their organizations or volunteer.



The Shenandoah Valley Battlefields Foundation is a non-profit organization. To make a tax-deductible donation to our work, please complete the form at right and return it along with your donation to the address below.

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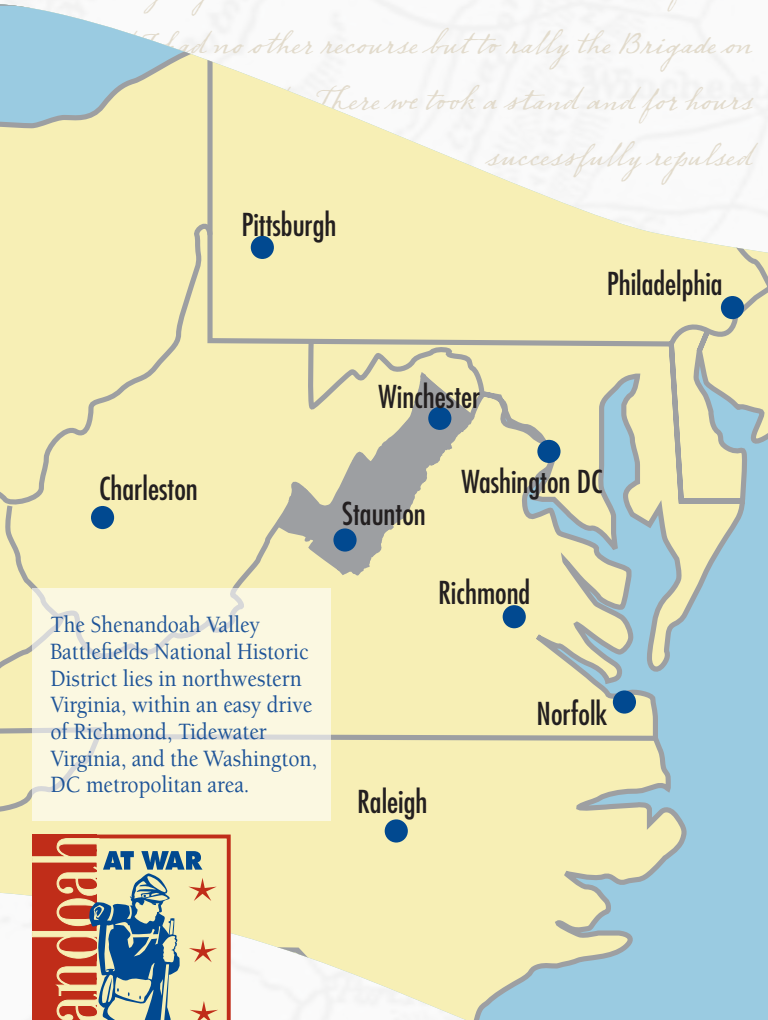
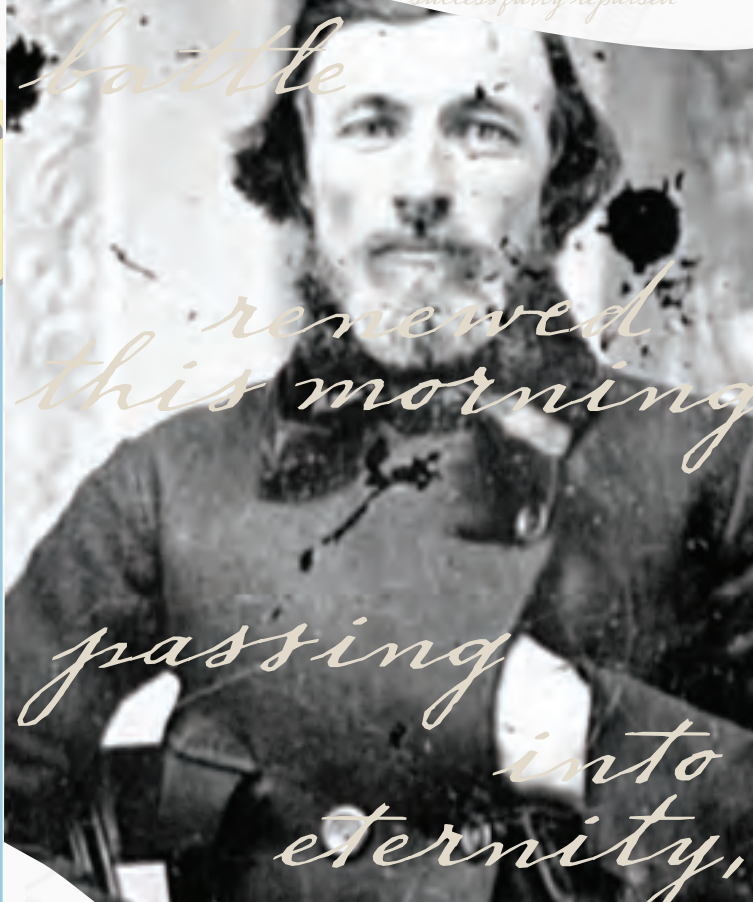
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One story...

a thousand voices.



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