The Civil War Comes to Farmville
1865-2015

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Appomattox River

High Bridge Trail State Park

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Schedule of Events

Saturday, March 28, 2015
3:00 pm – Dusk: Living History Village Begins
Living History Village inhabitants set up encampments at Riverside Park. Confederate and Union soldiers will erect their respective encampments and settle in for the evening. Visitors are welcome to come into the camp and learn from re-enactors about preparing for an evening in the field. Impromptu music will be offered for the enjoyment of all. (Weather permitting)

Sunday, March 29, 2015:
9:00 am – Dusk: Living History Village Comes Alive
Revelle is called and muster is taken. Encampments will start their day as they would have 150 years ago. Visitors are welcome to observe and interact as appropriate. (Weather permitting)

10:00 am: The Skirmish of High Bridge * (Meet at River Road parking area) A prominent American Civil War Historian and author will take visitors on a journey of the mind as he relates true stories of desperate actions by ordinary soldiers caught up in extraordinary circumstances. (HBTPS Event)

11:00 – 11:30 am: Palm Sunday Service at Riverside Park
The public is invited to join our re-enactors for an ecumenical Palm Sunday service presented by Farmville area congregations.

11:30 am and 2:30 pm: Civil War General Smyth Walking Tour *
(Meet on the High Bridge Trail at Osborne Road access) Stand near the location where General Thomas A. Smith, the last Union General to die in the American Civil War, fell from a sharp-shooter’s bullet. (HBTPS Event)

11:30 am and 12:30 pm: Civil War Earthen Fort Tour *
(Meet at the south eastern fort on High Bridge Trail, a 1.7 mile walk east from River Road) Hear about the Gallant Creoles of the 43rd Louisiana Cannoneers who defended High Bridge and learn why the post became known as "Camp Paradise". (HBTPS Event)

Noon – 5:00 pm: Living History Village Demonstrations
Enjoy demonstrations and representations of what life was like 150 years ago. Civil War medicine, hand gun readiness, rifle corps marksmanship; cavalry drills, and cannon demonstrations throughout the day. The life of Women of the Civil War will be depicted on site. Be sure to look for General Ulysses S. Grant and General Robert E. Lee and listen for their stories. (Weather permitting)

Noon – 5:00 pm: Confederate Cemetery Interpretations & Interment Re-enactments
Cemetery interpretation by area members of the United Daughters of the Confederacy, aided by the Sons of Confederate Veterans. Interment re-enactments presided by a Civil War re-enactor clergy at 2:30 and 3:30 pm.

Noon – 4:00 pm: Guided History Tours
Tours begin at Riverside Park on the hour and half-hour and are limited to 20 first come, first serve guests per tour with the last tour departing at 4:00 pm. The 1-1/4 hour tour will visit sites significant to the events of April 7, 1865. It will end uptown where the tour guide will show visitors where they can stop for other amenities in Farmville. NOTE: Tours involve walking with steps and inclines. Bottled water and comfortable walking shoes recommended. (Check at the Riverside Park information booth for mobility impaired tour guest accommodations.)

History Tour Stops

1. Riverside Park (517 North Main Street)
2.  South Side Rail Train Station (ferguson gallery, 311 North Main Street)
3. Site of The Randolph House (306 North Main Street)
4. Whitfield-Bozarth Building (Poplar Hall Antique Center, 308 North Main Street)
5. Site of The Confederate Hospital (402 Appomattox Street)
6. Patrick Henry Jackson House (304 Beech Street)
7. John Thurston Thornton House (309 Beech Street)
8. Longwood’s Ruffner Hall and The Confederate Monument (200 Block of High Street)
9. First Baptist Church (100 South Main Street)
10. Civil War Artifacts Exhibit (116 North Main Street – Farmville Town Hall)
11. High Bridge Exhibit (121 East 3rd Street-Heartland Regional Visitor Center)
12. Lithia Springs House (802 West Osborn Road) Self-guided only
13. Confederate Cemetery (Jackson Avenue) Self-guided only

*Self-guided History Tours are open throughout the two day event. Map brochures will be available at Riverside Park, Farmville Town Hall, and Heartland Regional Visitor Center.

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