



Monterey Pass Battlefield Park and Museum Calendar Items a/o 6 July 2025

Feb 3 - Jun 13: Book Sale Collections: Weekdays only. Want to make space in your attic, garage or storage shed? Got books, maps, videos or CDs you'd like to share with the world? On any weekday from Feb 3rd to Jun 13th, take your old books to "R. Lee Royer's" office at 10764 Buchanan Trail East, Waynesboro PA, during their normal business hours (**Monday-Friday, 8 am – 5 pm**). **For more information on book drop-offs, or the book sale, call 717-762-5619, or email leeroyerasociates@comcast.net, or montereypassbattlefield@gmail.com.**

Mar 29, 10am – 12am: Docent Training for the Museum's 2024 Season At the beginning of each season, new and old Museum Docents are provided an initial / refresher session at the museum. They review sales procedures, forms for volunteer help and for donations, new exhibits, opening and closing procedures, 2025 events and future projects in and around the Monterey Pass Battlefield Park. The Friends are always looking for more docents and other volunteers to help with summer activities. If you are interested, or know of others who enjoy sharing our local history with guests from throughout the nation, contact us at montereypassbattlefield@gmail.com.

Apr 5 - Nov 9: Museum is open for 2025 Season (Every Sat & Sun, 10am - 4pm)

May 1 - 16: Buttonwood Nature Center, Home of the Institute will be hosting 5th Graders from the Waynesboro School District Starting **Thursday, May 1st** on weekdays through **Friday, May 16th**. Students will enjoy two programs, *Monterey Peak Adventures* and *Civil War: Battle at Monterey Pass*. They will hike to the Monterey Peak observation deck and learn about forest ecology and the geologic features surrounding them. They will also get an overview of the Civil War as well as the battle that took place at midnight along the Mason-Dixon Line in July 1863. Students will tour the museum and experience hands on activities to learn about the everyday lives of the Civil War soldiers.

May 8 – 6:30 – 7:30 pm: Garden Talk #1 of 4: All About Herbs and How to Use Them
Civil War Garden at Monterey Pass Battlefield Park, 14325 Buchanan Trail East, Waynesboro, PA. Free program. Presented by Penn State master gardener volunteer, Annette Spry. Learn about the wide variety of herbs you can grow successfully, including both perennial and annual herbs. We will talk about the needs and growing habits of each plant. Culinary herbs are easily used fresh or dried to enhance your meals. The talk will also cover simple harvesting methods as well as how to dry and preserve fresh herbs for use at later time. Free, but space is limited. Registration is preferred but not required. Register online at <https://buttonwoodnaturecenter.org/event/garden-talk-1-spring-2025/>. Hosted by Buttonwood Nature Center in partnership with Monterey Pass Battlefield Park. Website link: buttonwoodnaturecenter.org

May 15 – 6:30 – 7:30 pm: Garden Talk #2 of 4: Small Space Gardening Civil War Garden at Monterey Pass Battlefield Park, 14325 Buchanan Trail East, Waynesboro, PA. Free program. Gardening expert Melissa Irwin presents an in-the-garden program about gardening in a smaller space. Productive gardens don't always require a large yard. Learn how you can grow food,

herbs and flowers for your family with only a small space. Whether you have a postage-stamp yard, a couple of raised beds, or just a sunny balcony, you might be surprised how much you can grow with just a little bit of soil and a lot of creativity! Irwin will explore vertical gardening, too. Free, but space is limited. Registration is preferred but not required. Register online at <https://buttonwoodnaturecenter.org/event/garden-talk-2-spring-2025/>. Hosted by Buttonwood Nature Center in partnership with Monterey Pass Battlefield Park. Website link: buttonwoodnaturecenter.org

May 17: Living History Weekend at the Battlefield Park – Join us for Artillery demonstrations by the 2nd Maryland Artillery (Baltimore Light Artillery). 2nd MD strives to re-create the best impressions of Civil War life possible based on research and documentation. Interact with them and learn. In addition, learn about Civil War uniforms and paint a soldier you can keep. Supplies limited, so please register in advance with John Welker at johnwelker117@gmail.com. The schedule includes:

Artillery Demos: 10am & 1:30pm

Camp Life Open to Visit: 9:30am – 5pm

Bring the Past to Life with Paint: Noon

May 17 - 18: Also this weekend, Resident Battlefield Guide John Galie Walking Tours in the Park. A thoroughly enjoyable and easy walk along the trails and roads used by retreating Confederate and pursuing Union forces. (Sat – 11am & 2pm, and Sunday 11am)

May 22 – 6:30 – 7:30 pm: Garden Talk #3 of 4: Cooking with Herbs—What’s the Buzz?

Civil War Garden at Monterey Pass Battlefield Park, 14325 Buchanan Trail East, Waynesboro, PA. Free program presented by Penn State master gardener volunteer, Annette Spry. This talk will focus on how to use a variety of herbs when cooking to enhance food flavors. Discover the uses of dried herbs vs. fresh herbs, and when each is preferred. Learn about how to prevent your herbs from “bolting.” Finally, we will talk about how herbs support pollinators like bees and other beneficial insects in the garden. Free, but space is limited. Registration is preferred but not required. Register online at <https://buttonwoodnaturecenter.org/event/garden-talk-3-spring-2025/>. Hosted by Buttonwood Nature Center in partnership with Monterey Pass Battlefield Park. Website link: buttonwoodnaturecenter.org.

May 29 – 6:30 – 7:30 pm: Garden Talk #4 of 4: Garlic 101: Planting, Growing, and Harvesting

Civil War Garden at Monterey Pass Battlefield Park, 14325 Buchanan Trail East, Waynesboro, PA. Free program. Gardening expert Melissa Irwin presents an in-the-garden program. Not only is garlic delicious and nutritious, it is also incredibly easy to grow! Learn all the basics on how to grow your own garlic, from selecting varieties to making beautiful garlic braids that will last until your next harvest. Then, find out all of the many ways garlic can be used, including culinarily, medicinally, as a companion plant and as a natural pesticide. Free, but space is limited. Registration is preferred but not required. Register online at <https://buttonwoodnaturecenter.org/event/garden-talk-4-spring-2025/>. Hosted by Buttonwood Nature Center in partnership with Monterey Pass Battlefield Park. Website link: buttonwoodnaturecenter.org.

Jun 7 - 8 and Jun 14 - 15: Book Sale at Monterey Pass Museum:

- On two weekends, Saturday and Sunday from 10 am to 4 pm, come to the Monterey Pass Museum to find that book, video, map, or CD you’ve been looking for.

- For more information on book drop-offs, or the book sale, call 717-762-5619, or email leeroyerassociates@comcast.net, or montereypassbattlefield@gmail.com.
- All books not purchased will be donated to the Blue Ridge Summit Library at their annual Iced Cream Social on Jul 19th at the Blue Ridge Summit Free Library.

Jul 4 – 6: Museum Open for the Full 4th of July Weekend: By popular demand, the museum will extend its normal schedule to cover the full 4th of July weekend. We also expect to see some Civil War Reenactors camping on the grounds over the weekend. Stop in and enjoy a conversation about the battle and the era.

Jul 19 - 20, 10 am - 4 pm: A first time treat for the Monterey Pass Battlefield. Local history buff Steve Tanner built and will display a [Monterey Pass Battlefield Diorama](#) showing the geography and locations of forces deployed about the Monterey Pass battlefield in 1863.

Jul 19 - 20: Complementing the Diorama will be [Resident Battlefield Guide John Galie](#). John will offer commentary on the Diorama during the day, and will also offer his trademark tours of the actual battlefield on Saturday, the 19th (11am and 2pm). He will also be available for a tour on Sunday, Jul 20th at 11am.

Jul 19: Blue Ridge Summit (BRS) Library Iced Cream Social and Book Sale (9am – 2pm) – at the BRS library. The Iced Cream Social is a 48 Year tradition of the BRS library held the 3rd Saturday of July. It helps to raise funds for the Building Board and includes a book sale, food, vendors music and children's games. The Friends of Monterey Pass are proud to lend support. For more on this event, email brsmtnboard@gmail.com.

Aug 16: [Civil War Relics Day](#) (10 am – 4 pm): Relics are tangible links to events hundreds or thousands of years ago. Collections of relics help us more fully understand those events by their locations, dating condition, and where they are found along lines of human development. For all collectors, Civil War Relics Day is an open invitation to share your artifacts and relics of the Civil War with friends and neighbors at the Museum. For more information, contact Steve Tanner at (717) 762-4903, or email tannersteve76@yahoo.com.

Aug 16: [Mountain Air](#). Spend a lovely afternoon at the park as [Mountain Air](#), featuring Lisa Donohoe on mandolin and Bobbi Smith on guitar, lend their vocal harmony to a fabulous blend of eras and genres. Guests are encouraged to bring lawn chairs and / or blankets as this is an outdoor event.

Sep 13 – 14: [Living History Weekend](#) – [Civil War Historical Impressions](#) brings Dr Doug Decker portraying Fed Surgeon Dr Brinton who will discuss Civil War field medicine which formed the basis of much of how we approach medicine today.

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Nov 9: [Last day the Museum is open for 2025 Season](#) (10am - 4pm)

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For more information about this and other summer programs, contact us at:

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