



THE BATTLE OF THE MONOCACY

A Union force of about 5,800 soldiers under Major General Lewis Wallace awaited the Confederates on the east bank of the Monocacy River just below Frederick. Join the Hershey Civil War Round Table and a local guide as they explore this battle.

Upon arrival in Frederick you will tour the National Museum of Civil War Medicine. This museum tells the dramatic story of the War along with the developments that set medicine on a path toward the modern era. The Civil War doctors had not yet discovered germs but their reforms in the organization and administration to meet the emergency brought extraordinary change to the medical community.

Following lunch on your own in Frederick you will meet a local guide for a tour of Frederick and the Monocacy. Frederick was occupied by both Union and Confederate forces several times. Monocacy National Battlefield is the site where Union general Lew Wallace's greatly outnumbered troops, many of whom were untried in battle, were defeated by Confederate forces led by General Jubal Early on July 9, 1864. The battle, though won by the Confederates, delayed Early's advance on Washington, D.C. With the arrival of Federal reinforcements the next day, the Confederates' hope of taking Washington was thwarted. Their withdrawal into Virginia spared the national capital and marked the Confederacy's last attempt to carry the war into the North.



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