



Fort Negley

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 Park Hours: Dawn until Dusk
 Visitors Center Hours: Tuesday - Friday Noon to 4 pm, Saturday 9 am to 4 pm



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Site of memory associated to
 The Slave Route
 Resistance, Liberty, Heritage

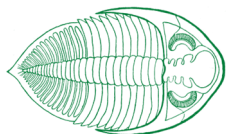
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FALL 2025 PROGRAMS

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Saturday
 SEPT 13
 OCT 11
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**FORT NEGLEY
 FOSSIL
 FINDERS**

10:00 am
 10:30 am
 11:00 am
 11:30 am

Our volunteer geologist will lead your group in a guided exploration of the fossil collection area next to the visitors center. Learn about Nashville's 400 million year old marine fossils and even take some home with you.

Visit **FOFNP.org/RSVP**
 to reserve your timed entry spot.



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Tuesday
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NCWRT meets monthly to hear a presentation on the Civil War. Programs are free and open to the public and made possible by NCWRT membership dues.

September – Howard Mann, Nashville CWRT presents
"The 12th United States Colored Troops"

October - Bob Stewart, historian and author
"The Battle of Munford, Alabama, April 1865"

November – Shirley Farris Jones, author and historian
"Martha Ready Morgan: From Wife to Widow in 630 Days"

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7:00 pm
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 8:30 pm

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SEPT 16
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**NATURE &
 OUTDOOR RECREATION
 PROGRAMS**

9:45
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 11:00

September 16, 2:15 pm to 3:15 pm | **Making Maypop Morsels**

Learn about Tennessee's native tropical fruit, the Maypop, and it's important place in our local ecosystem, while we create a simple syrup using its contents.

Tuesday, November 4, 2:15 pm to 3:15 pm | **Nature Stroll**

Take a leisurely stroll around Fort Negley with a Metro Parks Naturalist and learn about the flora and fauna in the area.

Saturday, November 8, 9:00 am to Noon | **Knot Tying**

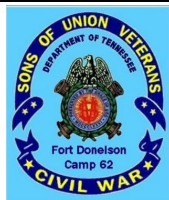
Knot tying is an incredibly useful skill that can be used in many everyday situations! Drop by our table at Fort Negley Visitor Center for a chance to practice knots you may already know and learn a few new ones along the way. Whether you're a beginner or looking to brush up on your skills, this session is a great way to build confidence and have fun while learning the ropes—literally!

All Ages | RSVP at **FOFNP.org/RSVP**



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Fort Donelson Camp No. 62, Sons of Union Veterans (SUV), meet at Fort Negley Visitors Center on the fourth Tuesday every other month. Business meeting begins at 6:00 pm with a scholarly presentation following. Programs are free and open to the public.

September - Scott Sallee presents *"Lincoln's Assassination"*
November - meeting moved to December 2

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6:00 pm
 to
 7:30 pm

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The Afro-American Historical & Genealogical Society - Nashville Chapter (AAHGS) holds meetings and workshops throughout the year. AAHGS exists to promote scholarly research and provide resources for historical and genealogical investigation, promotion, and preservation.

October - Reconstruction in the American South

November - Planning a Family Reunion

Meetings at Fort Negley are free and open to the public.

To register for virtual access go to aahgsnashville.org/meeting-calendar

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9:30 am
 to
 11:00 am

Friends of Fort Negley Park and Metro Parks present

PATH TO FREEDOM

an annual public lecture in celebration of
International Underground Railroad Month

Saturday, September 6

2:00 PM AT FORT NEGLEY VISITORS CENTER

1100 Fort Negley Blvd., Nashville, TN 37203

How Freedom-seeking People Took Enormous Risks and Survived the Civil War

presented by

Amy Murrell Taylor, Ph.D.

T. Marshall Hahn Jr. Professor of History, University of Kentucky

The history of the liberation of four million men, women, and children from slavery in the United States is often told as the story of Abraham Lincoln's issuance of the Emancipation Proclamation. This talk expands that story by looking at the emergence of "contraband" (refugee) camps, large settlements of men, women, and children who fled slavery during the Civil War and sought protection inside the lines of the Union army in places like Nashville. It tells untold stories of the many people and contingent moments that accomplished the work of emancipation, with attention to how freedom-seeking people took enormous risks and managed to survive this destructive, deadly war. How they secured food, shelter, and clothing—and began building new lives in freedom as the Civil War raged around them—will be the focus of this talk.



SEATING IS LIMITED | VIRTUAL OPTION AVAILABLE

FRIENDS OF FORT NEGLEY PARK MEMBER DISCOUNT

Reserve your spot for in-person or virtual access by going to
FOFNP.org/PTF2025 or use a smart phone to scan here:



Tours available each week | fortnegley.nashville.gov for dates and times

Join us to learn about the story of Fort Negley Park. From a tree-topped oasis outside early 19th century Nashville, to an imposing fortress guarding the Union stronghold, to restoration and neglect, and its addition to UNESCO's sites of memory all will be covered on a one-mile guided walking tour. Attendees are encouraged to wear comfortable shoes and dress for the weather.



1.0 Mile | Limited Space | RSVP at FOFNP.org/RSVP

The Nashville History Club meets at the Fort Negley Visitors Center.

Join Nashville History Club each Tuesday for a deep dive on one facet of Nashville's fascinating history. Authors and historians speak on topics covering everything from sports to historic neighborhoods to Civil Rights to the Mississippians to war time to early American settlers and more. Missed a program? Check out [Youtube.com/@FortNegley](https://www.youtube.com/@FortNegley) for previously recorded presentations.

**Tuesdays,
1:00 pm
to
2:30 pm**

9/16	Andrea Tudhope and Stave Haruch	<i>"We Are North Nashville"</i>
9/23	Jeff Sellers	<i>The Tennessee State Capitol</i>
9/30	Earl Henry, Jr.	Bird Man of the USS Indianapolis, Earl Henry, Sr.
10/7	Julie Fessmire	The Parthenon
10/14	Peggy Snow and Sandra Shelton	<i>Nashville Through the Eyes of an Artist and an Historian</i>
10/21	Leslie Barras	Fleeing Toward Scandal
10/28	Mae Ambrose	Vintage Nashville Apartment Buildings
11/4	Hal Hardin	Significant Nashville Trials Including "The Trial of the Century"
11/11	Fort Negley Closed for Veterans Day	
11/18	Steven Womack	<i>Death Of A College--The Watkins Institute Story</i>
11/25	Thanksgiving week No Meeting	
12/2	Randy Horick	<i>How A Lawyer Other Than Lincoln Won The Civil War</i>
12/9	Lily A. Wilson	<i>Fred Harvey's Famed Nativity Scene</i>



UNION SOLDIER DISPLAY

Drop by anytime from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. to interact with a U.S. soldier from the 10th Illinois Infantry, co. H.

**Saturday
SEPT 20**

**10:00 am
to
3:00 pm**

Living history is a fascinating and engaging way to gain a better understanding of a soldier's experience during the Civil War.



Happening in
conjunction
with the
Tennessee
STEAM
Festival

TNSteam.org

Presented by Vanderbilt University Department of Earth and Environmental Sciences,
Vulcan Materials Company, Friends of Fort Negley Park and Metro Parks

FOSSILS @ THE FORT

Journey into Middle Tennessee's Astonishing Ancient Marine Past!

Nashville was once covered by a shallow sea teeming with marine life. For millions of years sea creatures lived and died and their remains settled on the sea floor and eventually calcified into the limestone bedrock that is the foundation below all of Middle Tennessee. This limestone even makes up St. Cloud Hill where, during the Civil War, stone was quarried and Fort Negley's walls were built.

**Saturday,
OCT 25**

**10:00 am
to
2:00 pm**

Vanderbilt University Earth and Environmental students and Fort Negley Park Volunteers will lead hands on activities. Join us and...

- Bring your fossils for fossil identification!
- Discover and take home 400 million year old fossils from the fossil pile!
- Plot and identify major events on a giant timeline!
- Reconstruct Tennessee's ancient past through tours.
- Hear about some of the most extraordinary fossils found around the world.

**Friday &
Saturday
NOV 7 & 8**

**10:00 am
to
3:00 pm**

10TH ILLINOIS GARRISON DAYS AT FORT NEGLEY

Living History with the 10th Illinois

Join reenactors from the
10th Illinois Infantry, co. H
for living history encampments,
info on women in the Civil War,
weapons demonstrations and display, and a
haversack station.



Laborers Flag Planting + Honor and Remembrance Ceremony

August 13 through December 7 marks the 163rd anniversary of the construction of Fort Negley. Help honor those that were key to the Federal Army's effort to fortify Nashville.

- **10:00 am to 3:00 pm:** Help us plant flags at the park entrance. A great volunteer opportunity for families or community groups*.

**Saturday
NOV 8**

**Flag
Planting
10:00 am
to
3:00 pm**

*RSVP requested, If you or your group is interested in volunteering please let us know by emailing us at FortNegley@nashville.gov

Flag Gathering will take place by early January.
Keep this volunteer opportunity in mind for your student on winter break.