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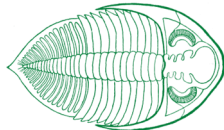
Park Hours: Dawn until Dusk

Visitors Center Hours: Tuesday - Friday Noon to 4 pm, Saturday 9 am to 4 pm

WINTER 2026 PROGRAMS

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Saturday
DEC 13
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**FORT NEGLEY
FOSSIL
FINDERS**

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](https://www.fofnp.org/RSVP)
to reserve your timed entry spot.



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Tuesday
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Nashville Civil War Roundtable



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. **NEW for 2026:** Nashville Civil War Roundtable has merged with Battle of Nashville Trust and will begin rotating among several historic sites - Fort Negley Park, Belmont Mansion, Traveller's Rest, Belle Meade Historic Site, and Longview Mansion. For information on each month's meeting location be sure to visit [BATTLEOFNASHVILLETRUST.ORG](https://www.battleofnashvilletrust.org).

February (meeting at Fort Negley) : Ross Massey, historian and author of *McFadden's Bend in the Stones River Campaign*

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DEC 20
JAN 22
FEB 14



**NATURE &
OUTDOOR RECREATION
PROGRAMS**

December 20, 4:00 pm to 5:00 pm | **Winter Sunset Solstice Stroll**

Come enjoy a winter sunset solstice stroll on the shortest day of the year.

January 22, Noon to 1:00 pm | **Nature Stroll**

Join a Metro Parks Naturalist for a leisurely stroll around Fort Negley Park and learn about the flora and fauna in the area.

February 14, Noon to 1:00 pm | **Picnic with the Lovebirds**

Join a Naturalist at the top of Fort Negley to watch our winter resident birds at the very beginning of their mating season. BYO Picnic and we will learn all about our winter resident birds.

All Ages | RSVP at [FOFNP.org/RSVP](https://www.fofnp.org/RSVP)

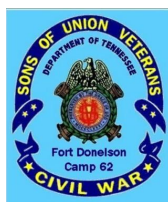
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Fort Donelson Camp No. 62, **Sons of Union Veterans** (SUV), meet at Fort Negley Visitors Center on the fourth Tuesday every other month. Business meeting begins at 6:00 pm with a scholarly presentation following. Programs are free and open to the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

6:00 pm
to
7:30 pm

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Saturday
DEC 6



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.

9:30 am
to
11:00 am

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

To register for virtual access go to [aahgsnashville.org/meeting-calendar](https://www.aahgsnashville.org/meeting-calendar)

Tours available each week | [fortnegley.nashville.gov](https://www.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](https://www.fofnp.org/RSVP)



BATTLE OF NASHVILLE 161st anniversary

SPECIAL TOURS OF KELLEY'S POINT AT BROOKMEADE PARK

Wednesday, December 3

Two tours starting at 9:30 am and 10:00 am

Saturday, December 6

Two tours starting at 2:00 pm and 2:30 pm

Join a Metro Parks staff for a combo nature and history tour of Brookmeade Park.

The tour starts with a Naturalist and a leisurely stroll taking in the flora and fauna of the area. The tour continues with a Fort Negley Park historian and will discuss the clash of cannons between Union ironclads and Confederate horsemen that featured strongly in deciding the Battle of Nashville in December 1864.

- Total time: up to 60 minutes
- Distance: 0.75 mile
- Free and open to the public
- Limited Space - RSVP via FOFNP.org/RSVP

The Battle of Nashville was the last major battle in the western theater of the Civil War. More than 80,000 soldiers prepared for two weeks in winter conditions before two days of fighting sent Confederates retreating. The Federal Army's decisive victory was secured with the service of more than 10,000 black soldiers organized in segregated units called the US Colored Troops.

LIVING HISTORY AT FORT NEGLEY PARK

Saturday, December 13
10:00 am to 3:00 pm

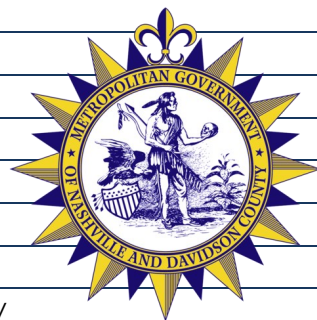
- **Artillery Demonstrations** | Hear the thunder of cannon
- **Soldiers Drilling** | Experience soldiers march and small arms demonstrations
- **Soldiers Encampment** | Walk through their camp and talk with soldiers around the campfire
- **President Lincoln** | Meet and take a selfie with our 16th President

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

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>
2/3	Sandra Shelton	Satsuma's Tea Room
2/10	Jeffrey John Stein	The Movie "Nashville"
2/17	Fort Negley Visitors Center Closed	
2/24	Kem Hinton	<i>Netherland</i>
3/3	Mae Ambrose	Vintage Nashville Apartment Buildings
3/10	Forrest Harris	The History of American Baptist College
3/17	Betsy Thorpe	Train Wreck at Dutchman's Curve
3/24	Ben Wilkerson	Bettie Page, Nashville's Black Banged Beauty
3/31	Don Cusic	Chet Atkins
4/7	Tori Mason	<i>Nashville's Extraordinary Zoo and Its Unique History</i>
4/14	Marisa Richmond	Tennessee In Space
4/21	Sabina Mohyuddin	History of the Nashville Muslim Community
4/28	Nat Taylor	The Era of Reconstruction
5/5	Tom Henderson	"The Happiness Club" at the Belle Meade Theater
5/12	Ed Rode	Musician Songwriters
5/19	Emily Nix	Two Rivers Mansion and the McGavock Family





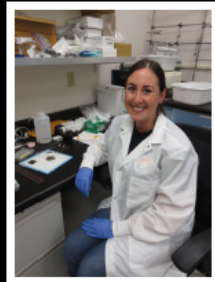
Lunch and Learn

Presented by
Metro Historical Commission
and Fort Negley Park

Bullets and Bedrock: Recent Archaeology at Fort Negley

Presented by
Metro Historical Commission Archaeologist Dr. Adam Fracchia

Thursday, December 11 at Noon | Fort Negley Visitors Center
Bring a Lunch | Seating is Limited | Please RSVP at **FOFNP.org/RSVP**

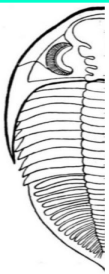


An Evening with Dr. Fracchia **NASHVILLE FORENSICS**

POLICE LINE - DO NOT CROSS

12/11
5p-7p

Tiffany Fracchia, an Associate Professor of the Practice in the Department of Anthropology at Vanderbilt University, is the forensic anthropologist for Nashville and the surrounding Middle Tennessee area. Come learn more about her work assisting law enforcement and medical examiners both here in Tennessee and around the world. She will provide an introduction to the field and an opportunity for hands-on practice of what you learn!



FOSSIL VOLUNTEER TRAINING Saturday, January 10, 9:00 am to noon

Fossil volunteers are a critical part of providing hands-on activities during monthly programs, an annual fossil event, and school tours each year for over 1500 kids. If you enjoy geology, paleontology, and spreading earth sciences literacy then you should become a volunteer! We'll train you on everything needed to help with fossil activities.

To sign up please email us at fortnegley@nashville.gov.

Wednesday & Thursday
December 24 & 25

Closed for Christmas

Thursday, January 1

Closed for New Years

Tuesday, January 21

Closed for Martin Luther King Jr. Day

Tuesday, February 18

Closed for Presidents' day

Fort Negley Park's 1/2 mile loop trail remains open daily from dawn until dusk.

Maps are available on the Visitors Center porch. Be sure to take advantage of the free audio tour linked on the map