

Richmond National Battlefield Park



Gaines' Mill



Battle of Gaines' Mill

Fact: Gaines' Mill was Robert E. Lee's first significant victory as commander of the Army of Northern Virginia.

On June 27th, 1862, 60,000 Confederates under General Robert E. Lee attacked 35,000 of General McClellan's Union soldiers commanded by Fitz John Porter at the Battle of Gaines' Mill, the second major engagement of the Seven Days battles. The battle produced 15,000 casualties, but definitively pushed McClellan's forces back from the Confederate capital of Richmond.