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Cedar Creek and Belle Grove National Historical Park offers several walking trails that traverse key areas of the battlefield and land preserved by partner organizations. Many of these trails include interpretive markers describing battle action that occurred in that area. For more information, please visit the National Park Service Visitor Center, Cedar Creek Battlefield Foundation Museum & Visitor Center, and Belle Grove Plantation.

Trail Rules and Safety

Trails are open from sunrise to sunset. Stay on the designated trails at all times. Stay off historic resources such as earthworks and monuments. Pedestrian traffic only. Bicycles, motorized vehicles, and horses are prohibited.

Trails are mostly on even terrain. Surfaces are mowed grass or dirt trails. Where the trails cross historic earthworks there are short plank bridges that require a step to get on or off.

- In the event of an emergency call 911.
- Beware of ticks.
- Pets are allowed, but must be leashed. Clean up and carry out any waste.
- Relic hunting and metal detecting is prohibited.
- Camping, campfires, and alcoholic beverages are prohibited.

Morning Attack Trails

Follow the Morning Attack Trails to places where soldiers camped and fought during the early hours of the Battle of Cedar Creek. The main trail head parking is at 8739 Valley Pike (U.S. Highway 11), south of Middletown. An informational kiosk is on-site. The National Park Service headquarters building is not open for visitor services.

Access to the 8th Vermont Monument from the trailhead is 0.1 miles (0.2 km). The Thomas Brigade Loop Trail is 0.7 miles (1.1 km). The Hayes-Ramseur Loop Trail is 0.7 miles (1.1 km). The three trails combined are 1.5 miles (2.4 km) long.

A 0.8 mile (1.3 km) connector trail leads to the Cedar Creek Battlefield Foundation Museum & Visitor Center (8437 Valley Pike). Exhibits feature artifacts from the Civil War and mid 1800s Shenandoah Valley.

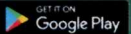
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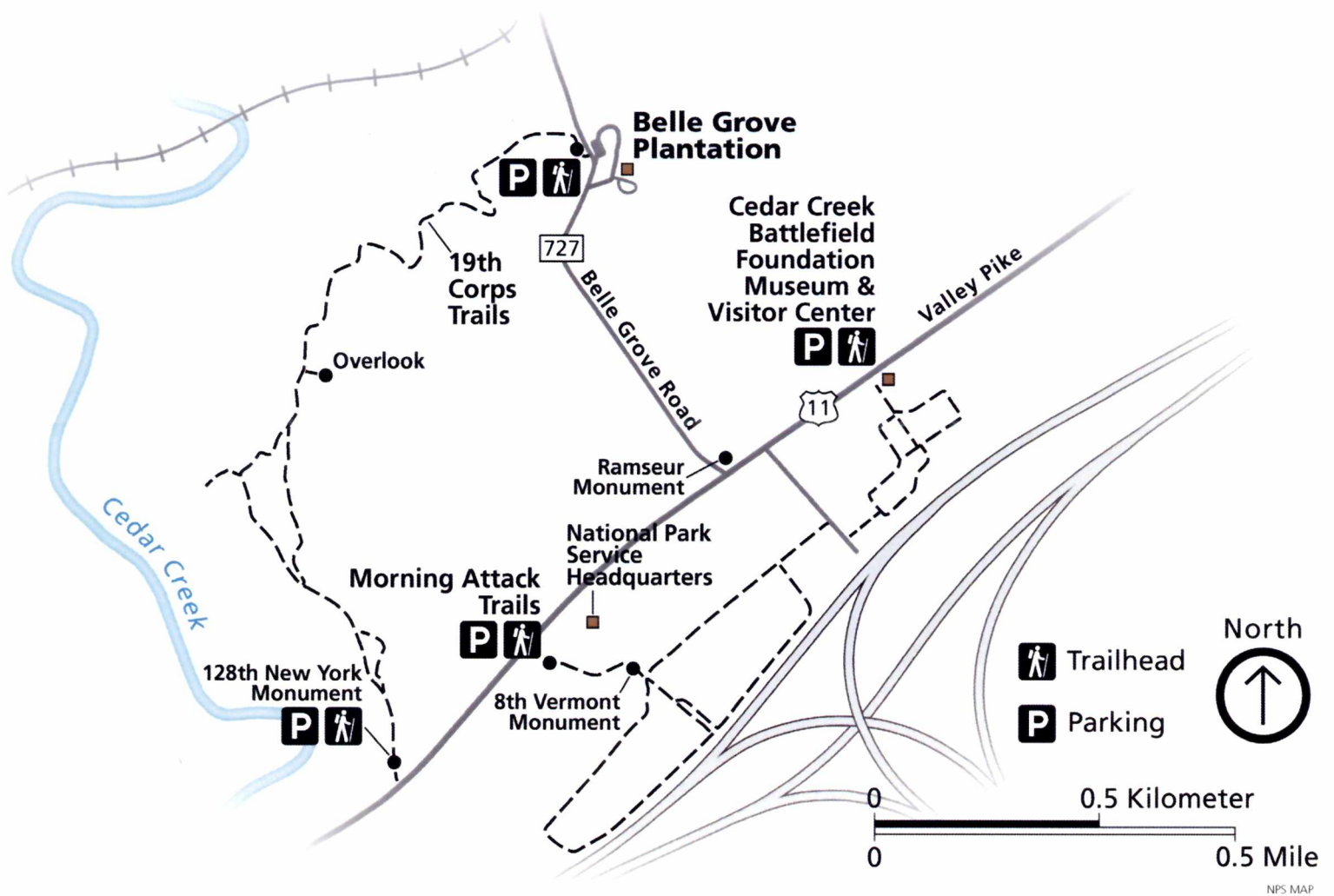
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19th Corps Trails

The 19th Corps Trails connect the 128th New York Monument with Belle Grove Plantation. Remnants of Civil War earthworks are visible along the route. The trails are on lands preserved by Cedar Creek Battlefield Foundation and Belle Grove, Inc. Enter at either end. Heavy fighting happened here in the early morning of October 19, 1864 as a Confederate surprise attack overwhelmed Federal defenders during the Battle of Cedar Creek.

A 1.4 mile (2.3 km) one way woodland trail follows a line of trenches built by the US 19th Corps. The green, blue, and red blazes along the trail are short side paths leading to interpretive markers and scenic points of interest.

Parking is available across from the Belle Grove Plantation Beverly B. Shoemaker Welcome Center (336 Belle Grove Road). Follow the yellow trail blazes to the entrenchments. The Welcome Center has exhibits, restrooms, and a gift shop. Tickets to tour the Manor House can be purchased here.

Parking is available at the 128th New York Monument along the Valley Pike (U.S. Highway 11). Follow the white trail blazes to the entrenchments, the long, shallow depressions seen adjacent to the trails. Help preserve them by staying on the marked paths.

