

BARRY COUNTY PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION
CHARLTON PARK VILLAGE, MUSEUM & RECREATION AREA
CIVIL WAR REENACTMENT 2026

EVENT INFORMATION

RE-ENACTOR REGISTRATION

Each unit is required to Pre-Register via email or mail, at no charge, by July 8, 2026. Please use attached Form#1 Re-enactor Pre-Registration to register your entire unit. You may make additional copies if necessary but registration by separate individuals is discouraged. All adult participants **must check in onsite** at the Gas & Steam Barn and complete a Hold Harmless Release before setting up camp. **Parents or legal guardians must sign a Hold Harmless Release for minors under 18 years of age.** Check-in will be open Friday, July 17, 2026 from 8:00 am until 10 pm and Saturday, July 18, 2026 from 8:00 am until 12 noon.

SUTLER REGISTRATION/INFORMATION

Please pre-register by July 8, 2026 by using Form#4 Sutler Registration. Cost is \$25.00 per Sutler space. All Sutters must sell “period items”, wear period attire and provide their own tents, equipment and fire extinguisher. Sutters may NOT sell from modern vehicles. Sutters may camp beside their own sutlery in a tent if space allows. **NO “walk-on” Sutters will be allowed.** Sutters may check-in Thursday & Friday, July 16th & 17th from 9:00 am – 8:00 pm, or Saturday, July 18 from 7:00 am to 9:00 am. Upon arrival, enter by the North Gate and drive down to the designated Sutler area (east side of Gas & Steam Barn). All modern vehicles **not removed** from Sutters Row before 9:00 am Saturday will be subject to towing at the owner’s expense. **This event officially ends at 2:30 pm on Sunday. At that time, vehicles will be allowed into the Sutler area at the discretion of Park Staff. Sutters may remain at Charlton Park until Monday, July 20, but must depart before 10 am.**

SUTLER MERCHANDISE GUIDELINES/TAXATION

A site representative will visit your Sutlery on Saturday morning before the Civil War Muster opens to the public, to ensure that all items relate to the event’s historical time period. Merchandise must be applicable to the time frame of the 1830’s through 1865. The site representative **will ask** you to **remove non-period items** from your Sutlery. The Michigan Department of Treasury requires all Sutters to have a vendors’ license, to charge sales tax, and to remit sales tax to the State. Obtaining a vendor’s license and following taxation procedures are the responsibility of each Sutler.

ARTILLERY CONDUCT

Unit Commanders shall be responsible for the safety and conduct of troops under their command and shall prohibit smoking near any black powder supplies. Full scale cannon only, mortars allowed by permission only. All cannons will be inspected by the Artillery Inspection Team as approved by the Host Unit(s). Safety Officers designated by the Unit(s) will oversee the artillery firing lines during engagements. Timing intervals between rounds will be observed.

AUTHENTIC CAMPS

Separate camps will be offered for Union and Confederate Military, for Civilians, Sutters & Modern Campers. See Form#2 Re-enactor Camping. After check-in, please proceed to your respective camps, unload; and then park all modern vehicles in the Recreation Area. Water, restrooms, and a limited supply of firewood will be provided. Straw will be rationed. Campfires must be in pits and located in non-pedestrian areas. Vehicles will be allowed to unload equipment in the authentic camps until 9:00 am Saturday, and in the military camps until midnight Friday. Vehicles left in camps AFTER THESE TIMES will be subject to towing at the owners expense. No pets allowed. Service animals are allowed with proper documentation. No modern vehicles will be allowed in the camps from 8:00 am Saturday to 3:00 pm Sunday. **Drivers & occupants of vehicles who drop off or pick up reenactors between Friday and Sunday may be subject to spectator gate fees.**

AUTHENTICITY & SAFETY

All military, civilian and sutler participants must be dressed in period clothing while in their respective Authentic Camp areas. All military, civilian and sutler participants (not in period costume) who wish to leave and reenter the Park from 9:00 am Saturday to 3:00 pm Sunday MUST stop at ticket booth and inform attendant or they may be subject to gates fees upon reentry. Please maintain an authentic impression and attire throughout the event. Public spectators will be visiting the Park throughout the weekend, so keep in mind that respectful and educational conversations with the public are in order. Civilians are discouraged from camping with the military. Minimal civilian visitation in military camps is acceptable. All weapons, including personal sidearms, will be inspected by the appropriate commanders. Proper safety habits should be observed at all times. Firing of weapons IS NOT ALLOWED in any of the camps. Safety inspections will be held in both military camps before the battles. NO ONE will participate who has not been properly registered and safety inspected. Dismounted Cavalry impressions will fight as infantry and must have an appropriate two or three banded rifle. NO carbines, shotguns, or flintlocks will be allowed by anyone.

CAMP FIREWOOD

Please be responsible and use sparingly. USE ONLY WOOD FROM WOODPILE LOCATED AT THE UPJOHN CARRIAGE HOUSE OR IN DESIGNATED TRAILER. Other woodpiles and sheds are off-limits.

CAVALRY/MOUNTED REENACTOR CONDUCT

Unit Commanders shall be responsible for the safety & conduct of troops under their command. All horses must be under control of their rider at all times and are not allowed to gallop or run outside the battlefield area. Event liability insurance will cover damage or injury by a horse to the public but excludes damage/injury to the rider. Riders are responsible for maintaining their own personal health & property insurance. **Horses used during the event must be covered by appropriate health papers such as the Equine Infections Anemia Lab Test, or Coggins Test. Bring this documentation with you in order for your horse to participate. If you do not bring these papers to On-Site Check-In, your horse cannot participate in this event. Bring your own hay. Hay will NOT be provided. Community water tank will be provided.**

CLEAN-UP

The Charlton Park Civil War Reenactment officially ends on Sunday, July 19, 2026 at 2:30 pm. At that time, all participants are required to clean up their campsite by:

- *Bringing unused firewood back to Trailers or Carriage House
- *Rake and bag straw and bring to ration station
- *Collect and bag all refuse and bring to ration station. Trash bags are available at ration station.
- *Clean out and re-cover fire pits with sod.
- *Assist in cleaning up cartridge papers from battle and tactical areas.

ALCOHOL, SMOKING, MINORS, CURFEW & CONSIDERATION OF OTHERS

July 17 through July 19, 2026, Charlton Park is your home and neighborhood. Please show consideration for your neighbors during your stay here.

- *Park noise curfew is 11:00 pm-8 am daily. No loud music or disturbances will be tolerated at this time.

Violators of "Curfew & Consideration" rules may be asked to leave the event and may be prohibited from participating in future events.

- *Absolutely no alcohol is permitted on Park property. This is in violation of the Barry County Parks Regulation Ordinance, Section II, 2, m. Violators will be asked to leave the event.
- *Minors: A waiver must be signed for all persons under the age of 18. Minors must be supervised at all times and accompanied by an adult after curfew.
- *No smoking is permitted near black powder supplies or Village buildings.

INFANTRY CONDUCT

Company Commanders shall be responsible for the safety and conduct of troops under their command and shall prohibit smoking near any black powder supplies. Weapons & ammunition inspection shall be conducted by a representative of the Host Unit(s) and approved by the overall military commanders. All bayonets or knives must be tied to scabbards or left in camp. Non-period weapons are prohibited on Park property. Officers may carry swords and sidearms.

MEDICAL CONDITION

Any participant with special medical condition(s) must report these to their unit commanders in case a participant becomes ill, is injured, or requires medical treatment. Sutlers should report to the Sutler Coordinator.

MILITARY DRILLS & BATTLES

Company drills are encouraged at times when official event activities are not being conducted. Troop movements through Village areas are allowed but such areas are considered neutral zones. Participation in scheduled Battalion Drills for U.S. and C.S. troops is mandatory. A Battle Reenactment for spectators will be held on Saturday & Sunday afternoons. The battles will be conducted as arranged by the opposing military commanders.

MODERN CAMPING

All modern campers, following check-in, should proceed to the modern campsites located at the Pavilion. There are limited camp sites available on a first come, first serve basis around the Pavilion. A dump station is located 6.2 miles away at 225 N. Cass Street in Hastings, 7 am – 3 pm M - F, free of charge. If you choose to have a campfire, please extinguish coals and fill in your fire pit prior to departure. Water and restrooms are located throughout the Park. Campsites can only be reserved through pre-registration by individuals, not units. No pets allowed. Service animals are allowed with proper documentation. See Form#3, Modern Camping Reservation.

PERIOD ENTERTAINMENT

Saturday evening entertainment may be provided at the Gas & Steam Barn. No alcohol or weapons should be brought to this function.

POWDER LOADS Recommended powder loads for weapons: rifles/muskets = 60-70 grains; pistols = 20-30 grains; artillery pieces (6 pdr. & up) = 8-10 ounces of Black Powder ONLY (NO flour or other “filler” added).

RATIONED STRAW

A limited amount of straw will be rationed to military reenactors camped in authentic military camps. Details are available at registration. **STRAW IS LOCATED AT THE GAS & STEAM BARN REGISTRATION AREA AND OPEN FRIDAY 8:00 AM – 10:00 PM AND SATURDAY 8:00 AM – 10:30 AM ONLY.**

SEVERE WEATHER

In rain storms, seek shelter in the nearest Village building. In case of a tornado warning, strong winds or hail, go directly to the Carlton Center Church Basement, Stone Restrooms in front of Snack Bar, or ground floor of Irving D. Charlton (stone) museum.

TENTS (U.S./C.S.) INFANTRY AND ARTILLERY CAMPS

Shelter Halves (Dog Tents) and a few “A-Tents” (for Officers) are acceptable. NO Wall-Tents! A Medical Tent/Fly is acceptable near each camp for demonstrations. “A-Tents” for enlisted men are acceptable in Artillery Camp, but should be kept to a minimum in Infantry Camps.

EMERGENCY CONTACT

If your family is unable to contact your cell phone during an EMERGENCY, they may call Charlton Park at (269) 945-3775 from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm daily (an automated attendant will accept messages from 5:00 pm to 8:00 am). Email Messages Contact: info@charltonpark.org

OTHER IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS:

On Site Emergencies	Dial 911	
Barry County Sheriff’s Department	(269) 948-4800	
Spencer’s Towing	(269) 945-2909	
Spectrum Hospital - Pennock	(269) 945-3451	(1009 W. Green Street, Hastings)
Bull Creek Veterinary Service	(269) 948-2222	Works w/ large animals –someone on call.

ICE MACHINE

Charlton Park no longer sells pre-packaged ice. Ice may be purchased at the Marathon Gas Station located ½ mile south of the Park entrance, at 4005 E. M-79 Highway, Hastings. Dry ice is also an option and is sold at area Meijer locations.

FOOD

A food vendor is located on the south side of the Church on top of the hill. No unlicensed or unauthorized food or beverage sales on Park property are allowed. Food Vendors must be approved by the Park in advance and furnish the appropriate licenses, insurance and fees.

Historic Charlton Park is committed to bringing quality living history events to the residents of southwestern Michigan. We are pleased that you are joining us and ask your support in maintaining the historical authenticity of our event by complying with our guidelines.

ALL INDIVIDUALS PARTICIPATING IN THE HISTORIC CHARLTON PARK CIVIL WAR MUSTER WILL SIGN A WAIVER STATING THEY HAVE READ AND UNDERSTAND THE CONTENTS OF THIS PACKET

**FORM #1 PRE-REGISTRATION - REENACTORS
CHARLTON PARK CIVIL WAR
REENACTMENT JULY 18-19, 2026**

RETURN BY JULY 8, 2026

UNIT NAME: _____ #Union _____ #Conf. _____
CONTACT PERSON: _____

ADDRESS _____ CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____
DAY PHONE:(____) _____ EVE. PHONE (____) _____
E-MAIL: _____ LICENSE PLATE #s: _____

____ #ARTILLERY _____ #CAVALRY _____ #CIVILIAN _____ #INFANTRY _____ #MEDICAL _____ #MED
IMPRESSIONS _____ #CANNONS _____ #HORSES _____ #CIV. MEN _____ #CIV. WOMEN
____ #CIV. CHILDREN: _____ #NON-PARTICIPATING DEPENDENTS

PEOPLE USING STRAW: Union ___ Conf. ___ Civilian ___

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BRIGADING PREFERENCES: _____
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CAMPING RESERVATIONS:

PRIMITIVE CAMPING - FILL OUT FORM #2 & FOLLOW SUBMISSION INSTRUCTIONS
MODERN CAMPING – FILL OUT FORM #3 & FOLLOW SUBMISSION INSTRUCTIONS

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LIST ALL NAMES OF THOSE ATTENDING:

ADULTS:

MINORS:

DOES ANYONE IN YOUR UNIT HAVE A SPECIAL MEDICAL CONDITION? YES ___ NO ___
IF YES, PLEASE EXPLAIN:

Signature

Date

******RETURN THIS FORM BY JULY 8, 2026******
******LATE REGISTRATION FEE: \$10.00 PER REENACTOR******

EMAIL REGISTRATION INFORMATION TO: INFO@CHARLTONPARK.ORG

-OR-

MAIL TO: HISTORIC CHARLTON PARK
2545 S. CHARLTON PARK ROAD
HASTINGS, MI 49058

**FORM#2 REENACTOR CAMPING
CHARLTON PARK CIVIL WAR
REENACTMENT JULY 18-19, 2026**

RETURN BY JULY 8, 2026

UNIT NAME: _____ #Union _____ #Conf. _____
CONTACT PERSON: _____

ADDRESS _____ CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____
DAY PHONE:(____) _____ EVE. PHONE:(____) _____
E-MAIL: _____ LICENSE PLATE#s: _____
#ARTILLERY _____ #CAVALRY _____ #CIVILIAN _____ #INFANTRY _____ #MEDICAL _____
#NON-PARTICIPATING DEPEND: _____

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NO PETS ALLOWED.

SERVICE ANIMALS MUST BE LEASHED, CURBED AND CLEANED UP AFTER

PRIMITIVE CAMPING INFORMATION

OF CIVILIAN TENTS: WEDGE _____ WALL _____ SIBLEY _____
OF CIVILIANS CAMPING _____
OF PRIMITIVE MODERN: TENTS _____ POP-UPS _____ SELF CONTAINED RV _____
OF PEOPLE _____
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*****MODERN CAMPING – FILL OUT FORM #3 & FOLLOW SUBMISSION INSTRUCTIONS*****

**DOES ANYONE IN YOUR UNIT HAVE A SPECIAL MEDICAL CONDITION? YES ___ NO ___
IF YES, PLEASE EXPLAIN:**

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LIST NAMES OF THOSE ATTENDING:

ADULTS:

MINORS:

Signature

Date

******RETURN THIS FORM BY JULY 8, 2026******

*******LATE REGISTRATION FEE: \$10.00 PER REENACTOR*******

EMAIL REGISTRATION INFORMATION TO: INFO@CHARLTONPARK.ORG

-OR-

MAIL TO: HISTORIC CHARLTON PARK
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HASTINGS, MI 49058

**FORM #3 MODERN CAMPING
CHARLTON PARK CIVIL WAR
REENACTMENT JULY 18-19, 2026**

RETURN BY JULY 8, 2026

MODERN CAMPING RESERVATION

NAME: _____ UNIT: _____

ADDRESS: _____
(Street) (City) (State) (Zip)

DAY PHONE: (____) _____ EVENING PHONE: (____) _____

E-MAIL ADDRESS: _____

VEHICLE LICENSE PLATE #: _____

OF YEARS REENACTING: _____

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Assignment of camp sites is on first come, first served basis. Upon arrival, check-in at the Gas & Steam Barn, to sign release. **NO GENERATORS ALLOWED between 11 pm and 7 am.**

NO PETS ALLOWED.

SERVICE ANIMALS MUST BE LEASHED, CURBED AND CLEANED UP AFTER
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YOU HAVE: _____ # OF TENTS _____ # OF POP-UPS _____ # OF SELF-CONTAINED
_____ # OF SITES NEEDED (4 people per site) RECREATIONAL UNITS
TRAILER LICENSE PLATE #: _____ STATE: _____

DOES ANYONE IN YOUR PARTY HAVE A SPECIAL MEDICAL CONDITION: YES _____ NO _____
IF YES, PLEASE EXPLAIN:

<u>NAMES IN CAMPING PARTY:</u>	ADULTS	MINORS
# OF MALES: _____	_____	_____
# OF FEMALES: _____	_____	_____
TOTAL # IN MODERN CAMPING: _____	_____	_____

SIGNATURE

DATE

EMAIL REGISTRATION INFORMATION TO: INFO@CHARLTONPARK.ORG
-OR-

MAIL TO: HISTORIC CHARLTON PARK
2545 S. CHARLTON PARK ROAD
HASTINGS, MI 49058

**FORM#4 SUTLER REGISTRATION
CHARLTON PARK CIVIL WAR
REENACTMENT JULY 18-19, 2026**

RETURN BY JULY 8, 2026

Please remit this completed form and fee of \$25.00 to reserve your location. All Sutlers are required to preregister.

PROPRIETOR'S NAME: _____
NAME OF SUTLERY: _____
TYPE OF MERCHANDISE: _____

LIST NAMES OF ALL INDIVIDUALS IN YOUR PARTY ATTENDING THIS EVENT:

I plan to camp behind my Sutlery in a tent, if space allows (check one): YES NO

CAMPING INFORMATION

#SUTLER TENTS TO BE USED: _____ Type(s) _____
SIZE OF SUTLER TENT (TENT ONLY): _____
Front width: _____ Depth: _____
NUMBER OF CIVILIAN TENTS: Wedge _____ Wall _____ Sibley _____
NUMBER OF PRIMITIVE CAMPSITES: Tents _____ Pop-Ups _____ Self Contained RV _____
TOTAL # OF PEOPLE CAMPING _____

*****MODERN CAMPING – FILL OUT FORM #3 & FOLLOW SUBMISSION INSTRUCTIONS*****

**DOES ANYONE IN YOUR GROUP HAVE A SPECIAL MEDICAL CONDITION? YES ___ NO ___
IF YES, PLEASE EXPLAIN:**

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CONTACT PERSON: _____

ADDRESS CITY STATE ZIP
DAY PHONE: () EVENING PHONE: ()
EMAIL ADDRESS: _____
LICENSE PLATE#: _____

Total enclosed: \$ _____

Signature

Date

EMAIL REGISTRATION INFORMATION TO: INFO@CHARLTONPARK.ORG

PAY ONLINE AT: WWW.CHARLTONPARK.ORG

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