Belleau Wood Trail Map

American Battle Monuments Commission

Aisne-Marne American Cemetery and Memorial

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Belleau Wood

Visitor Information

LOCATION: The cemetery and trail are open daily to the public between the hours of 9:00 AM and 5:00 PM. The cemetery and trail are closed on January 1 and December 25. They are both open on all other U.S. and French holidays. When the trail is open to the public, a staff member is on duty in the Cemetery's Visitor Building to answer questions and to escort relatives to grave and memorial sites.

CAUTION, WARNING & DANGER NOTICES!

To avoid injury, or any “incidents” in the form of blasts, shells, gas, or other dangers that may be present at the site, visitors should be aware of the following:

1. Unexploded shells are still being found, often leaking remnants of gas. Cuts from sharp rusting fragments can cause blood poisoning or tetanus. If you see any such fragments, make a note of the location and report it immediately to the Superintendent or staff at the Aisne-Marne American Cemetery. In accordance with French law, metal detectors are not allowed.

2. For safety reasons, no animals (except service animals) are allowed on the grounds.

3. Visitors are responsible for the safety of their companions while on the grounds. In the event of any “incidents,” you are responsible for taking immediate action to remove your companions from the danger area. If you see a “problem,” please report it to the Superintendent or staff at the Aisne-Marne American Cemetery.

4. The area is closed to motorized vehicles. Bicycles are allowed, but not for motorized vehicles.

5. Pets are not allowed on the grounds.

6. Visitors are expected to follow the rules and regulations of the American Battle Monuments Commission.

7. Visitors are expected to respect the American Battle Monuments Commission's property and facilities.

8. Visitors are expected to respect the privacy of the cemetery and its visitors.

9. Visitors are expected to respect the dignity and honor of the deceased.

10. Visitors are expected to respect the American Battle Monuments Commission's policies and procedures.

11. Visitors are expected to respect the American Battle Monuments Commission's staff and volunteers.

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The United States entered the war in April 1917, choosing to join the Allies to fight against the Central Powers. Germany launched a series of offensives in spring of 1918, with the spring offensive, which occurred between April 9 and May 20, being the most significant. Despite the efforts of the Allies, Germany continued to推进 on several fronts. The Battle of Belleau Wood, which took place from June 1 to June 8, 1918, was one such battle. The American Expeditionary Force, under the command of General John J. Pershing, was tasked with defending the Marne River area and preventing Germany from advancing further. The battle was fought against the German 26th Division, which was supported by 4th Corps and the 3rd German Division. The Germans attempted to break through the American lines, but were met with fierce resistance. The battle was fought in the dense forests of Belleau Wood, and lasted for five days. Despite the heavy losses, the Americans managed to hold their ground and prevent the German advance. The Battle of Belleau Wood was one of the most significant battles of World War I, and it marked a turning point in the war. The battle demonstrated the capabilities of the American Expeditionary Force and its ability to fight against the German forces. It also highlighted the need for the United States to provide more support to the Allies in order to win the war. The battle resulted in the deaths of thousands of soldiers, and it left a lasting impression on those who fought in it. The Battle of Belleau Wood was a testament to the bravery and sacrifice of the American soldiers who fought in World War I.