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Take a walk into history of the Fetterman Battlefield, beginning at 9:30 a.m. at the Fort Phil Kearny Wyoming State Historic Site Visitor Center on Friday, December 21st. . .



Conducted by Kearny's Frontier Regulars and site staff all in period uniforms carrying period weapons, the tour occurs on the 140th anniversary of the fight and begins with a description of Fort Phil Kearny and the activities leading up to and including those on the morning of December 21st, 1866.

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Following introduction at the site Visitor Center, participants then car-pool to the Battlefield, where visitors are led down the historic path taken by Captain William J. Fetterman, along with two officers, two civilians and 76 members of the 18th Infantry and 2nd Cavalry.

Visitors will see the defensive positions used by soldiers and the ambush positions held by members of the Lakota, Northern Cheyenne and Arapahoe Nations. Also shown are the avenues of attack used by the Indians and demonstrations of the types of weapons used.

With this special anniversary, artifact discoveries from the past three years of archaeology will be shown, with possibly some Native American and military re-enactors demonstrating weapons of the era. The full tour closely follows the time frame of the actual battle, ending at roughly 1:30 p.m. at the Fort Visitor Center with snacks and warm drinks. This annual tradition is conducted regardless of weather conditions, so participants will want to dress appropriate to the forecast and possibility of wind on the ridge.



Should snow allow, groomed trails will be available for cross-country skiing. And on a first-come, first-serve basis, either individual or group hunts and fishing are offered with one hunt or fish permit allowed per day through December 15th.

To experience this tour of history located south of Sheridan, take exit 44 on Interstate 90, following the brown signs to Fort Phil Kearny. For additional information on the tour, as well as other events occurring at the Fort or other Wyoming historic battle sites, contact the

Wyoming Historic Site Visitor Center at [www.philkearny.vcn.com](http://www.philkearny.vcn.com) 307-684-7629, or e-mail [rwilso@state.wy.us](mailto:rwilso@state.wy.us)

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