



## **“First Siege 1813 Bicentennial Event”**

**Location:** Fort Meigs: Ohio’s War of 1812 Battlefield  
29100 W. River Road  
Perrysburg, OH 43551

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**Dates:** May 3-5, 2013

**Hours:** *May 3:* Education Program for schools (reservations required) from 10:00 – 1:00 p.m.,  
Nighttime Artillery duel across the Maumee River from 8:00 pm – 8:30 pm.  
*May 4 – 5:* Site open 9:30 am- 5:00 p.m both days

**Admission:** Adults- \$9, Seniors- \$8, Students- \$5, Five and under- Free, OHS Members- \$1

**Parking:** Free  
No reservation, except school tours, required.

### **295 Word Description**

As April 29, 1813 dawned, the soldiers at Fort Meigs had been surrounded for two days by British forces and their Native American allies. This was a defining moment in the history of our state and nation. The First Siege of Fort Meigs would help turn the tide of war and usher in a series of American victories that would secure the Ohio frontier. General William Henry Harrison wrote that day, *“It is at length reduced to certainty that the enemy are about to carry into effect their threatened attack on this post”* and urged his men *“To your posts then fellow soldiers & remember that the eyes of your country are upon you!”*

On May 3- 5, War of 1812 re-enactors from the U.S. and Canada will commemorate the 200<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the First Siege of Fort Meigs by recreating authentic military camps and tactical demonstrations. This falls on the 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the bloodiest day of fighting at Fort Meigs. Experience period camps, musket and cannon demonstrations, battle re-enactments, hands-on activities, lectures, fife and drum concerts, and more!

The fort will host a traveling exhibit from The Canadian War Museum will look at the war from the perspective of all combatants. The Kentucky National Guard will have an exhibit on Kentucky militia in the War of 1812. Lastly, a special display will show never-before-seen artifacts including letters, weapons, equipment, and personal items from the War of 1812, including a piece of the ship where Francis Scott Key wrote the Star-Spangled Banner, the Greenville Treaty Wampum Belt, a fragment from the Brig Niagara, and more.

In addition, the Toledo Metroparks, Fallen Timbers Battlefield Preservation Commission, and Maumee Library will provide programming during the weekend at the Fallen Timbers Monument, Fort Miamis, and the Library.

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## **First Siege 1813 Bicentennial Event Schedule**

**Please note that this schedule is tentative and may be subject to change.**

### ***Friday, May 3rd***

- 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.- Educational programs for students with re-enactors  
(Pre-registration required. Call Fort Meigs for more information)
- 3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.- Fallen Timbers Battlefield Walk and Tour (Note: This will start at the Fallen Timbers Monument in Maumee. You must pre-register with the Toledo Metroparks by calling 419-407-9701 or online at [www.metroparkstoledo.com](http://www.metroparkstoledo.com) )
- 8:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.- Nighttime artillery duel across the Maumee River

### ***Saturday, May 4<sup>th</sup> (Site open from 9:30a.m. – 5:00 p.m.)***

- 10:00 a.m.- Morning formation and parade
- 10:00 a.m.- Indian Lore (Note this takes place at the Fallen Timbers Monument in Maumee)
- 10:30 a.m.- Musket demonstration and company level drill
- 11:00 a.m.- Dedication of Kentucky Memorial
- Noon- Join The Militia! Recruiting program (kid friendly)
- 12:30 p.m.- “Mini-militia” drill with U.S. soldiers (kid friendly)
- 12:45 p.m.- Artillery Demonstration
- 1:00 p.m.- Rifle demonstration by the 1<sup>st</sup> Rifle Regiment
- 2:00 p.m.- Battle Tactics Recreation
- 4:00 p.m.- Dedication of an Ohio Historical Marker to the 41<sup>st</sup> Regiment of Foot (NOTE: This takes place at Fort Miamis in Maumee)
- 5:00 p.m.- Site Closes

### ***Sunday, May 5<sup>th</sup> (Site open from 9:30a.m. – 5:00 p.m.)***

- 10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.- Dudley’s Defeat and U.S. forces memorial service (NOTE: This takes place at the Maumee Library in Maumee)
- Noon- Artillery demonstration
- 12:30 p.m.- “Mini-militia” program with British soldiers (kid friendly)
- 12:30- Tour of Fort Miamis (Note this takes place at Fort Miamis in Maumee)
- 1:00 p.m.- Rifle demonstration by the 1<sup>st</sup> Rifle Regiment
- 1:00 p.m.- Ladies tea (kid friendly)
- 2:00 p.m.- Battle tactics recreation
- 3:00 p.m.- Battalion musket demonstration
- 4:00 p.m.- Battery fire artillery demonstration
- 4:30 p.m.- Event end (site remains open until 5:00 p.m.)

### **Speakers’ Tent:**

#### ***Saturday, May 4th***

- 10:00 – 11:00 a.m.- 1812 fashion show
- Noon – 12:30 p.m.- Kentucky in the War of 1812
- 12:45 – 1:15 p.m.- War of 1812 in Northwest Ohio

#### ***Sunday, May 5th***

- 1:00 – 2:00 p.m.- Ladies’ tea and presentation
- 3:00 – 4:00 p.m.- War of 1812 from a British Perspective

**Off-site Programming:**

***Friday, May 3rd***

3:00 - 5:00 p.m.- Fallen Timbers Battlefield Tour

***Saturday, May 4th***

10:00 a.m.- Indian Lore Program at the Fallen Timbers Monument

4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.- Dedication of 41st Marker at Fort Miamis

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10:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.- Memorial service for the men who fought in Dudley’s Defeat- Maumee Public Library

12:30 p.m.- Tour of Fort Miamis