



188th Anniversary of Dade's Battle Reenactment

Sutler Guidelines

Saturday and Sunday
January 6th & 7th, 2024
Bushnell, Florida

The Dade Battlefield Society and Dade Battlefield Historic State Park invite you to the 43rd Annual Reenactment of this Second Seminole War battle as a **sutler**. This living history reenactment weekend will include:

- Full scale battle on Saturday and Sunday
- Historical Period Soldier, Seminole and Civilian Camps
- Sutler Trade Fair
- Historic arts and crafts demonstrations
- Early 19th century games for children
- Full scale cannon firing
- Tree cutting and barricade building

For additional information call, email, or visit the website:

(352) 793-4781

reenactment@dadebattlefield.com

www.dadebattlefield.com

Dade Battlefield Historic State Park is in
Bushnell, Florida

Just east of I-75, exit #314

Approximately 50 miles west of Orlando,
50 miles northeast of Tampa,
and 40 miles south of Ocala

GENERAL GUIDELINES FOR THE DADE BATTLE REENACTMENT

The Dade Battlefield Society is continuing its multi-year program to improve the authenticity of our annual event and help to significantly increase the number of quality participants, period sutlers and attending public. The most important aspect of sutlers associated with the Dade Battle is authenticity to the time period. Sutlers must be accepted to attend and all applicants will be juried. Approvals of new applicants will be based upon submitted photographs of the applicant's set up, trade goods and person in period attire. In addition, and for the sutlers' benefit as well as that of the event, the approval board will not accept an excessive number of sutlers selling the same type of wares.

The time period for this event is December 1835. Your dress, manners, camp and behavior must reflect this time period without exception during the public hours of the event.

FEES, DEFINITIONS AND MEALS

- **SUTLERS-** period campers with tables, display racks or anything other than a blanket to display their wares. Persons with a trade blanket but no period camp of their own are considered sutlers and are required to set up in the sutler area.
 - A non-refundable \$50 sutler fee is required.
 - Sutlers, spouses, family members or associates of sutlers may purchase four (4) provided meals for \$25 per person. Meal tickets must be purchased during registration at the park.
- **BLANKET TRADERS-** MUST be a Seminole or Soldier battle participant and must display the trade goods on a blanket in the camp area.
 - Blanket traders are considered participants and will receive free meals. Spouses, family members or associates of blanket traders that are not registered as participants may purchase four (4) provided meals for \$25 per person. Meal tickets must be purchased during registration at the park.
- **DEMONSTRATORS-** pre-approved working participants who will be crafting period items on site and will commit to either demonstrating their craft to the public constantly during the public hours or according to a pre-approved set and published schedule.
 - Demonstrator status is not given to someone whose main purpose for attending the event is to make sales. Demonstrators may make incidental sales *ONLY* of the items/ type of items they are crafting. There are no exceptions. Demonstrators who wish to sell more than the items they are crafting must be registered as a sutler.
 - Demonstrators are considered participants and will receive free meals. Spouses, family members or associates of blanket traders that are not registered as participants may purchase four (4) provided meals for \$25 per person. Meal tickets must be purchased during registration at the park.
- **PERIOD MUSICIANS-** considered demonstrators if they have no store and perform throughout the public hours. Musicians will be pre-approved by the sutler/vendor coordinator who will also designate their performance site.

CLOTHING AND APPEARANCE

Period civilian attire of an Eastern US nature. No mountain man or Western influenced clothing (fringed jackets, cowboy hats or boots, dusters) is permitted. Period attire does not include Colonial or Civil War era clothing- this is an 1830s event. Eyewear must be 19th century- no modern eyeglasses. No modern jewelry or watches. No cigarettes are permitted during public hours- period pipes or hand rolled cigars only.

TRADE GOODS

Trade goods must be authentic to the time and place. Hand made goods of the 1830s and earlier are encouraged.

The Sutler Coordinator and Florida Park Service staff will be inspecting period sutler area. Unauthorized items will need to be removed and stored out of public view.

You may not sell modern goods, flea market items, Plains Indian items, Pow Wow goods, Civil War or Victorian goods and obvious modern imports (oriental knives, bullwhips, and Mexican serapes), or *artifacts removed from historic battlefields*. An exception for modern goods may be made for period music CDs and cassettes but special display rules will apply. No black powder or rolled cartridge sales per ATF rules.

Souvenir items may not be sold- Souvenirs include, but are not limited to the following items: bumper stickers, t-shirts, ball caps, non-period toys, comic books, etc.

Sales to minors- Knives, pistols, tobacco products and other inappropriate items may not be sold to minors.

SALES TAX

All retail sales in the State of Florida require a State Sales Tax Certificate. You must collect taxes on all sales and forwarded them to the Florida Department of Revenue. You may obtain information about the State Sales Certificate by contacting the Leesburg Service Center office of the Florida Department of Revenue at (352) 315-4470.

SET-UP AND PARKING

Store tentage should be period correct for the time and place. All non-1830s items must be kept out of sight of the public including food packaging, coolers, drink containers, modern bedding, etc.

Sutlers may set up on Friday, January 5, 2024, from noon to dark. All vehicles must be removed from sutler area before gates open at 9:00 am on Saturday. Early morning hours on Saturday are for those who have last minute preparations that were not able to be attended to the evening before due to darkness. Sutlers will keep their vehicles in the designated parking area at night and during public hours. **Anyone wishing to set up earlier than Friday, January 5, 2024 must email reenactment@dadebattlefield.com prior to December 22, 2023. Anyone wishing to stay over until Monday, January 8th, 2024 needs to contact the park office at (352) 793-4781 by December 1, 2023.**

OTHER DETAILS

FIRES: Sutler area campfires MUST use fire bricks to prevent scarring of the ground in the park's Day Use Area.

SUTLER CAMPING: There is no electricity provided. Sutlers will be able to park near the Gardiner Pavilion and Day Use Restroom area.

PARK GATE: Open until 8:00 am Saturday then closed to vehicular traffic until 5:00 pm and will remain open until 8:00 am Sunday morning then closed to vehicular traffic until 5:00 pm. Arrivals after 8:00 am on Saturday & Sunday need to use back gate to park located on CR 650.

REGISTRATION HOURS: Friday 1:00 pm to 5:30 pm
 Saturday 7:00 am to 5:30 pm
 Sunday 7:00 am to 9:00 am

USE OF PARK FACILITIES: We request that you refrain from using restrooms when the “Closed for Cleaning” sign is across the day restroom entrance and signs are posted on lodge restroom doors. If the facilities start to back up or you experience problems, please notify park personnel so these problems can be addressed and fixed. Day Use Restrooms will be opened from 6:00 pm to 7:00 am each day of the event.

Lodge will remain opened for the use of restroom facilities and for a gathering place for participants to socialize and work on period clothing. Quiet time is midnight to 6:00 am.

Pets: Allowed if on a 6-foot leash and must be tended to at all times. Owners will be responsible for picking up after their animals.

Lodging: For those needing other accommodations for the weekend we have compiled a list of nearby locations. We have no partnership with these accommodations and this list is provided as a courtesy.

In Bushnell

Blueberry Hill RV Park (352) 793-4112

Rodeway Bushnell Inn (352) 793-5010

Flying W Air Ranch (352) 793-1310

Microtel Inn and Suites (352) 568-2111

Red Oaks Campground (352) 793-7117

Near Bushnell

Cypress House Bed & Breakfast (352) 568-0909

Our Father’s Haven Bed & Breakfast (352) 793-7920

Weather: Temperatures will vary from 30's to 50's at night and 50's to 70's during the day. Rain is always a possibility. Come prepared for all eventualities.

Dade's Battle Reenactment & Trade Fair

January 6th & 7th, 2024

SUTLER APPLICATION

Name _____

Company Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ Cell Phone _____ Email _____

Amount of Space Required _____

Please check one:

I am a returning Dade Reenactment Sutler

This is my first Dade Reenactment (Please enclose photographs of set up, trade goods and person in period attire.)

POLICY STATEMENT

I have read the Sutler Guidelines for the Dade Battle and agree to abide by them.

Applicant's Signature _____

Complete & sign the state required short-term vendor permit included with this application. Your completed application, \$50 sutler fee and short-term vending permit should be mailed to:

Dade Battlefield Society
c/o Secretary
7200 Battlefield Parkway, Bushnell, FL 33513

ALL APPLICATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BY DECEMBER 8, 2023.

Dade Battlefield Society, Inc.

Short Term Vendor Permit

Upon payment of the proper fees, the following named Permittee is authorized to establish one point of sale in the indicated Florida state park for the dates specified herein. This permit is subject to all park / DBS rules, policies, and regulations, and to the conditions set forth below.

PERMITTEE: _____

Name of Representative Company Name

Address

Tax ID Number

1. This Permit is issued for the Dade Battlefield Society, Inc., here after referred to as the DBS, for the 43rd Annual Reenactment of Dade’s Battle, hereafter referred to as the Event.
2. This permit is valid for 2 day(s) on the following date(s): January 6 and 7, 2024. Permittee agrees that minimum operating hours shall be from 10:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. daily.
3. The products or services to be provided under this permit are:
 _____ Food and Beverage _____ Sutler _____ Crafts/Demonstrations _____ Other
4. The exact location within the park for the permit operation shall be mutually satisfactory with DBS sutler coordinator, the park manager, and the Permittee. If agreeable terms cannot be reached the park manager’s decision will be final.
5. Permittee agrees that for the privilege of operating under this Permit, he/she will pay the fee of \$, plus State and County taxes as applicable.
6. Permittee agrees to comply with all policies, rules, and laws governing the operation of the Park, and not alter or damage the Park’s natural or cultural resources in any way through the support or operation of Permit activities, and to be responsible for and fully repair all damage to Park facilities and resources which may result from any operation under this permit.
7. The Permittee shall have and hold harmless and indemnify the DBS and the State of Florida against any and all liability, claims, judgment or costs of whatsoever kind and nature of injury to, or death of, any person or persons and for loss or damage to any property resulting from the use, operation, or performance of service under the terms of this Permit, resulting in whole or in part from the negligent acts or omissions of the Permittee, or of any of the employees, agents, or representatives of the Permittee to the extent allowed by law.
8. This permit may be terminated at any time by the DBS for failure by the Permittee to perform in accordance with the terms and conditions contained herein.
9. Permittee agrees to all terms and conditions of this permit by his/her signature below.
10. Permittee is required to report any revenue or income to the Department of Revenue for the applicable sales tax.

I understand and agree that the Event Committee members, directors and officers of the Dade Battlefield Society, Inc., and the Florida State Park Service are not responsible for any injury, loss, or damage from any cause whatsoever, that may be suffered by me or my assistants or to any property I bring to the event and into Dade Battlefield Historic State Park.

Signature of Permittee: _____

Permit Approved by: _____ and/or _____

DBS Representative Park Manager

Date: _____