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Mine Creek Battlefield State Historic Site
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145th ANNIVERSARY OPEN HOUSE, NEW HOURS AT MINE CREEK STATE HISTORIC SITE

Free admission 10 a.m. – 5 p.m. Saturday, October 24th, 2009

PLEASANTON, KS—The Kansas Historical Society announced that Mine Creek Battlefield State Historic Site will host an open house 10 a.m. – 5 p.m. Saturday, October 24, 2009, to commemorate the 145th anniversary of the Battle of Mine Creek. Admission to the site will be free during the open house and selected merchandise in the store will be discounted.

The Battle of Mine Creek was one of the largest cavalry battles in the Civil War and the largest battle in Kansas. Approximately 2,800 Union troops attacked and defeated nearly 8,000 Confederates along the banks of Mine Creek. After the battle, Federal forces pursued the Confederates in Missouri as they attempted to return to Arkansas, Indian Territory (Oklahoma), and eventually Texas.

The Historical Society also announced a change in operating hours at the site. The visitor center will be open from the first Wednesday in April through the last Saturday in October. The hours during those months will be 10 a.m. – 5 p.m. Wednesday – Saturday. Visitors are welcome to visit the battlefield and walk the nature trail from dawn to dusk year round.

Mine Creek Battlefield State Historic Site is located one-half mile west of the intersection of U.S. 69 and K-52, three miles south of Pleasanton.

The Mine Creek Battlefield State Historic Site is one of 16 state historic sites operated by the Kansas Historical Society, a state agency. For information call 913-352-8890 or visit kshs.org/places/minecreek.

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