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Confederate, and African-American perspectives. The Center offers its flagship "In the Cause of Liberty" exhibit with four films, a changing artifact display, and many personal stories.

The center offers site tours, cos-

a myriad of SOL-based educational programs. Its next free homeschool day is Sept. 12. In addition, it also works in conjunction with the National Park Visitor Center to serve large groups. The surrounding grounds contain pieces of old machinery and surviving structure. Don't miss the statue of Abraham Lincoln and his son Thad visiting after the fall of Richmond. RPM

Libby Carty McNamee, a writer, lawyer and mother, is embarrassed that it took her 12 years as a Richmond resident to discover our hometown national park.

Want to Go?

Open daily from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Richmond National Battlefield Park offers free admission at all locations. At the main visitor center at Tredegar, parking costs \$3 per hour but is free with paid admission to the adjacent American Civil War Center. Admission to the center is \$8 per adult, \$4 for kids 6-17, and free for those 5 and under.

Directions: The Tredegar building is located at 500 Tredegar St., Richmond. From I-95 South, take Exit 74A to 195/ Downtown Expressway (toll road.) Follow signs to Downtown Expressway. Exit onto Byrd St./2nd Street. Follow to right onto 5th Street. Right on Tredegar St. Follow signs to Visitor Parking. Picnic tables are available.

For a stroll on Belle Isle, the footbridge is across the street. Enjoy the expression on your kids' faces when you tell them it was once a Confederate Prisoner of War Camp.

To plan your trip to Richmond National Battlefield Park, go to: www.nps.gov/rich/planyourvisit/ index.htm. For more information on the American Civil War Center, visit www.tredegar.org.



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