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Park and Gettysburg Foundation addressing insulation condensation issues above the Cyclorama painting gallery

Gettysburg National Military Park and the Gettysburg Foundation are working aggressively to address a problem with minor amounts of condensation that occasionally form on the inside of the ceiling in the Cyclorama gallery at the park's Museum and Visitor Center. The condensation occurs during limited times of the year in periods of extremely cold weather.


There is no leak in the roof of the Cyclorama painting gallery.

“We have engineers looking at the insulation that has been installed in between the ceiling and roof at the expansion joints above the painting gallery,” said J. Mel Poole, interim superintendent for Gettysburg National Military Park. “This is a short term issue that happens during extreme weather events and we are confident we can resolve it without any major impacts to the painting or the visiting public.”

The park's museum services supervisor is carefully monitoring the painting. Some drops of water have hit the painting in the sky area, which is a new infill area and not historic canvas. Once the solution is found for the condensation, the effects of the water on these minimal areas in the sky will be addressed by conservators.

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From Jan. 25 through Jan. 29, the Gettysburg Foundation is planning to temporarily close the painting gallery to the public to revise the Cyclorama program. This will allow visitors more time during each show to view the painting with the lights fully on. The park and the Foundation plan to take advantage of the closure to evaluate the ceiling insulation concerns then as well. The work has been scheduled during the period of lowest visitation to minimize the inconvenience to park visitors.

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