

Key for Map A of Friends Little Bighorn Battlefield Field Trip, "Deep Ravine Trail & Beyond" June 26, 2010.

- A. Began field trip at 9:00 AM at the Stone House. Registration was limited to 50 people for the walk; about 40+ showed up. Our field trip was led by Park Ranger and former Friends board member, Jerry Jasmer.
- B. 1st interpretive stop: magnificent views of the Custer National Cemetery to our left. While promoting the field trip, Bob referred to this flat land we would cross today as "Gibbon Flats". He recalls the staff during his 1985 summer as an interpreter calling the flats by that name. In 1991, Park Ranger Mike Donahue and young historian, Mike Moore wrote an article for the "Greasy Grass" that explained where they believed Col. John Gibbon came upon the battlefield the morning of June 29, 1876. Donahue and Moore believe that Gibbon's approach was behind the area of point B on this map. As with everything regarding the Custer fight, all of us can see things a little differently.
- C. 2nd interpretive stop: We reached the fence that borders near the NPS boundaries of the battlefield. From here we had great views of the river. Behind us, Last Stand Hill and the visitor center are seen on the horizon. To our left is the mouth of the Deep Ravine.
- D. 3rd interpretive stop: We've reached the mouth of the Deep Ravine which sits directly below us.
- E. We cross down and up the ravine from the west to the east rim.
- F. A few more steps above the east rim and we came to soldier grave marker number 257.
- G. Approximate location where we took our group photo. Thanks to Cricket Bauer for the suggestion.
- H. Where our field trip had to come to an end. Jerry Jasmer did an exceptional job. He was a great tour guide and, as always, a lot of fun. Looking at some of the photos, I think Jerry had a great time as well.

Map B:

I walked this ground many times in the mid 80's. Back then, there were foot trails throughout the area above the ravine. You can easily see some of them on Map B from 1985. The area of the Deep Ravine is a strange place indeed. For those of us who have had the privilege to walk it many times before, we can easily forget its trails.