



Details for the final exercise of Cadet Basic Training for the Class of 2025

What: MARCH BACK – March Back from Lake Frederick – 12.4 mile ruck march signifying the end of Cadet Basic Training. The exercise consists of a road march through the training area to the Victor Constant Ski Slope, stopping for a brief rest and breakfast before reforming and advancing down Washington Road.

When: Monday, Aug. 9 – The formation will pass in front of the Superintendent’s House – Quarters 100 at approximately 11 a.m.

Who: The Class of 2025, cadet cadre and Academy leadership, Graduates of West Point (alumni – also known affectionately as Old Grads), members of the 50-year affiliation class and members of the staff and faculty.

All visitors 18 and over are required to have a Visitor ID issued by the Visitor Control Center, located in the basement of the Visitors Center. Please allow plenty of time to receive your ID. If you are a DOD ID card holder, you do not need a Visitor ID.

COVID protocol – if visitors/guests are vaccinated, no mask required. If visitors/guests are not vaccinated, masks must be worn if you can’t distance 6 feet outdoors. If visiting any indoor facility, masks must be worn at all times.

Where: Washington Road – sidewalks between Thayer Statue and West Point Cemetery.

Parking and Buses: Please enter West Point via Thayer or Stony Lonesome Gates.

If you enter via Thayer Gate, after passing the 2nd security check point, turn left at the 4-way STOP sign onto Mills Road. Follow this to the T-intersection with Stony Lonesome Road. Turn left on Stony Lonesome Road. You will pass the stadium and then bear left into the A Lot for parking. Buses will transport from this location to Washington Road.

If you enter via Stony Lonesome Gate, after clearing the security check point, please continue following Stony Lonesome Gate downhill, passing the Gross Athletic Center and Lichtenberg Tennis Center on your left. Just before the stadium, turn right (hard right) into A Lot.

Buses will transport from this location to Washington Road.

Bus service will be available 8:30-10 a.m. and will return parents/visitors to A Lot, 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. Please use this service.

Parking on post is designated for staff and faculty with CPA Only signs.

The bus will drop off at K Lot (location of Subway and Starbucks), north of the West Point Cemetery and Fire Station and will also drop off guests near the Catholic Chapel. The sidewalks along Washington Road allow plenty of space for all to gather.

The bus will stop during the road closure and will run again when the road opens at the conclusion of the march.

Details: The March Back formation – it is best described as a parade down Main Street and will enter post at the north end, through Washington Gate. The honor company (best overall company for CBT) will lead the way, carrying the banner with the Class Motto, followed in alphabetical order by the remainder of the Cadet Basic Training regiment.

At the conclusion of the march, the cadets will have lunch, clean and turn in weapons and prepare to move to their academic companies. If you would like to wave your signs or cheer for the formation once they have completed the March Back, please move to the bleachers on The Plain.

Parents and guests are not allowed past the security guard near Thayer Statue and Diagonal Walk will be closed to all parents/guests. **Please do not follow the formation.**

Parents/visitors are asked to depart shortly after the arrival of the formation and the conclusion of the March Back. **We thank you in advance for your support as the new cadets get ready to begin Reorganization Week and prepare for the academic year.**

Photos – yes please! Take lots of photos. Posting is encouraged so those who are not able to be at WP, can “see” the event unfold. Photos taken by the Public Affairs staff will be shared via Flickr – www.flickr.com/photos/west_point.

And, there will be a live stream available. Link will be shared later.

Posters are allowed and encouraged! Congratulate the Class (and cadre) on a successful summer!

Sorry – but no interaction with your cadet other than a wave, a cheer and lots of smiles.

Acceptance Day will be here before you know it!

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