



CHICKAMAUGA AND CHATTANOOGA NATIONAL MILITARY PARK



The Battle of Chickamauga 144th Anniversary Programs

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2007

Visitor Center extended hours: 8:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Battlefield Tours:

***All tours begin at the Chickamauga Battlefield Visitor Center**

10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. - Car Caravan Tour of Chickamauga Battlefield

Join a Park Ranger for this 90-minute car caravan tour covering the highlights of the Battle of Chickamauga.

6:30 p.m. – Brigadier General Nathan Bedford Forrest

Join a Park Ranger for this 90 minute walking tour. Brigadier General Nathan Bedford Forrest, a renowned Confederate cavalry commander, was recognized for his talents as a strategist, tactician, and personal leader in combat. Learn about Forrest's involvement during the Battle of Chickamauga on this evening tour. Walking distance will be approximately one mile. Walking shoes and a bottle of water are recommended, along with a flashlight.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2007

Visitor Center extended hours: 8:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Battlefield Tours:

***All tours begin at the Chickamauga Battlefield Visitor Center**

9:30 a.m. – Carnes Tennessee Artillery

On September 19, 1863 east of the Lafayette Road near the Brotherton Farm the horror of battle raged in the woods of Chickamauga. Here Confederate Lieutenant William W. Carnes would first see his Tennessee battery of 4 guns captured by Union soldiers and then recovered in the fury of fighting. Learn more about this battle action during this 90 minute walking tour. Distance will be approximately two miles. Walking shoes and a bottle of water are recommended.

10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. - Car Caravan Tour of Chickamauga Battlefield

Join a Park Ranger for this 90-minute car caravan tour covering the highlights of the Battle of Chickamauga.

10:30 a.m. - Bicycle Tour

Join a Park Ranger on this 7-mile, two hour bicycle tour of Chickamauga Battlefield. The tour route will include several stops to highlight the battle actions of September 19 and 20, 1863. This bicycle tour will follow established roadways in the battlefield covering primarily flat terrain. Bicycle helmets are required for all participants under 16 years old. A bottle of water is recommended.

3:30 p.m. - Brigadier General Nathan Bedford Forrest

Join a Park Ranger for this 90 minute walking tour. Brigadier General Nathan Bedford Forrest, a renowned Confederate cavalry commander, was recognized for his talents as a strategist, tactician, and personal leader in combat. Learn about Forrest's role in the Battle of Chickamauga on this evening tour. Walking distance will be approximately one mile. Walking shoes and a bottle of water are recommended.

6:30 p.m. - Battlefield Civilians

Join a Park Ranger on this combined driving and walking tour to hear stories of the civilians whose lives were disrupted by the Battle of Chickamauga. Homes and farmsteads were forever scarred by the human tragedy of war. This 90 minute program visits some of the homesteads and tells the story of civilian life before and after the Battle of Chickamauga. Total walking distance will be less than one mile.

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Living History Programs:

Artillery Demonstrations

Living Historians portraying Confederate Artillerymen will demonstrate firing of Civil War field pieces. Demonstrations will be conducted on Battleline Road at the site of the Eufaula Artillery (Alabama Battery). Parking will be available. Artillery programs will be presented at: 10:00 am, 11:30 am, 1:00 pm, 2:30 pm, and 4:00 pm. Follow the signs from the visitor center to these special demonstrations.

Cavalry Demonstration

Join Confederate Cavalrymen as they discuss the role and tactics used during the Battle of Chickamauga. Demonstrations will be held in the McDonald Field near the Visitor Center throughout the day.

Medical Program:

Living Historians portraying the 17th Ohio Regimental Hospital will be encamped at the Snodgrass Cabin throughout the day, interpreting the role of a regimental field hospital. Field Hospital medical equipment will also be on display.

Special Guest:

Roger Linton, author of “Chickamauga: Battlefield History in Images” will be at the visitor center throughout the day to answer questions. He will also be available to autograph his book at the bookstore.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2007

Battlefield Tours:

***All tours begin at the Chickamauga Battlefield Visitor Center**

10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. - Car Caravan Tour of Chickamauga Battlefield

Join a Park Ranger for this 90-minute car caravan tour covering the highlights of the Battle of Chickamauga.

11:30 a.m. - Breckinridge Assaults the Union Left

Join a Park Ranger for this 90 minute walking tour covering the initial Confederate assault led by Major General John C. Breckinridge's Division on September 20, 1863. Walking distance will be approximately three miles. Walking shoes and a bottle of water are recommended.

1:30 p.m. - Longstreet's breach of the Federal line

Join a Park Ranger for this 90 minute walking tour near the Brotherton Farm. Here on the late morning of September 20, 1863, the Confederate Army would strike a devastating blow to the Union Army. Lt. General James Longstreet's assault at the Brotherton Farm would send one third of the Union Army fleeing from the battlefield. Walking distance will be approximately two miles. Walking shoes and a bottle of water are recommended.

3:30 p.m. – Snodgrass Hill : “The Final Hours”

Join a Park Ranger on this two hour walking tour across the slopes of Snodgrass Hill. Here on the afternoon and evening hours of September 20, 1863, the final battle actions would seal an army's fate. Learn the consequences of tactical decisions made during battle, and what the Confederate and Union Armies both won and lost as a result. Walking distance will be approximately three miles. Walking shoes and a bottle of water are recommended.

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MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2007

Battlefield Tours:

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10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. - Car Caravan Tour of Chickamauga Battlefield

Join a Park Ranger for this 90-minute car caravan tour covering the highlights of the Battle of Chickamauga.

6:30 p.m. Confederate Night Attack

Join a Park Ranger for this 90 minute special twilight walking tour exploring the night attack at Chickamauga near the Winfrey and Brock Fields. The tour will examine the sunset attack of Confederate Major General Patrick Cleburne and Major General Benjamin F. Cheatham's divisions against the Union troops of Brigadier General Absalom Baird and Brigadier General Richard Johnson's divisions. Walking distance will be approximately two miles. Walking shoes and a bottle of water are recommended, along with a flashlight.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2007

Battlefield Tours:

***All tours begin at the Chickamauga Battlefield Visitor Center**

10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. - Car Caravan Tour of Chickamauga Battlefield

Join a Park Ranger for this 90-minute car caravan tour covering the highlights of the Battle of Chickamauga.

6:30 p.m. – Col. John T. Wilder, “The Lightning Brigade”

Join Park Historian James Ogden as he conducts a 90 minute walking tour of the battle action that occurred on September 18, 1863, where Alexander Bridge crossed Chickamauga Creek. Here Indianan John T. Wilder would lead his brigade against advancing Confederates, utilizing the superior firepower of the seven-shot Spencer repeating rifle. Walking distance will be approximately two miles. Walking shoes and a bottle of water are recommended, along with a flashlight.

WEDNESDAY , SEPTEMBER 19, 2007

Battlefield Tours:

***All tours begin at the Chickamauga Battlefield Visitor Center**

10:00 a.m. and 2:00 - Car Caravan Tour of Chickamauga Battlefield

Join a Park Ranger for this 90-minute car caravan tour covering the highlights of the Battle of Chickamauga.

6:30 p.m. – Jay’s Mill: The battle begins

Join a Park Ranger to explore the opening action of the Battle of Chickamauga on September 19, 1863 at Jay’s Mill. This 90 minute tour will focus on how the Confederate and Federal Armies would come to meet in the vicinity of Jay’s saw mill west of Chickamauga Creek. Walking distance will be approximately one mile. Walking shoes and a bottle of water are recommended, along with a flashlight.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2007

Battlefield Tours:

***All tours begin at the Chickamauga Battlefield Visitor Center**

10:00 a.m. and 2:00 - Car Caravan Tour of Chickamauga Battlefield

Join a Park Ranger for this 90-minute car caravan tour covering the highlights of the Battle of Chickamauga.

6:30 p.m. – Battleline: “The Angle”

Join a Park Ranger on this 90 minute walking tour exploring the fields and forests where the second day of fighting during the Battle of Chickamauga would begin. Here initial confusion would be followed by Confederate assaults against formidable Union defensive works. Walking distance will be approximately two miles. Walking shoes and a bottle of water are recommended, along with a flashlight.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2007

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SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 2007

Battlefield Tours:

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10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. - Car Caravan Tour of Chickamauga Battlefield

Join a Park Ranger for this 90-minute car caravan tour covering the highlights of the Battle of Chickamauga.

1:30 p.m. – Fallen Leaders at Chickamauga

Join a Park Ranger for this driving tour visiting the sites where brigade commanders fell during battle. Over the course of two days, September 19 and 20, 1863, eight brigade commanders (Heg, Baldwin, Smith, Helm, Colquit, King, Deschler, and Lytle) suffered mortal wounds during the Battle of Chickamauga. Learn more about these brave leaders during this 90 minute tour.

Living History Programs:

Confederate Infantry demonstrations will be conducted by the Western Independent Grays throughout the day. Schedules will be posted at the Chickamauga Battlefield Visitor Center. Follow the special program signs to the demonstration site.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 2007

Battlefield Tours:

***All tours begin at the Chickamauga Battlefield Visitor Center**

10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. - Car Caravan Tour of Chickamauga Battlefield

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