

National Park Service
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Fort Donelson National Battlefield



Parks As Classrooms

Fort Donelson National Battlefield can serve as an outdoor classroom for your students. Civil War history can become a “real” experience, rather than just a textbook study, by visiting the park or participating in a park program.

The park offers a variety of interactive programming, supplementary materials, and traveling trunks for Kindergarten through 8th grade classrooms. All materials and programs are free. *Programs meet National Council for Social Studies standards, as well as Tennessee and Kentucky standards of learning (SOLs) for social studies, science, and language arts.*

Battlefield Programs

Multidisciplinary programs connect students with history and nature. Choose from programs about Civil War soldier life and artillery, the Underground Railroad, the national cemetery, or the Dover Hotel-surrender site in 1862.



Programs offered throughout the spring and fall, dependent on staff availability, 9:00 am – 1:00 pm.

Traveling Trunks

Looking for hands-on materials for students? Choose a trunk about the Underground Railroad, a Confederate soldier, or see our website for additional options. Trunks are filled with reproduction 19th century clothing, suggested activities, books, videos, & DVDs. Trunks are shipped nationwide; teachers are responsible for any costs to return the trunks.

Available August – May; reservations are taken up to one year in advance.

www.nps.gov/fodo

Ranger Programs in the Classroom

Would you like a Park Ranger to visit your classroom? We provide grade-specific programs for schools within a 40-mile service area. Programs are 30-45 minutes.



Programs offered January – March.

Supplementary Materials

Teachers may request a copy of *Fort Donelson: A Place for Heroes* for their classroom. This 15-minute audiovisual program is available for a two-week loan period.

Lesson plans may be downloaded from the park's website. Additional pre-visit materials can be requested by contacting the Education Staff.

"Thank you so much for the wonderful learning experience . . . you made it fun!"—Middle School Teacher, Clarksville, Tennessee

For More Information:

Visit our website www.nps.gov/fodo, choose a program, & fax your reservation to 931-232-4085. For a Ranger program in the classroom or to schedule a trunk, contact the Education Staff at 931-232-5706.



Fort Donelson National Battlefield is located in Dover, Tennessee, about 80 miles northwest of Nashville. The park preserves the remains of a Civil War fort, surrender site, and national cemetery.