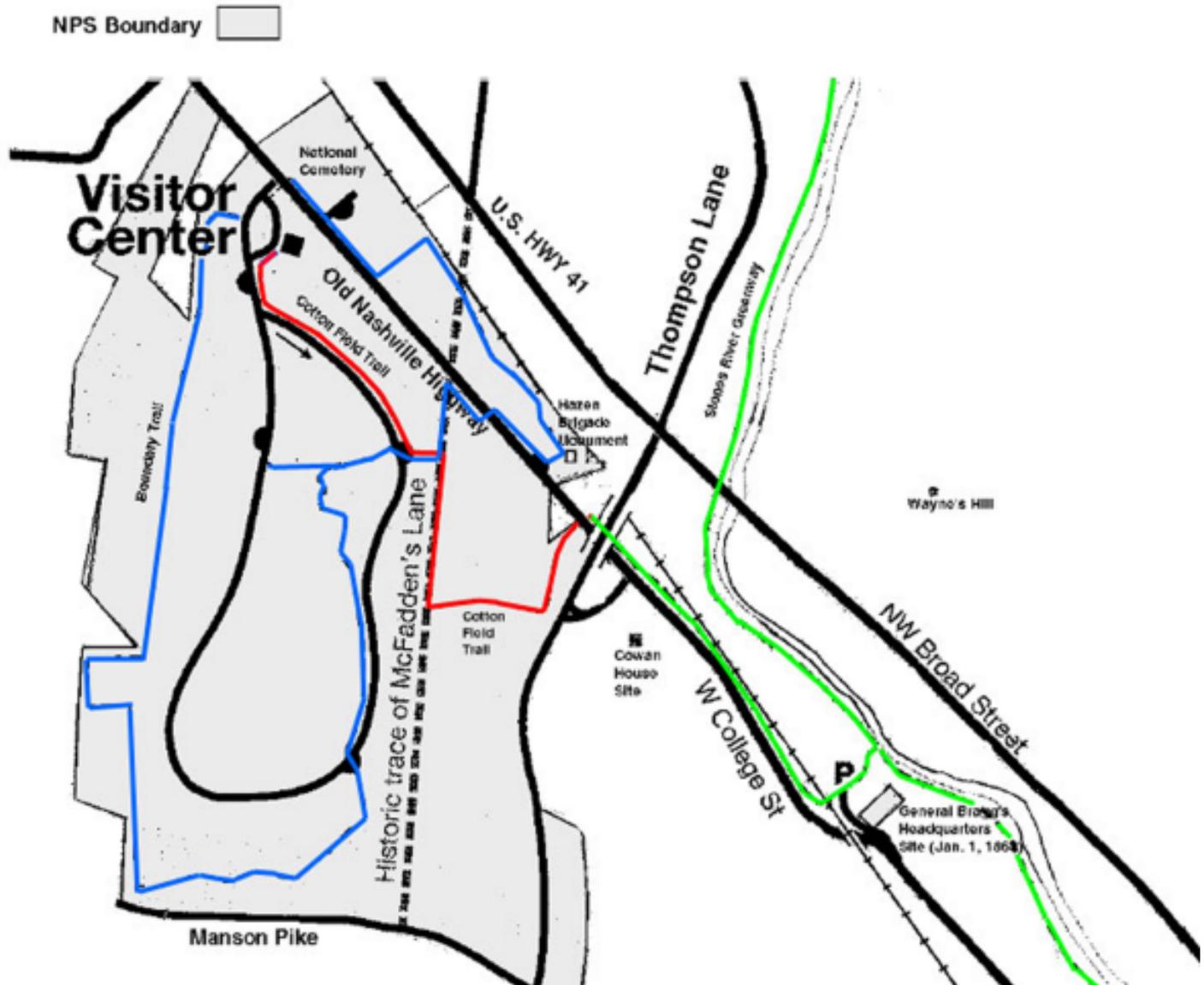


Stones River

National Battlefield
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Trail Guide



Stones River National Battlefield offers about 9 miles of trails and roads for the enjoyment of our visitors. Pedestrians may use all of these trails and roads. Bicyclists must remain on the tour road or the Cotton Field Trail between Tour Stop #1 and the Old Nashville Highway.

Short-cutting and use of unmarked trails is prohibited. Skates, skateboards and scooters are not permitted. All park areas are closed at sunset.

Boundary Trail

The Boundary Trail allows visitors to walk through the cedar forest that hindered the movement of troops and equipment during the battle. The trail offers visitors the chance to see the rare cedar glade habitat that is home to two

of the endangered plant species in the park; the Purple Cone Flower and Pyne's Ground Plum. Visitors should remain on the trail to avoid damaging these fragile natural resources.



Purple Cone Flower

Cotton Field Trail



This 1 mile paved trail connects the battlefield to the Stones River Greenway. Visitors will walk through the fields where Union troops were finally able to stop the Confederates short of the Nashville Pike on December 31, 1862.

The trail also crosses part of the area that became known as Hell's Half Acre, scene of some of the bloodiest fighting of the battle. After crossing the Old Nashville Highway, visitors can walk about 1/2 mile to General Bragg's January 1, 1863 headquarters site, which is also a trailhead to the Greenway system.

Stones River & Lytle Creek Greenways

A 4.5 mile paved trail system that is open to pedestrians, bicyclists and skaters. Visitors can stop along the trail at several waysides that interpret the cultural and natural history of Murfreesboro.

The Stones River Greenway provides pedestrian access up the McFadden Lane trail to the site of the devastating repulse of Breckinridge's January 2nd attack at (Tour Stop #6).

You can also visit General Bragg's Headquarters, Redoubt Brannan and the outer works of Fortress Rosecrans, a vast supply depot built by the Union army after the Battle of Stones River. Maps of the Greenway system are available at the visitor center.

Trail Safety

Much of the boundary trail is over uneven, rocky terrain. Be sure to wear comfortable footwear and clothing appropriate to the weather conditions.

Be sure to bring enough water to keep hydrated. We recommend you also wear sunscreen and insect repellent. Beware of poisonous plants along the side of trails.

If you are carrying a phone, dial 911 in the event of an injury or emergency. The park headquarters number is (615) 893-9501.