

# Chattahoochee River National Recreation Area



# Shallowford

## A Natural Crossing

The defending Confederate Army burned the massive covered bridge crossing the Chattahoochee River. This act slowed the Union Army's advance to Atlanta. However, General Sherman took advantage of a shallow ford located just downstream and on July 9, 1864 the Sixteenth Army Corps crossed at Shallowford. The ford was well known as the crossing site of the centuries old American Indian foot path, the Hightower Trail.

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