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155th Anniversary of the Battles for Chattanooga

November 23-25, 2018

Join the staff at Chickamauga and Chattanooga National Military Park as we commemorate the 155th Anniversary of the Battles for Chattanooga with a series of ranger-guided tours, hikes, and living history demonstrations. Participants are encouraged to wear clothing appropriate for the weather, closed-toed shoes, insect repellent and to bring a water bottle. For the evening hikes, flashlights are recommended.

Admission to Point Park is \$7 per adult, ages 16 and over. Ages 15 and under are free. All other program locations have free admission.

Living History Programs

Saturday and Sunday, November 24-25, 2018

"The Mountain Quaked:" Artillerists Duel For Control of Lookout Mountain

Location: Moccasin Bend National Archeological District and Point Park on Lookout Mountain

During the Battle of Lookout Mountain, Union artillerist, entrenched on Moccasin Bend, pounded Confederate defenses on Lookout Mountain, while the Confederate gunners, high on the slopes, were unable to stem the tide. Charles Partridge of the 96th Illinois Infantry recalled, "The viewless artillery of the skies seemed to bellow above our heads and beneath our feet, and the bursting shells were dread thunderbolts. From the veiled summit burst thunderings and lightnings, and the mountain quaked as though the feet of Jehovah were treading its high places...."



On November 24-25, living historians will once again make the mountain quake, with artillery programs at Point Park and at Moccasin Bend. Programs at Point Park will focus on the Battle of Lookout Mountain from the Confederate perspective, and programs at Moccasin Bend will focus on the battle from the perspective of Union artillerists supporting the attack. Program times are scheduled for 10:30 am, 11:30 am, 1:30 pm, 2:30 pm, and 3:30 pm on Saturday, and for 10:30 am, 11:30 am, 1:30 pm, and 2:30 pm on Sunday.

To reach the program area at Moccasin Bend, take the Manufacturers Road Exit off of Highway 27, and follow the "Special Event" signs.

Sunday, November 25, 2018

9 am - "Lions of the Day:" Raising the Flag on Lookout Mountain

Location: The Ochs Museum in Point Park

On the morning of November 25, 1863, soldiers from the 8th Kentucky Infantry (US) carefully ascended the summit of Lookout Mountain and entered present-day Point Park. Finding it abandoned by Confederates, they walked out on the point of the mountain. Perhaps foreshadowing the US Marines on Iwo Jima 82 years later, they unfurled an American flag from the commanding heights. Captain John Wilson, who led the party, later remarked, "It was the

highest flag that was planted during the war...and we were the lions of the day in the Union Army.”

On November 25, 2018, a small detachment of living historians will recreate this moment. For visitors who wish to watch up close, gather at the Ochs Museum in Point Park at 9 am. For those unable to attend, or unable to walk down the steps to the Ochs Museum, park staff will broadcast the flag waving “live” on the park’s Facebook page.

Ranger and Historian Programs

Friday, November 23, 2018

10 am - Brown’s Ferry, Sherman, and Grant’s Plan

Location: Brown’s Ferry Federal Road Trailhead, Moccasin Bend National Archeological District. Take the Manufacturers Road exit off Highway 27 and follow the “Special Event” signs. (707 Moccasin Bend Road, Chattanooga, TN)

The Tennessee River pontoon bridge at Brown’s Ferry was a critical link to final Union success at Chattanooga. The relative strength of that link significantly affected Union General Ulysses S. Grant’s November 1863 offensive to fully secure the “Gateway to the Deep South.” Join Park Historian Jim Ogden for a 1-mile, 90-minute round trip walk down to the river at Brown’s Ferry and learn how events at this vital crossing shaped what became the Battles for Chattanooga days later.



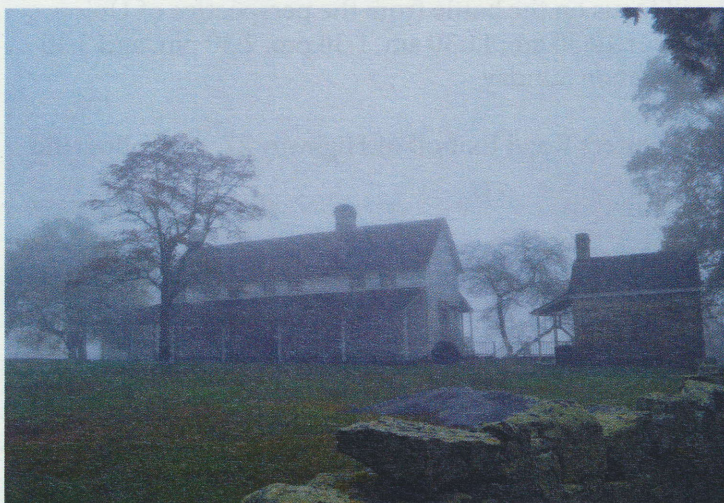
11 am - Not One Straggler Lagged Behind: The Union Assault on Orchard Knob

Location: Orchard Knob Reservation. Meet at the Corner of Ivy Street and Orchard Knob Avenue in Chattanooga.

On November 23, 1863, Union forces moved out of Fort Wood and assaulted Confederate positions on Orchard Knob. Join a park ranger for this 1-hour program exploring the history of this opening salvo in the Battles for Chattanooga

2 pm - Orchard Knob: Outpost, Observation, and the Opening of a Battle

Location: Orchard Knob Reservation. Meet at the Corner of Ivy Street and Orchard Knob Avenue in Chattanooga



Rising from the floor of Chattanooga Valley, the knoll known as Orchard Knob was a fortified forward outpost on the Confederate lines besieging Chattanooga. The Battles for Chattanooga opened when the Union attacked the position on November 23, 1863. In this 90-minute walk, Park Historian Jim Ogden will discuss Orchard Knob’s role in the battles.

11 am, 2 pm, & 4 pm - Ranger-Guided Tours of Point Park

Location: Meet inside the gate at Point Park

Join a Park Ranger at Point Park for a 30-45 minute walking tour exploring the Campaign for Chattanooga from high above the city.



Saturday, November 24, 2018

9:30 am - "A Vicious Little Battery:" The Union Artillery on Moccasin Bend

Location: Moccasin Bend National Archeological District. Take the Manufacturers Road Exit off Highway 27, and follow the "Special Event" Signs.

With Union cannon booming again from Moccasin Bend over the weekend, join Park Historian Jim Ogden for a 2-hour, 2-mile walk to see the surviving earthworks that protected those guns as they frowned up at and dueled with Confederate guns on Lookout Mountain. This program is

timed so that after seeing the actual gun positions you'll be able to take in the living history artillery demonstration and learn about the artillerists' experience in that part of the Battles for Chattanooga.

12:30 pm - Engaging the Attention of the Enemy: Hooker's Demonstration on Lookout Creek

Location: The tour will begin along Parker Lane off Brown's Ferry Road just south of Interstate 24, Exit 175, in Lookout Valley/Tiftonia; look for the "Special Event" signs at and on Parker Lane.

While John Geary's "White Star" Division moved to sweep the western slope of Lookout Mountain, Union Major General Joseph Hooker directed other troops to move against the main Confederate positions guarding the road bridges over the creek at the mountain's northwest base. Join Park Historian Jim Ogden for a 2-hour, 2-mile walk through part of the Lookout Mountain Battlefield that later became the perspective and foreground of artist James Walker's mammoth painting, The Battle of Lookout Mountain.

3:30 pm - A Battle of Lookout Mountain Walk

Location: Meet at the Cravens House on Lookout Mountain

Park Historian Jim Ogden will lead a 2-hour, 1.5-mile walk exploring the "Battle Above the Clouds" that unfolded on November 24, 1863.

9 am - 5 pm: Cravens House - Open

Location: Cravens House on Lookout Mountain (1060 Cravens Terrace, Chattanooga, TN)

Robert Cravens home, on Lookout Mountain, was the scene of some of the heaviest fighting during the Battle of Lookout Mountain. Cravens rebuilt the home after the war, and this postwar structure still stands among the monuments on the battlefield. The house will be open and staffed for tours.

10 am & 2 pm: It Took a Braver Man to Run than it Did to Stand

Location: Cravens House on Lookout Mountain (1060 Cravens Terrace, Chattanooga, TN)

As Confederates under General Walthall encountered Union soldiers sweeping around the tip of Lookout Mountain, they periodically stopped to fire into the enshrouding fog from behind rocks and man-made walls. One Mississippi soldier remembered, "This was one of the few times in battle that it took a braver man to run than it did to stand." Come and participate in a short ranger-guided walk to the Confederate rifle pits, located near the Cravens House. These walks will last approximately 1 hour.

11 am, 2 pm, & 4 pm: Ranger Guided Tours at Point Park

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Sunday, November 25, 2018

10 am - Lonestar Defenders at Tunnel Hill

Location: Sherman Reservation near 2800 Lightfoot Mill Road, Chattanooga

Texans positioned atop Missionary Ridge's Tunnel Hill bore the brunt of the Union assaults on that part of the Confederate line. Historian Jim Ogden will examine the stalwart defense put up by those Lone Star men in this 2-hour, 1-mile walking tour.

1 pm - Car Caravan Tour of Ringgold Gap

Location: Meet at the Ingles Parking Lot in Ringgold, GA (5044 Alabama Highway)

On November 27, 1863, retreating Confederates turned and made a stand at Ringgold Gap. Sergeant Ambrose Hayward of the 28th Pennsylvania described it as "a bloody strife" and declared it was the worst fight he had yet experienced during the war. Join a park ranger on a 2 hour car caravan tour of the Ringgold Gap Battlefield to learn about this final action in the Campaign for Chattanooga.



2 pm - The Battle of Missionary Ridge: Bus Tour

Location: The tour will begin and end at Orchard Knob Reservation

On November 25, 1863, Union forces assaulted the Confederate positions along Missionary Ridge. Park Historian Jim Ogden will lead this guided bus tour beginning at 2 pm exploring key sites along Missionary Ridge and the events of November 25, 1863, that drove the Confederates from the area and opened up the "Gateway to the Confederacy."

Please note that reservations are required, as seating is limited on the bus. To make reservations for this free program, please call the Lookout Mountain Battlefield Visitor Center at 423-821-7786. The park would like to thank National Park Partners and Eastern National for their support of this program. *If you need to cancel a reservation, please call the Lookout Mountain Battlefield Visitor Center at your earliest convenience.

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10 am & 2 pm: Still They Advance and Still We Shoot Them Down

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On November 25, Union soldiers left various positions in and around Chattanooga to attack Missionary Ridge. On the ridge's northern tip, soldiers under General Sherman attacked some of the best entrenched and hard-fought members of the Confederate Army. One gray-clad Texas soldier was astounded that the seemingly blue wave continued advancing in the face of withering fire. A park ranger will meet participants on the back porch of the Cravens House to discuss the miraculous assault on Missionary Ridge. These programs will last approximately 30 minutes.

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