

# Chickamauga and Chattanooga National Military Park



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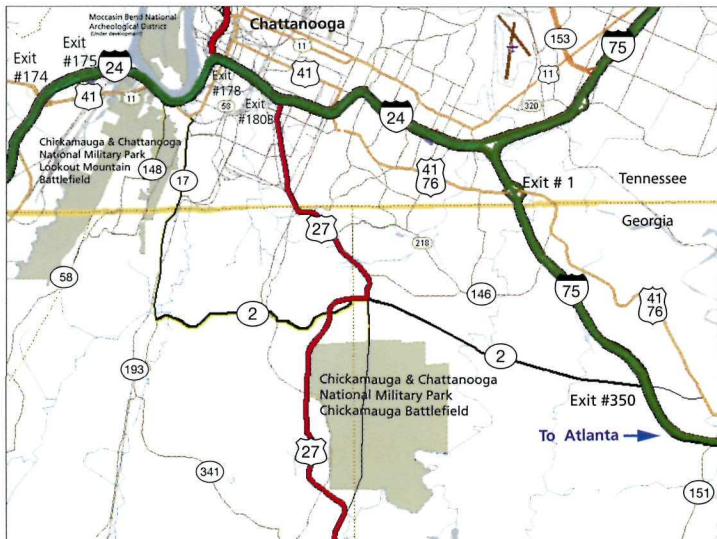
In the late summer and fall of 1863, Union and Confederate armies were locked in a desperate struggle for the city of Chattanooga, the "Gateway to the Deep South." Two major battles were fought over a nine week period, with each side claiming one victory. The Battle of Chickamauga, fought on September 19 - 20, was a Confederate victory and one of the bloodiest engagements of the Civil War with over 34,000 casualties.



*Corput's Battery high atop historic Lookout Mountain at Point Park.*

On November 23 - 25, Union forces struck back at Orchard Knob, Lookout Mountain, and Missionary Ridge, winning the Battles for Chattanooga and opening the way for the fatal Union thrust into the Deep South in the spring of 1864.

Two decades after the war, veterans of both the North and the South united "for the purpose of preserving and suitably marking for historical and professional military study the fields of some of the most remarkable maneuvers and most brilliant fighting" in the Civil War. On August 19, 1890, President Benjamin Harrison signed into law the act creating Chickamauga and Chattanooga National Military Park. Today, the Nation's first national military park preserves 9,000 acres of historic ground for you to explore and study.



## HOW TO GET THERE

Visitors to Chickamauga Battlefield traveling on I-24 use Exit #180B and follow Rossville Boulevard (U.S. Hwy. 27) south to LaFayette Road. Continue south to the park entrance.

Travelers on I-75 should use Exit #350 and drive west on Highway 2 for seven miles to Fort Oglethorpe. Then turn left (south) on LaFayette Road. Continue traveling south to the park entrance.

Visitors to Lookout Mountain Battlefield traveling on I-24 should use Exits #174, #175, or #178 for Lookout Mountain. Then follow the signs up the mountain to Point Park.

## PARK FEATURES

Chickamauga Battlefield: Visitor Center; Audio-Visual Program; Exhibits; Bookstore; Fuller Gun Museum; Self-guided battlefield tour; Hiking Trails.

Lookout Mountain Battlefield: Point Park; Visitor Center; Audio-Visual Programs; Exhibits; Bookstore; James Walker Painting; Ochs Observatory; Cravens House; Hiking Trails; Scenic Overlooks.

## VISITOR CENTER HOURS:

Chickamauga Battlefield: 8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Lookout Mountain Battlefield: Same

Extended Summer hours.

Closed Christmas. All Park units on Eastern Time.

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