



## Chickamauga and Chattanooga National Military Park



The Florida Monument at Chickamauga Battlefield is illuminated by the morning sun.

In the summer and fall of 1863, Union and Confederate forces struggled for control over the city of Chattanooga, the “Gateway to the Deep South.” Between September 18-20, the armies clashed in the woods and fields along West Chickamauga Creek, a few miles south of Chattanooga. Over 34,000 men were killed, wounded, or missing during the Battle of Chickamauga, which was the Confederate Army of Tennessee’s only major victory of the Civil War. Over the next two months, the armies fought again around the city of Chattanooga – at Lookout Valley, Brown’s Ferry, Orchard Knob, Lookout Mountain, and Missionary Ridge. This time, the Union Army was victorious, and the Confederates retreated south. It was, as one Confederate remarked, “the death knell of the Confederacy.” Less than 30 years later the soldiers returned, as united countrymen, in order to establish Chickamauga and Chattanooga National Military Park, the nation’s first federally protected battlefield.



### How to Get There

To reach Chickamauga Battlefield from Interstate 24, use Exit 180B and follow Rossville Blvd. (US Highway 27 South) to the park Visitor Center on LaFayette Road. From I-75, use exit 350 and drive west on Highway 2 for seven miles to Fort Oglethorpe. Turn left on LaFayette Road and the visitor center will be ahead on the right. If you are using a GPS device, the physical address is:

3370 Lafayette Road  
Fort. Oglethorpe GA 30742

To reach Lookout Mountain Battlefield from I-24, use Exits 174, 175, or 178 and follow the signs up the mountain to Point Park. If you are using a GPS device, the physical address is:

110 Point Park Road  
Lookout Mountain TN 37350

### Park Features

At Chickamauga Battlefield, visitors can explore 5,300 acres of preserved battlefield, featuring hundreds of monuments and markers. There is a self-guided driving tour, as well as hiking trails. At the Chickamauga Battlefield Visitor Center, there is a short orientation film, a bookstore, and the Fuller Gun Collection.

At Point Park on Lookout Mountain, visitors can overlook the city and the Lookout Mountain Battlefield. There is an admission fee at Point Park for adults ages 16 and over. Visitors can also access the battlefield through numerous trails or by visiting the Cravens House.

The park also preserves areas around Chattanooga, including Moccasin Bend National Archeological District, Signal Point, Orchard Knob, and a series of reservations along Missionary Ridge.

For more information about park operations, hours, and programs, visit [www.nps.gov/chch](http://www.nps.gov/chch)  
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