

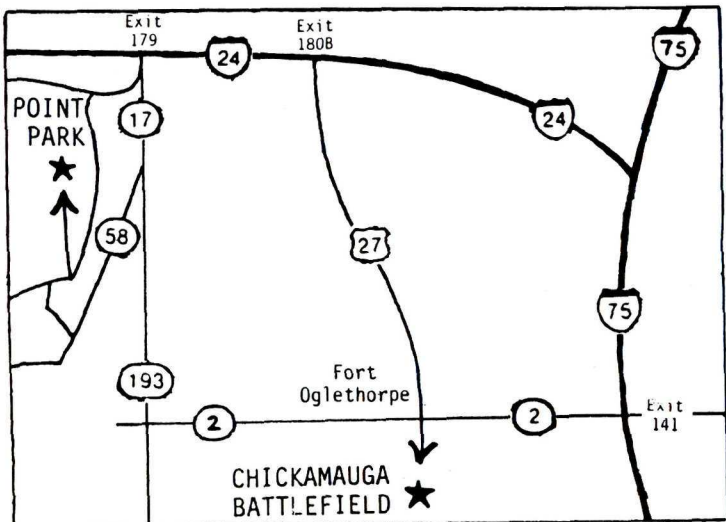
Chickamauga and Chattanooga

National Military Park



In the fall of 1863, Union and Confederate armies were locked in a desperate struggle for the city of Chattanooga. They would fight two major battles over a nine week period, with each side claiming one victory. The Battle of Chickamauga, fought on September 19-20 was one of the bloodiest engagements of the Civil War, with over 34,000 casualties recorded after this Confederate victory. On November 23-25, the Union forces would strike back at Orchard Knob, Lookout Mountain, and Missionary Ridge, winning the Battles for Chattanooga and opening the Deep South to invasion.

Twenty-five years after the war had ended, President Benjamin Harrison signed a bill on August 19, 1890 which established Chickamauga and Chattanooga National Military Park. Created by veterans from both the North and the South, the purpose of the park was "to preserve for historical and military study, the sites of some of the most remarkable maneuvers and most brilliant fighting of the Civil War." Today the National Park Service is working to preserve and protect historical sites throughout the United States.



HOW TO GET THERE:

Visitors to Chickamauga Battlefield traveling on I-24 should use Exit 180B and follow US-27 south to the Park. Travelers on I-75 should use Exit 141 and drive west to Ft. Oglethorpe. Then turn south on US-27 to the Park.

Visitors to Lookout Mountain traveling on I-24 should use exits for Lookout Mountain. Then follow the signs up the mountain to Point Park.

PARK FEATURES:

Chickamauga Battlefield: Visitor Center; Audio-Visual Program; Exhibits; Fuller Gun Museum; Self-Guided and Auto Tape Tours; Hiking Trails.

Lookout Mountain: Point Park; Visitor Center; James Walker Painting; Ochs Museum; Cravens House; Hiking Trails.

During the summer, living history and ranger interpretive programs are offered at both sites. Check Visitor Center for daily schedule.

Other Park sites are at Missionary Ridge, Orchard Knob, and Signal Point.

VISITOR CENTER HOURS:

8 AM - 5:45 PM, Memorial Day to Labor Day.
 8 AM - 4:45 PM, rest of year. Closed Christmas.
 All park units are on Eastern Time.

PARK INFORMATION:

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