

# Vicksburg National Military Park



# Capt. John Wesley Powell

## Soldier and Explorer

Though losing his right arm at the Battle of Shiloh, Powell successfully commanded artillery during the rest of the war. At Vicksburg, he directed two guns moved to an advanced battery only 75 yards from Confederate lines. After the war, Powell led several geographic expeditions including the navigation of the Colorado River through the Grand Canyon.

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