

# Shenandoah

## AT WAR



*If this Valley is lost,  
Virginia is lost!*

— Gen. Thomas J. "Stonewall" Jackson



*One story... a thousand voices.*



**Visitors Guide to the Shenandoah Valley's Civil War Story**

Shenandoah Valley Battlefields National Historic District

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## Welcome to the Shenandoah Valley Battlefields National Historic District!

Fierce battles were fought across much of the nation during the Civil War. The Shenandoah Valley saw some of the most significant action: Stonewall Jackson's 1862 Valley Campaign, Lee's drive toward Gettysburg, and Sheridan's 1864 Shenandoah Campaign all played key roles in the course of the war.

Today visitors are able to view the Valley's historic towns and landscapes much as they were seen by soldiers and civilians during the war.

This guide was created to help visitors explore that history. The guide is divided into two main sections. The first introduces you to the Valley's Civil War history. The second tells you about the wealth of sites in the National Historic District where you can learn about – and experience – that history today. Finally, there is a list of resources available across the Valley to help you plan your visit.

Thank you for your interest in the Shenandoah Valley's Civil War story.

### Visit Us at the Strayer House!

The historic Strayer House (c. 1808), located at 9386 S. Congress St. in New Market, serves as the headquarters for the National Historic District. The building also features:

- A Civil War Orientation Center – interpretive displays, artifacts, youth activities, printed materials, interactive tools, and more
- “If This Valley is Lost,” a 12-minute film on Stonewall Jackson's Valley Campaign
- Visitor Information and Souvenirs
- Jackson's Corner Cafe and Coffee House
- National Park Service Passport Stamp Station



Directions: From Interstate 81, take exit 264 and drive east to the second traffic light; you'll see the Strayer House across the intersection to the right. Parking is behind the house or along the street. Open 9am-5pm, Mon-Sat. For more information call 540-740-4545.

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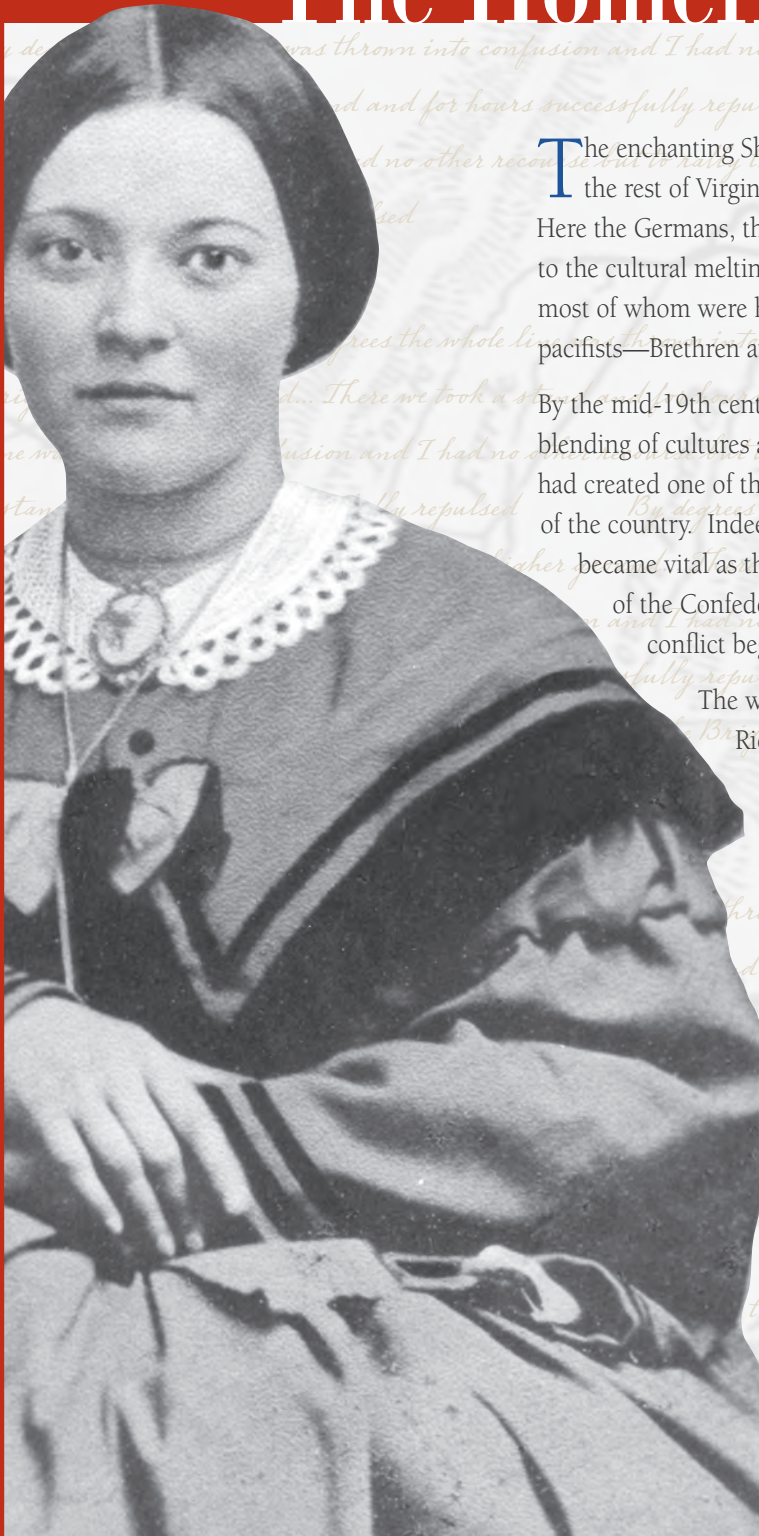
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# The Homefront



The enchanting Shenandoah Valley has always been a bit different from the rest of Virginia and it became a valued pawn in this most uncivil war. Here the Germans, the Scots-Irish, and the English met and melded. Adding to the cultural melting pot was a significant population of African-Americans, most of whom were held in bondage, and large numbers of German-speaking pacifists—Brethren and Mennonite.

By the mid-19th century, this rich blending of cultures and geography had created one of the wheat capitals of the country. Indeed, the Valley became vital as the “Breadbasket of the Confederacy” when the conflict began.

The weathered Blue

Ridge Mountains on the east and rugged Alleghenies on the west protect the rich limestone valley plain. This region was strategically significant thanks to its ability to feed armies and its geographic location in relation to the opposing capitals: Richmond and Washington. Certain hills and fields were contested time and time again—taken, lost and retaken by both sides. The city of Winchester alone changed hands as many as 70 times.

Throughout the war, the lines between the homefront and warfront blurred as battles raged in farmers’ fields, filling churches and homes with wounded. When the curtain closed on this horrific conflict, much of the region lay devastated, its population decimated. The Valley had experienced the full measure of the horrors of war and was forever changed.

Eliza Clinedinst Crim, resident of New Market

*They commenced carrying the dead from the field... O, what a sickening sight after the battle... Our poor soldiers, how they suffered and died that day!*

— Eliza Clinedinst Crim

*I had no sooner gotten into the saddle when the most vicious sounding bullet I ever heard swished by my ear and I thought it had taken a part of it off.*

— Sgt. William B. Colston, 2nd Virginia Infantry

campaigns in American history, drawing thousands of Union troops from the Federal campaign to take Richmond.

The next year, in crafting his Pennsylvania campaign—an effort that would end at Gettysburg—Gen. Robert E. Lee used the Shenandoah Valley's unique geography and position as an "avenue of advance" for his invasion north.

The Valley supplied his men but most importantly, Lee used the Blue Ridge to screen his army from Federal eyes as it moved north into Pennsylvania.

The year 1864 saw the turning point in the Civil War for the Valley. A series of summertime victories

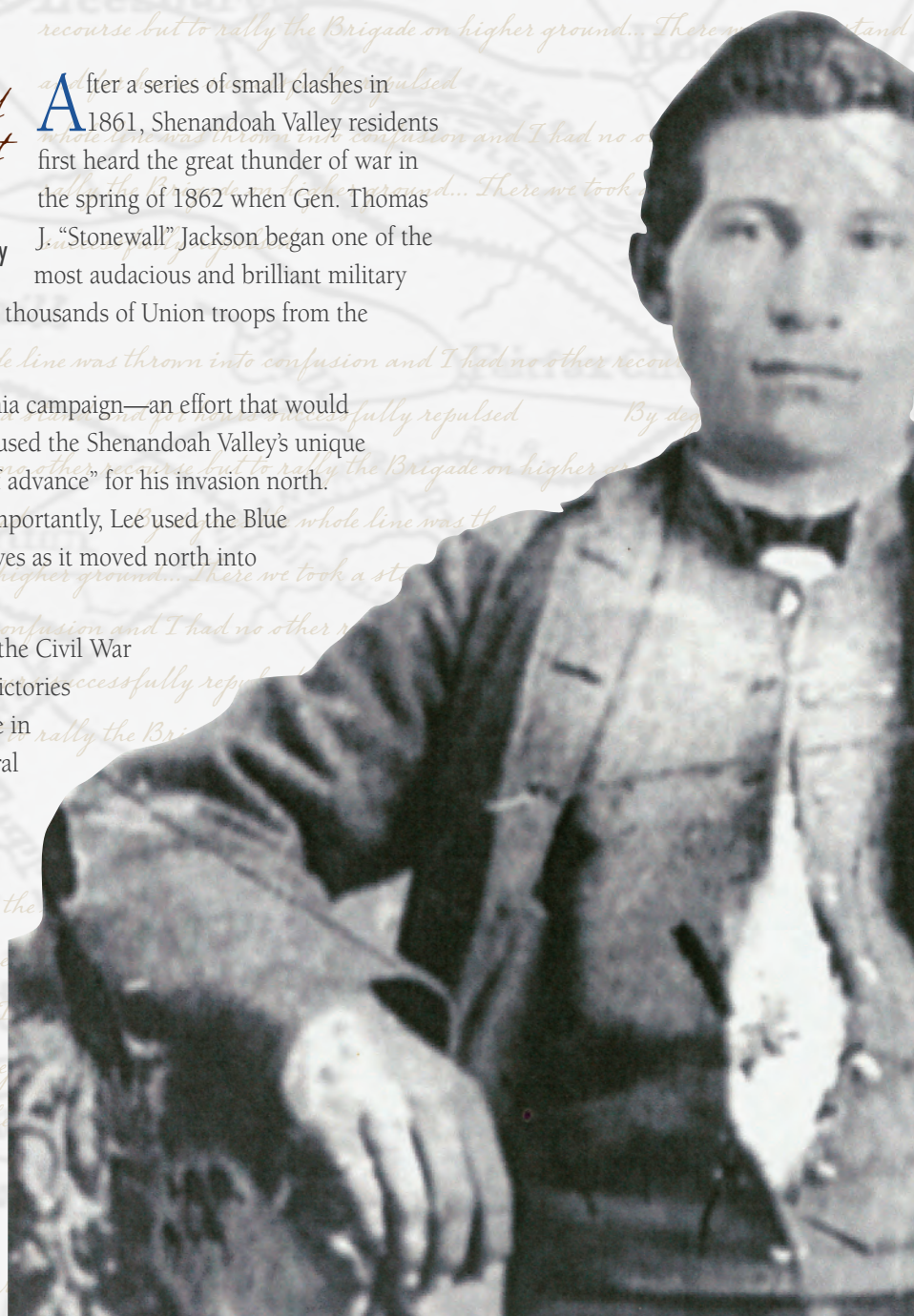
were the last the Confederates would see in the Shenandoah Valley. Desperate Federal leaders turned to a new commander, Gen. Philip H. Sheridan, and in the fall Sheridan delivered several stinging defeats, dashing

Confederate hopes. Federal forces embarked on scorched-earth operations that burned and laid to waste much of the Valley's agricultural bounty. The Confederacy had lost control of the Shenandoah Valley. Six months later, the war ended 50 miles away in the small Virginia town of Appomattox.

Pvt. John J. Rhodes  
5th Virginia (Stonewall Brigade)

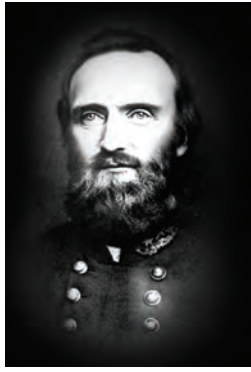
*By degrees the whole line was thrown into confusion and I had no other recourse but to rally the Brigade on higher ground... There we took a stand*

**A**fter a series of small clashes in 1861, Shenandoah Valley residents first heard the great thunder of war in the spring of 1862 when Gen. Thomas J. "Stonewall" Jackson began one of the most audacious and brilliant military



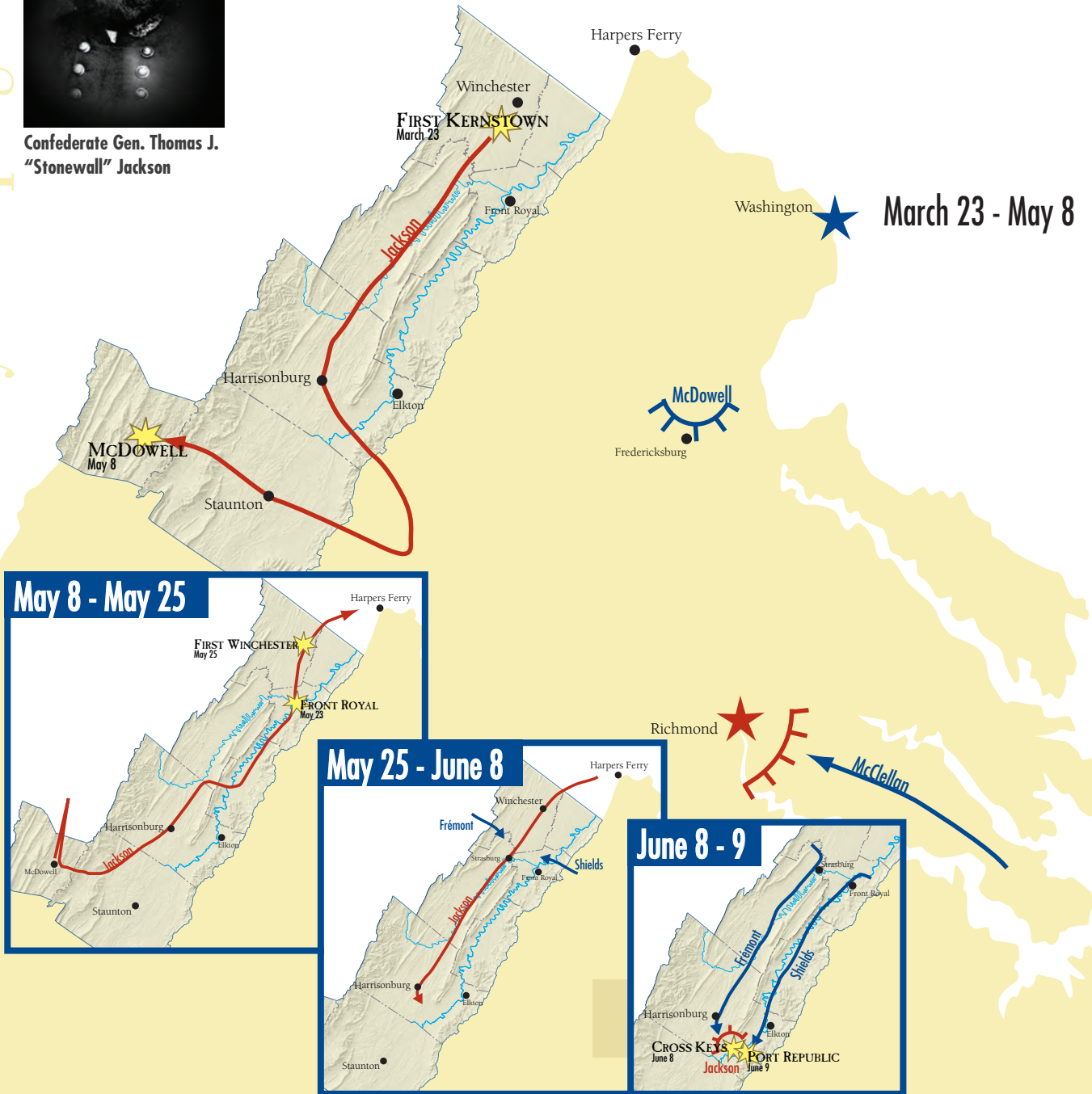
# Fatal Fields

Jackson's 1862 Valley Campaign



Confederate Gen. Thomas J. "Stonewall" Jackson

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Virginia is lost!*  
- Gen. Thomas J. "Stonewall" Jackson



## A Brief History

In the spring of 1862, a Union army of 100,000 was approaching Richmond from the southeast, attempting to take the Confederate capital. The plan also called for Gen. Irvin McDowell, with 30,000 men near Fredericksburg, to advance on Richmond from the north. By unleashing a vigorous offensive in the Shenandoah Valley, Confederate Gen. Thomas J. “Stonewall” Jackson kept McDowell in Fredericksburg, wresting the initiative away from the Federal campaign.

Despite an initial setback in March at Kernstown, Jackson quickly recovered. In May, after a feint to the east, he headed west, up into the mountains of Highland County. Here he turned back Union troops at the village of McDowell (May 8). He then turned north and marched his army more than 100 miles before defeating Federal forces under Gen. Nathaniel Banks at Front Royal (May 23) and Winchester (May 25).

Jackson pursued Banks further north, almost to Harpers Ferry. In early June, two separate Union armies of 20,000 each moved to unite near Strasburg and crush Jackson in a trap. Jackson raced south, eluding the trap—the two northern armies pursuing him on either side of the Massanutten Mountain, which runs down the spine of the Shenandoah Valley. At the Massanutten’s southern tip, Jackson’s army fought masterful back-to-back battles at Cross Keys (June 8) and Port Republic (June 9), preventing the Federals from combining. After these “twin battles” and defeats, Union forces withdrew from the Valley. Jackson, having accomplished his mission, moved east and joined Gen. Robert E. Lee in front of Richmond.

In a swift feat of marching, deception, counter-marching and sheer boldness, Jackson had conducted one of the most audacious and brilliant campaigns in American military history. With only 18,000 men, marching several hundred miles over the course of a few weeks, Jackson inflicted twice as many casualties as he suffered, seized countless supplies, and tied up elements of three separate Federal armies totaling more than 60,000 men that would otherwise have been used against Richmond.

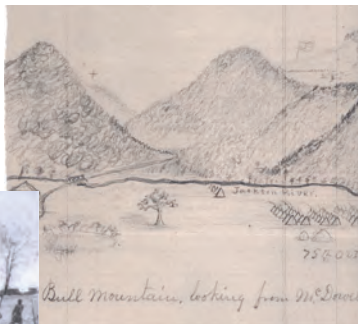
## To learn more about the history...

In addition to the numerous books and articles that have been published about Jackson’s Valley campaign, a concise but comprehensive history can be found in the booklet “If this Valley is lost, Virginia is lost!” *Stonewall Jackson’s Valley Campaign*, available in most visitor centers and many bookstores in the Valley. A list of retailers is available online at [www.ShenandoahAtWar.org](http://www.ShenandoahAtWar.org).



*If the enemy can succeed so readily in disconcerting all our plans by alarming us first at one point, then at another, he will paralyze a large force with a very small one.*

— Union Gen. Irvin McDowell



## Timeline of Jackson’s Valley Campaign

### Winter 1861-62

Jackson in winter headquarters at Winchester.

### March 1862

Jackson retires south, up the Valley, as Union forces occupy Winchester.

### 23 March

Jackson is defeated at the First Battle of Kernstown, near Winchester, and retreats south.

### April – May

After pausing at modern-day Elkton, Jackson moves his army out of the Valley to deceive Federal forces and then returns via rail through Staunton.

### 8 May

Jackson defeats Federal forces under Gen. John Frémont at McDowell.

### 23 May

Jackson defeats a Federal garrison at Front Royal.

### 25 May

Jackson defeats Union Gen. Nathaniel Banks at the First Battle of Winchester.

### Early June

Jackson narrowly eludes an attempt by Union Gens. Frémont and James Shields to trap him in the lower Shenandoah Valley.

### 8 June

Jackson defeats Frémont at Cross Keys.

### 9 June

Jackson defeats Union forces at Port Republic.

### Mid-June

Federal forces withdraw from the Valley and Jackson is free to join Lee in front of Richmond.

## Jackson's Valley Campaign: Experiencing the Story Today

The ability to follow an entire Civil War military campaign... is one of the many unique appeals of the Shenandoah Valley Battlefields National Historic District. In particular, following Stonewall Jackson's famous Valley Campaign is a favorite activity of Civil War historians and enthusiasts.

But it's not easy, for many of the same reasons that it wasn't easy for the soldiers who marched these roads nearly 150 years ago. Jackson's army marched up and down and back up the Valley, tracing and retracing their own steps and earning the nickname "Foot Cavalry." Following the trail of Jackson's troops chronologically can therefore be a challenge for even the hardest traveler.

To explore the numerous places in the Valley that today tell the story of this famous campaign, many visitors choose to visit these sites geographically, traveling north to south or south to north. The information on these pages is arranged to help visitors find these sites that way. However, for true enthusiasts who would prefer to follow Jackson's path, the timeline on the previous page will help you understand how to revise the order of the sites in this list.

### Winchester, including areas of Frederick and Clarke counties

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#### First Kernstown and First Winchester — Printed Battlefield Driving Tour

A free printed battlefield driving tour for these two battles is available at most Civil War sites in the Winchester and Frederick County area, online at [www.ShenandoahAtWar.org](http://www.ShenandoahAtWar.org), and at the Civil War Orientation Center inside the Winchester-Frederick County visitor center.

#### Stonewall Jackson's Headquarters

This is where Jackson and his wife spent the winter before his campaign. Today it is a historic house museum managed by the Winchester-Frederick County Historical Society.

#### Kernstown Battlefield—Pritchard-Grim Farm

The central portion of the First Kernstown battlefield. This site—owned and managed by the Kernstown Battlefield Association—includes the original Pritchard House, a visitor center, walking trails, and interpretive signage.

#### Kernstown Battlefield—Rose Hill Farm

Site of the final stages of the First Battle of Kernstown. Rose Hill is owned and managed by the Museum of the Shenandoah Valley. Site open on select days and by appointment. A Civil War Trails sign at the entrance provides an excellent synopsis of the fighting that occurred at this location.

### Signal Knob, including Middletown, Strasburg, and Front Royal

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#### Battle of Front Royal Driving and Walking Tours

Printed driving and walking tours of the key sites of the battle are available at the Front Royal Visitor Center. The driving tour is also available on CD.

### New Market, including Luray

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#### Strayer House

Jackson's headquarters when he consulted with Jedediah Hotchkiss on June 4, 1862. Today it is a Civil War Orientation Center and headquarters of the Shenandoah Valley Battlefields National Historic District.

#### Civil War Trails Signage

Located throughout Shenandoah County and Page County are more than a dozen Virginia Civil War Trails markers telling the story of Jackson's campaign. A printed driving tour of Page County's Civil War sites is available at the Luray-Page County Chamber of Commerce.



Kernstown Battlefield -- Pritchard Farm



Kernstown Battlefield -- Rose Hill



Stonewall Jackson's Headquarters Museum



## Rockingham, including Harrisonburg and areas of Page County

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### Cross Keys and Port Republic Battlefields, Port Republic Museum, and The Coaling

A printed battlefield driving tour for these two battles is available at most Civil War sites in the Harrisonburg and Rockingham County area, online at [www.ShenandoahAtWar.org](http://www.ShenandoahAtWar.org), and at the Civil War Orientation Center inside the Harrisonburg visitor center. The driving tour includes a stop at the Frank Kemper House/Port Republic Museum, which offers a walking tour of the village of Port Republic, as well as directions to “The Coaling,” the site of Union artillery during the Battle of Port Republic.

### The Heritage Museum

The Harrisonburg-Rockingham Historical Society operates a museum and heritage center that features a light map offering a strategic overview of Jackson’s Valley Campaign as well as other Civil War exhibits.

### Miller-Kite House

In the spring of 1862, while using the Miller-Kite House as a headquarters, Jackson developed the outline for what would become his Valley Campaign. The house has been restored by the Elkton Historical Society, which operates it as a museum.

### North River Bridge

Along the banks of the North River on Va 42 in the village of Bridgewater are two Virginia Civil War Trails signs, one of which tells the story of the movements of Jackson’s troops across the river at this site after the Battle of McDowell.

## McDowell, including areas of Augusta and Highland Counties

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### Ramsey’s Draft

Virginia Civil War Trails signage along US 250 in western Augusta County tells the story of the opening phases of the Battle of McDowell. Look for the Virginia Civil War Trails bugle sign and arrow as you travel west on US 250.

### Fort Johnson

Running along the top of Shenandoah Mountain—where US 250 crosses the Augusta/Highland county line—is a series of trenches created by Confederate troops guarding the “back door” to the Valley. Amazing views of the surrounding hills and mountains, short walking trails, and interpretive signage at this site in the George Washington National Forest.

### Sirlington’s Hill

Approaching McDowell from the east along US 250, a Virginia Civil War Trails pull-off and sign marks the trailhead of a fairly demanding hike to the top of the hill. The hill offers tremendous views of the village of McDowell and the surrounding mountains—views virtually untouched by the modern world.

### Cemetery Hill

A Virginia Civil War Trails marker tells the story of the Union artillery at this position during the Battle of McDowell. Park at the top of drive and take an easy walk to the marker for great view of the battlefield from Federal perspective.

### Highland County Museum and National Historic District Civil War Orientation Center

In the village of McDowell an antebellum home has been converted into a museum and National Historic District orientation center, owned and operated by the Highland Historical Society.

### Camp Allegheny

Just across the western border of Highland County in West Virginia along US 250 is the site of what was both Union and Confederate encampments. Signage and short walking trails.

## Lexington and Rockbridge County

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### Lexington

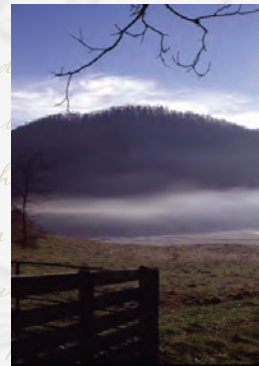
Lexington is the site of the Virginia Military Institute, where Jackson taught before the Civil War, and Jackson’s house, now a historic house museum that interprets Jackson’s life and experience living in Lexington. Jackson was laid to rest after the Battle of Chancellorsville in 1863 in what is now the Stonewall Jackson Memorial Cemetery.



Cross Keys Battlefield



The Heritage Museum

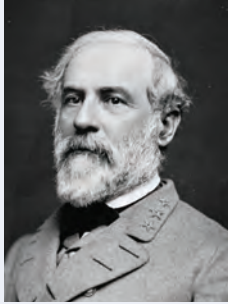


McDowell Battlefield



Fort Johnson

# Lee's 1863 Gettysburg Campaign

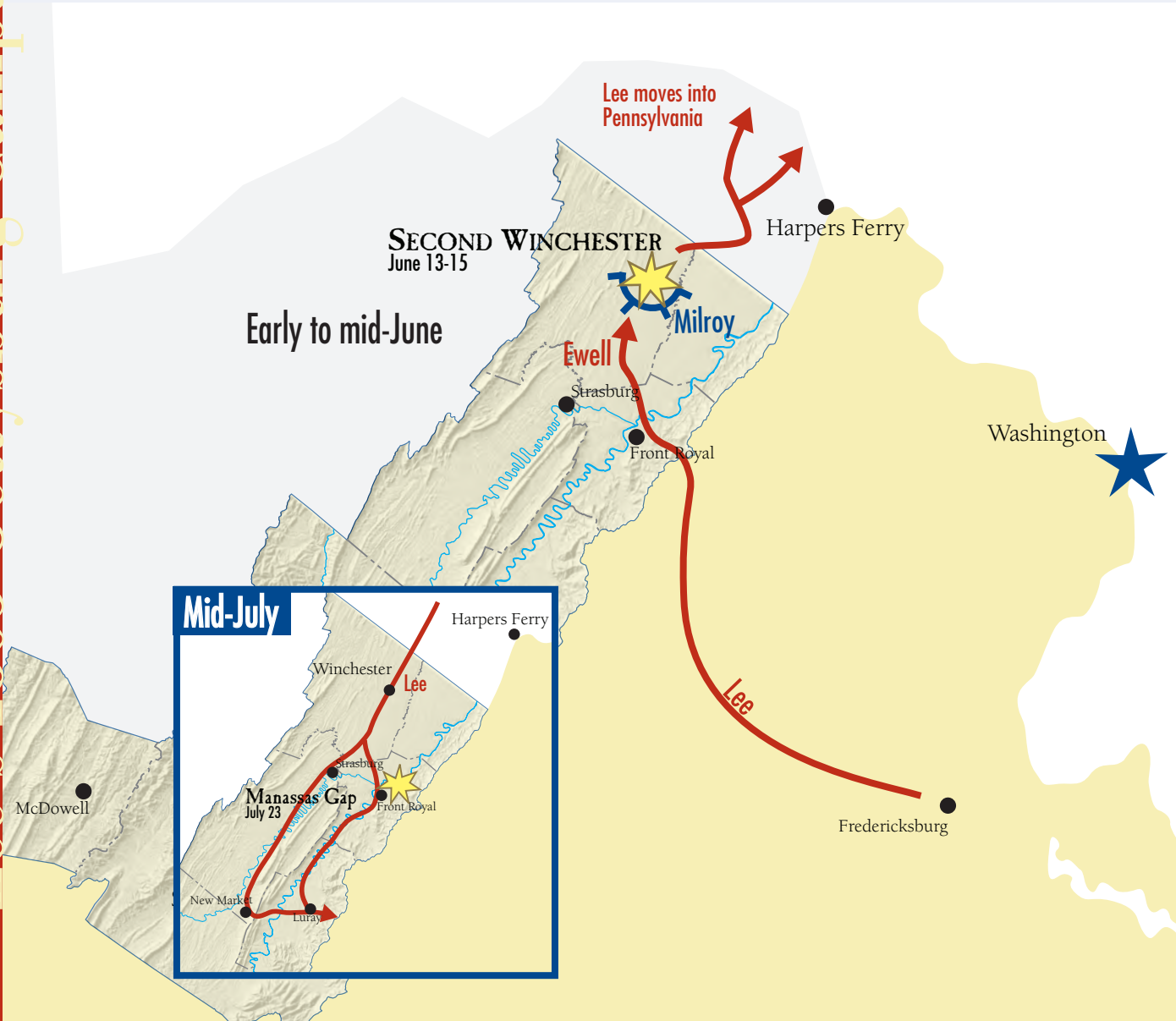


Confederate Gen. Robert E. Lee

*If I had had Stonewall Jackson with me, so far as a man can see, I should have won the Battle of Gettysburg.*

— Gen. Robert E. Lee

●  
Gettysburg



## A Brief History

In the summer of 1863, Gen. Robert E. Lee made the Shenandoah Valley an “avenue of advance” for his invasion of the north. He selected the Valley due to its obvious advantages. The Shenandoah Valley’s bountiful farms were a welcome respite for Lee’s long-suffering Army of Northern Virginia, supplying it with food and livestock.

But more importantly, Lee used the Blue Ridge to screen his army from Federal eyes, thus avoiding a general engagement until he and his troops were ready. The Valley was a natural avenue of advance that led perfectly to the Cumberland Valley in Pennsylvania where Lee hoped to draw the Federal army away from war-weary Virginia. During the advance, Confederate Gen. Richard Ewell defeated a small Federal force at Winchester in mid-June, clearing the way for Lee to move north.

After the devastating defeat at Gettysburg, the Confederates crossed the Potomac at Williamsport and – after defeating a final Federal attempt to cut off their withdrawal at the Battle of Manassas Gap (July 23, 1863) – once again found safety and provisions in the Shenandoah Valley as the Army of Northern Virginia regrouped and amassed vital supplies.

## Exploring Lee’s Gettysburg Campaign: Shenandoah Valley Sites

### Winchester, including areas of Frederick and Clarke counties

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#### Second Battle of Winchester

Two Civil War Trails signs on US 522 west of Winchester—west of Va 37 at the Virginia Farm Market and at Star Fort just east of Va 37—describe action around the defensive forts northwest of the city during the battle.

#### Stephenson’s Depot

A Civil War Trails marker at Stephenson’s Depot north of Winchester tells the story of the final moments of the Second Battle of Winchester, when Federal forces retreating along the Valley Turnpike were overwhelmed by Confederate artillery on the hills to the east.

### Signal Knob, including Middletown, Strasburg, and Front Royal

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#### Lee at Bel Air

Diarist Lucy Buck recorded the story of a visit to her home, Bel Air, by Gen. Robert E. Lee as his army moved through Front Royal after the Battle of Gettysburg. A Virginia Civil War Trails marker provides details.

#### Battle of Wapping Heights (Manassas Gap)

Civil War Trails marker tells the story of last Federal attempt to cut off Gen. Robert E. Lee’s withdrawal after Gettysburg.

### New Market, including areas of Luray and Page County

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#### Pass Run and Thornton Gap

Confederate units camped in the safety of the Shenandoah following the retreat from Gettysburg.

*...we have been on the march since yesterday week we were 10 miles below Fredericksburg we crossed the Blue Ridge and the Rappidan Rappahannock and both branches of the Shenandoah north and south and are within 2-1 miles of the Potomic and I would take any amount for the trip the most butiful scenery I ever beheld since I have been in the army... It is supposed that we will go into Pennsylvania...*

– Lt. William B. Taylor, 11th North Carolina Infantry  
June 22, 1863

## Timeline of Lee’s 1863 Gettysburg Campaign

### Early May

Lee defeats Union forces at Chancellorsville, near Fredericksburg.

### June 3

Lee’s army begins to move north.

### June 9

Confederate cavalry under Gen. James Ewell Brown “Jeb” Stuart defeats Union cavalry at Brandy Station, east of the Blue Ridge.

### June 13 - 15

To clear the way for Lee’s army to move north through the Shenandoah Valley, Gen. Richard S. Ewell defeats Robert H. Milroy’s Union garrison at Winchester.

### June 15

Confederates begin crossing the Potomac into Maryland.

### Late June

Lee moves into Pennsylvania and Federals cross north into Maryland east of the Blue Ridge.

### June 30

Confederate Gen. Henry Heth receives permission to take his division the next day to Gettysburg in search of shoes.

### July 1 - 3

On July 1, Heth finds Union forces defending Gettysburg and for the next three days, the Battle of Gettysburg rages through the town and the surrounding fields.

### Early to mid-July

Confederates retreat southward, crossing the Potomac into the relative safety of the Shenandoah Valley.

### July 23

Confederates forces withstand final attempt to cut off their retreat at the Battle of Manassas Gap.

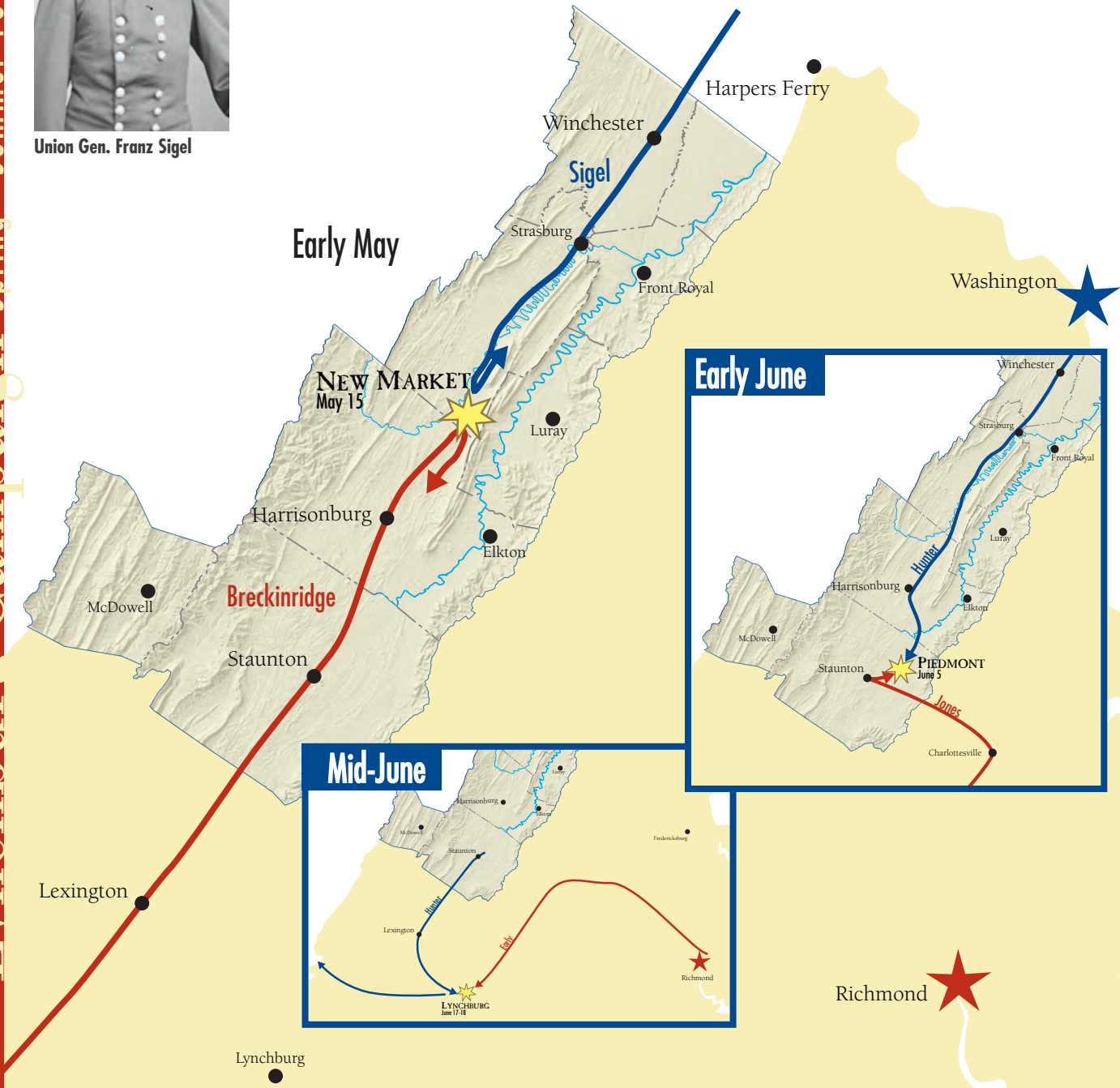
# Lynchburg Campaign Spring - Summer 1864



Union Gen. Franz Sigel

*If Sigel cant skin himself he can hold a leg whilst some one else skins.*

— Gen. Ulysses S. Grant



## A Brief History

The year 1864 saw the turning point in the Civil War for the Valley. It was a complex year of multiple military operations that ended Confederate control of the Valley and wrought the near total destruction of its agricultural economy.

With Ulysses S. Grant's promotion to general in chief of all Union armies in March 1864, he lost no time in organizing a huge offensive across the entire front of the embattled states. In Virginia's Shenandoah Valley and the new state of West Virginia, Union forces were ordered to disrupt railroad and transportation networks and destroy Confederate forces and the economic and agricultural resources that supported them.

In May, a Federal army under Gen. George Crook advanced south through West Virginia with orders to cut railroad links from Virginia to the west. Union Gen. Franz Sigel was to move south through the Shenandoah Valley and meet Crook in Staunton. This would also prevent any Confederate movement out of the Shenandoah Valley to assault Grant's flank as it advanced south toward Richmond.

Sigel met defeat at New Market (May 15) in a battle with Confederate forces under Gen. John C. Breckinridge, reinforced by cadets from the Virginia Military Institute. Sigel was relieved and replaced by Gen. David Hunter.

In June, Hunter gained a victory in the rolling landscape at Piedmont (June 5), east of Staunton. With most Confederate resistance checked, Hunter moved south and burned the Virginia Military Institute in Lexington. Lee sent Gen. Jubal Early from the defenses of Richmond to confront the Federal threat. Early defeated Hunter at Lynchburg (June 17-18), on the east side of the Blue Ridge, and the Union army retreated into the mountains of West Virginia, leaving the Valley—and its pathway north—in Early's hands.

## The Lynchburg Campaign: Exploring the Story Today

### New Market, including areas of Luray and Page County

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#### Virginia Museum of the Civil War

The story of the Civil War in Virginia and the Battle of New Market is told in this 300-acre battlefield park, 19th century farmstead, and museum, owned and operated by the Virginia Military Institute. Additional Virginia Civil War Trails signage on US 11 north of New Market describes the end of this battle.

### Staunton, Waynesboro, and Augusta County

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#### Battle of Piedmont

Trails signage describes Hunter's victory at Piedmont, which allowed him to continue south to wreak havoc in Staunton and burn buildings at the Virginia Military Institute in Lexington.

#### Staunton

Trails signage at the railroad station in Staunton describes Hunter's destruction of railroad infrastructure in the city after his victory at Piedmont.

### Lexington and Rockbridge County

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#### Lexington

The VMI Museum in Lexington interprets the role of the Institute during the Civil War, including its burning by Hunter.

## Timeline of the Lynchburg Campaign

### Early May

Sigel begins to move south in the Valley to meet Crook in Staunton.

### May 15

Breckinridge's hastily-gathered Confederate army confronts and defeats Sigel at New Market.

### Late May

Union leaders replace Sigel with Hunter, who begins to move south.

### June 5

Hunter defeats Confederates at the Battle of Piedmont, east of Staunton.

### Early June

Hunter continues south, looting Staunton and destroying much of the Virginia Military Institute in Lexington.

### June 17-18

Hunter moves toward Lynchburg where he is defeated by Early's arriving forces.

### Late June

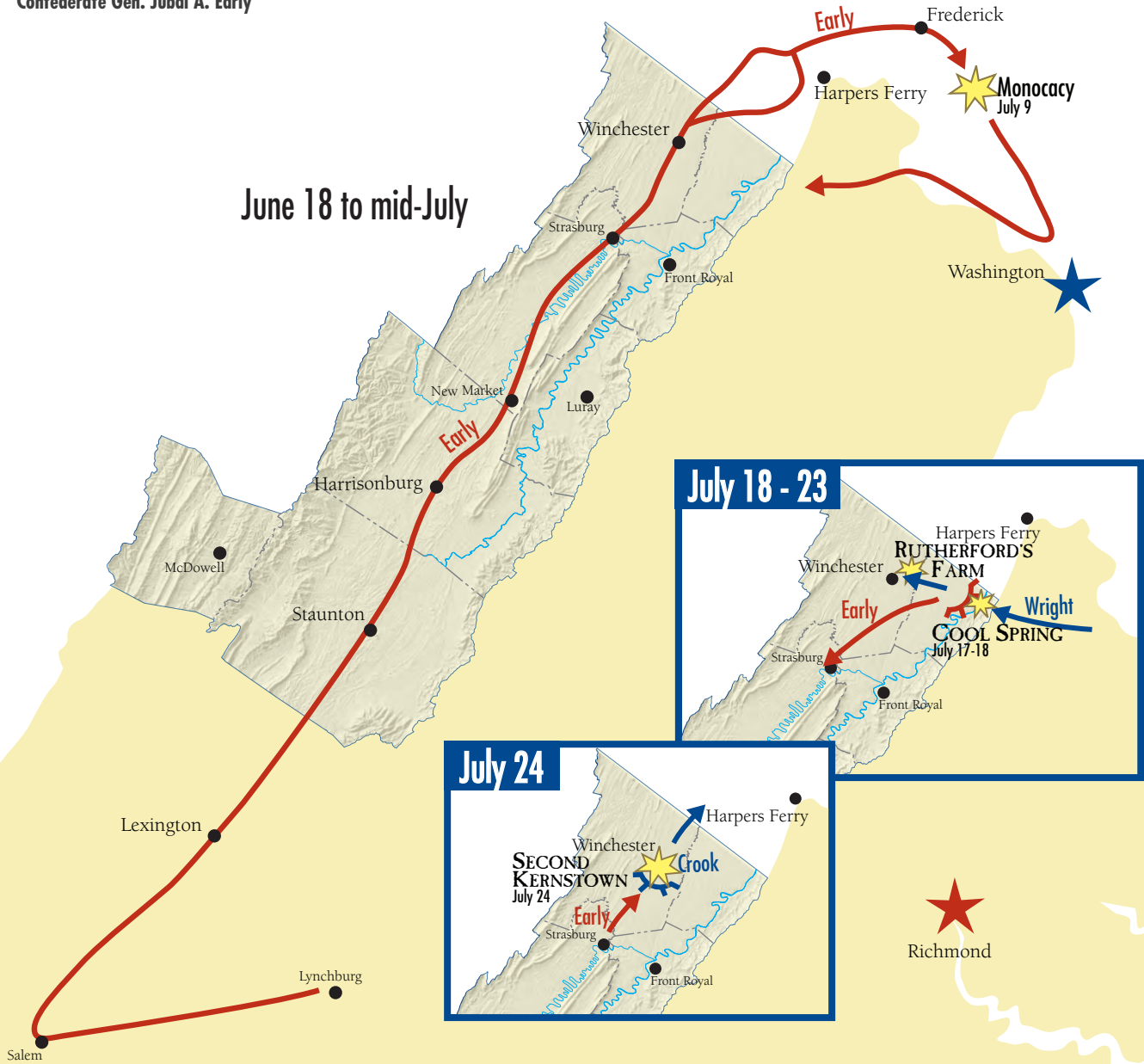
Hunter retreats into the mountains of West Virginia.



Confederate Gen. Jubal A. Early

*If you can continue to threaten Grant I hope to be able to do something for your relief and the success of our cause shortly. I shall lose no time.*

– Gen. Jubal A. Early to Robert E. Lee  
June 1864



## A Brief History

In an effort to divert Federal troops from Gen. Ulysses S. Grant's Overland Campaign north of Richmond,

Gen. Robert E. Lee sent Gen. Jubal Early north through the Valley with instructions to strike all the way to Washington DC, if possible.

After his victory at Monocacy, Maryland on July 9, Early made limited attacks against Washington's strong fortifications. His assaults near the Federal capital caused the Lincoln Administration great consternation.

Failing to take the capital city, Early withdrew, crossing the Potomac into Virginia near Leesburg and thence to the Valley, followed by Federals under Gen. Horatio G. Wright. The Confederates confronted their pursuers along the western base of the Blue Ridge, defeating them at Cool Spring (July 17-18) on the Shenandoah River and then retiring to the relative safety of Fisher's Hill, south of Strasburg.

Wright, believing that Early was departing the Valley to rejoin Lee, began to move some of his units to join Grant at Petersburg, leaving a small force at Winchester under Gen. George Crook. Early attacked Crook just south of Winchester at Kernstown (July 24) and then his cavalry moved north and burned Chambersburg, Pennsylvania, in retaliation for the burning of Lexington. The July battles would be the Confederacy's last major victories in the region and would pave the way for a new, more destructive level of war in the Shenandoah Valley.

*Major, we havent taken Washington, but we scared Abe Lincoln like hell.*

— Gen. Jubal A. Early

## Exploring Early's Maryland Campaign

### Winchester, including areas of Frederick and Clarke counties

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#### Battle of Cool Spring

There are three Civil War Trails markers about the battle along a walking trail on the east side of Shenandoah River. Take Parker Lane north for approximately 1.5 miles to the parking area. (The site is owned by Shenandoah University, but open to the public.) There is an additional marker about the battle just west of the river, on Route 603, just off VA 7.

#### Battle of Rutherford's Farm

A Civil War Trails marker tells the story of the surprising Union victory. One of three markers accessed from a parking area off US 11 westbound, approx. 1/3 mile east of Exit 317 on I-81.

#### Second Battle of Kernstown

More than 300 acres of the Second Kernstown battlefield have been protected by the Kernstown Battlefield Association. This working farm is open to the public on weekends May through November.



Pritchard's Hill at the center of the Second Kernstown battlefield.

## Timeline of Early's Maryland Campaign

### June 18 - 21

Following the Battle of Lynchburg, Early pursues Hunter as far as Salem and then turns north.

### Late June to Early July

Early advances north, down the Valley, crossing the Potomac into Maryland.

### July 8

Early ransoms the town of Frederick, Maryland.

### July 9

Early's advance on Washington is delayed by Federals along the Monocacy River, south of Frederick.

### July 11-14

Early makes limited assaults on the defenses of Washington before withdrawing westward along the Potomac, crossing the river near Leesburg.

### July 14-17

Confederates move west across Loudoun County and cross the Blue Ridge at Snicker's Gap (along modern-day Va 7).

### July 17-18

Pursuing Union forces engage elements of Early's army along the Shenandoah River at Cool Spring and retreat.

### July 18 - 23

After additional limited engagements, Confederates camp at Fisher's Hill, south of Strasburg and Federals occupy Winchester.

### July 20

Union cavalry defeats Confederates at Rutherford's Farm.

### July 24

Early attacks the Federals at Kernstown, south of Winchester, driving them north towards Harper's Ferry.

### July 30

Confederates burn Chambersburg, Pennsylvania.

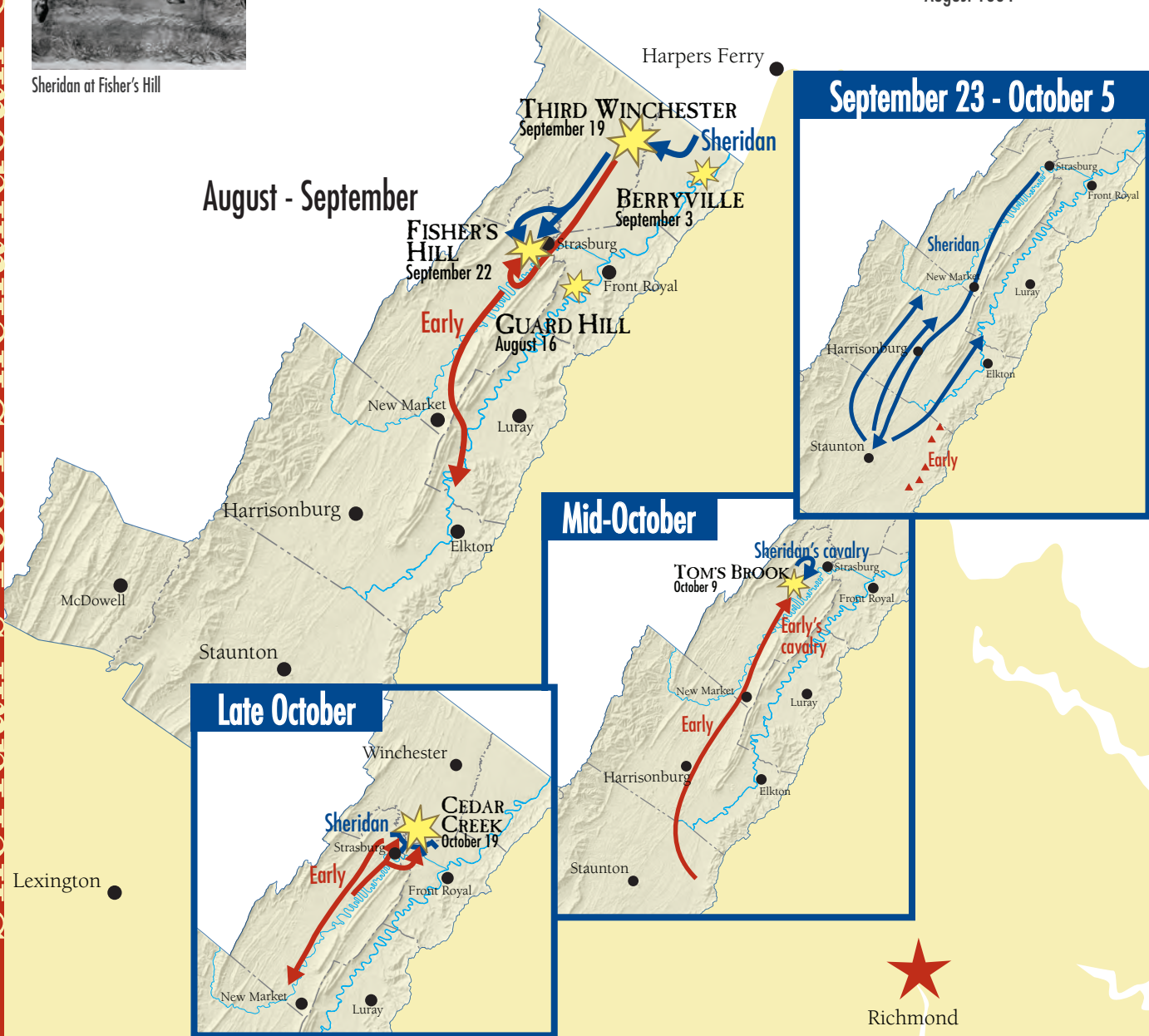
# Sheridan's 1864 Shenandoah Campaign



Sheridan at Fisher's Hill

*Do all the damage to railroads and crops you can. Carry off stock of all descriptions... so as to prevent further planting. If the war is to last another year, we want the Shenandoah Valley to remain a barren waste.*

— Gen. Ulysses S. Grant  
August 1864





## A Brief History

By the late summer of 1864, the Union had experienced the disaster at Kernstown and the

Confederate burning of Chambersburg, Pennsylvania. Gen. Ulysses S. Grant resolved to crush Confederate Gen. Jubal Early's army and destroy the fertile Shenandoah as a military granary for Lee's army. He reorganized several military districts under one commander and chose his aggressive cavalryman, Gen. Philip H. Sheridan, to lead this new army with the bulk of the Federal cavalry. Sheridan's instructions were to defeat Early and conduct a campaign of total warfare in the Valley.

Sheridan took command of his new army in early August and marched south. After weeks of watching—and occasionally engaging—one another, including smaller actions at Guard Hill (August 16) and Berryville (September 3), the situation changed dramatically in mid-September, when Sheridan delivered a shattering blow at Third Winchester (September 19). Early retreated and made an unsuccessful stand at Fisher's Hill (September 22) before withdrawing south, seeking the safety of the western slopes of the Blue Ridge.

The Union army proceeded south and Federal cavalry embarked on a two-week campaign of destruction to neutralize the Shenandoah Valley's agricultural base, the "breadbasket of the Confederacy." In what became known as The Burning, thousands of mills, barns, and farm buildings were put to the torch, stores of grain and livestock were destroyed or confiscated, and livelihoods were turned to ash.

Early's cavalry pestered the Union raiders from Staunton and Harrisonburg north until Sheridan routed the Confederates at Tom's Brook (October 9) and pursued them 10 miles south to Woodstock.

Early attempted to turn the tide with a surprise attack at Cedar Creek on October 19, but a Union counterattack turned the day into a crushing defeat for the rebels. Thereafter, the Confederacy lost control of the Shenandoah Valley and its bounty. The final remnants of Early's army were destroyed at Waynesboro on March 2, 1865.

## To learn more about the history...

The Shenandoah Valley Battlefields Foundation has published a companion to its booklet "If this Valley is lost, Virginia is lost!" *Stonewall Jackson's Valley Campaign*. The second publication, "Give the enemy no rest!" *Sheridan's 1864 Shenandoah Campaign*, is available in most visitor centers and many bookstores in the Valley. A list of retailers is available online at [ShenandoahAtWar.org](http://ShenandoahAtWar.org).



*The blazing buildings everywhere—the smoke that all that day obscured the sun and flying cinders of shingle and of straw—the countenances of women, and little children holding them by the hand, looking on!...What were we coming to? What would all this end in?*

— Newton Burkholder  
Confederate soldier

## Timeline of Sheridan's Shenandoah Campaign

### August 6

Sheridan is made commander of the new Army of the Shenandoah.

### August 16

The two sides fight the small and inconclusive Battle of Guard Hill.

### September 3-4

The armies fight another indecisive battle at Berryville.

### September 19

Sheridan decisively defeats Early at the bitterly-fought Third Battle of Winchester. The Confederates withdraw to Fisher's Hill.

### September 21-22

Early's army is defeated again at Fisher's Hill and retreats south through the Valley.

### September 23 – October 8

Sheridan moves south to Staunton, then withdraws northward as Union cavalry systematically destroys or confiscates barns, mills, crops, and livestock during "The Burning."

### October 9

Federal cavalry units defeat their pursuing southern counterparts at the Battle of Tom's Brook.

### October 19

At Cedar Creek, Early's brilliant surprise attack overwhelms much of the Union army, but the Federals rally and counterattack, routing the Confederates and all but destroying Early's command.

### March 2, 1865

Federal cavalry destroys the small remnant of Early's army at Waynesboro.

## Sheridan's Shenandoah Campaign: Exploring the Story Today

The story of Sheridan's campaign resonates in Valley families even today. Indeed, this history is especially compelling—not only because of its effect on the eventual outcome of the Civil War—but also because of its impact on the personal lives of the Shenandoah's citizenry.

There are many places in the Valley that today tell the story of this dramatic campaign, from mill sites to battlefields to museums. As you explore the Valley, you may even encounter a resident who might share with you his or her own family's experience during this dark chapter of the Valley's history.



Third Winchester Battlefield Park



Depiction of Sheridan's Field Hospital



Belle Grove Plantation

### Winchester, areas of Frederick and Clarke counties

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#### Third Winchester Orientation Center

Located across Redbud Road from the Battlefield Park parking area, the orientation center provides historical and visitor-related information for Third Winchester battlefield sites throughout Winchester, Frederick County, and Clark County.

#### Third Winchester Battlefield Park

Miles of interpreted trails guide visitors through the area that saw some of the fiercest fighting of the battle – and the entire war – including Artillery Knoll, First Woods, and the Middle Field. Start at the Redbud Road parking area across from the Orientation Center. Open dawn to dusk.

#### Third Winchester — Printed Battlefield Driving Tour

A printed battlefield driving tour for this battle is available at most Civil War sites in the Winchester and Frederick County area, online at [www.ShenandoahAtWar.org](http://www.ShenandoahAtWar.org), and at the Civil War Orientation Center inside the Winchester-Frederick County visitor center.

#### Stephenson's Depot

This area at the northern end of the battlefield is interpreted by Civil War Trails signs at the intersection of Old Charles Town and Milburn roads.

#### Sheridan's Field Hospital at Shawnee Springs

Located along the Winchester Green Circle Linear Park is the site of one of the largest field hospitals of the Civil War. Signage describes the state-of-the-art system used to heat the almost 500 tents in this sprawling facility used during and after Sheridan's campaign.

### Signal Knob, including Middletown, Strasburg, and Front Royal

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#### National Park Service Visitor Contact Station

Orientation center with interpretive exhibits and displays, fiber optic map on battle, and driving tours, maps and brochures. 7712 Main Street, Middletown.

#### Cedar Creek Battlefield Foundation Headquarters and Hupp's Hill Civil War Park

The CCBF Headquarters in Middletown interprets the Battle of Cedar Creek, and Hupp's Hill Civil War Park in Strasburg interprets Sheridan's 1864 Valley Campaign. Both sites are operated by the Cedar Creek Battlefield Foundation.

### **Belle Grove Plantation**

This antebellum plantation complex owned by the National Trust for Historic Preservation and managed by Belle Grove, Inc. interprets the pre-war story of this historic site as well as its role as a headquarters and focal point of the Battle of Cedar Creek.

### **Cedar Creek Battlefield**

Other battle sites open to visitors include the 8th Vermont Monument Trail, the 19th Corps Trench Trail, Thoburn's Redoubt, and more. The NPS's self-guided tour brochure and CD audio tour (available at the Visitor Contact Station) can help you discover these sites.

### **Fisher's Hill Battlefield**

Just south of Strasburg along US 11, travelers will encounter the first of several Virginia Civil War Trails signs that describe this "Gibraltar of the Valley" and the Battle of Fisher's Hill. Following Battlefield Road west of I-81 takes you to Ramseur's Hill, a one-mile walking trail at the site of the flanking movement that turned the tide of this battle. This site is owned by the Shenandoah Valley Battlefields Foundation.

### **Tom's Brook Battlefield**

Inside the Shenandoah County Park south of the town of Toms Brook, there is a Virginia Civil War Trails sign that describes this battle.

### **Guard Hill Battlefield**

A Civil War Trails marker on the battle is located off Riverton Road, north of the North Fork of the Shenandoah River.

## **New Market, including Luray and areas of Page County**

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### **Edinburg Mill and Museum**

In the town of Edinburg stands one of the few mills that survived The Burning. Trails signage tells its story.

### **Civil War Trails Signage in Luray and Page County**

Located throughout Page County are a number of Virginia Civil War Trails roadside markers telling the story of Sheridan's campaign—from his effort to cut Early off at Fisher's Hill to the destruction of The Burning. A printed driving tour of Page County's Civil War sites is available at the regional visitor center in downtown Luray.

## **Rockingham, including Harrisonburg and areas of Page County**

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### **Silver Lake Mill**

Site of the old Daniel Bowman Mill, destroyed during The Burning. Trails signage here describes the "Breadbasket of the Confederacy" and the role of mills in the Valley's agricultural economy.

### **Downtown Dayton**

Virginia Civil War Trails signs describe the fear and retaliation during the dark days of The Burning.

### **Site of the Death of Lt. John Meigs**

Here the son of the U.S. quartermaster was shot and killed. In retaliation, Sheridan ordered the wholesale destruction of not only the barns and mills of the surrounding area but also homes. Trails signage interprets this story.

### **Lacey Spring**

This is the site of one of the final engagements of the war in the Valley—a December 1864 cavalry skirmish between Union Gen. George Custer and Confederate Gen. Thomas Rosser.

### **Breneman-Turner Mill**

The Breneman-Turner Mill survived The Burning, despite being set on fire once and catching fire a second time. Trails signage tells the story.



Interpretive signage along the walking trail at Ramseur's Hill on the Fisher's Hill battlefield



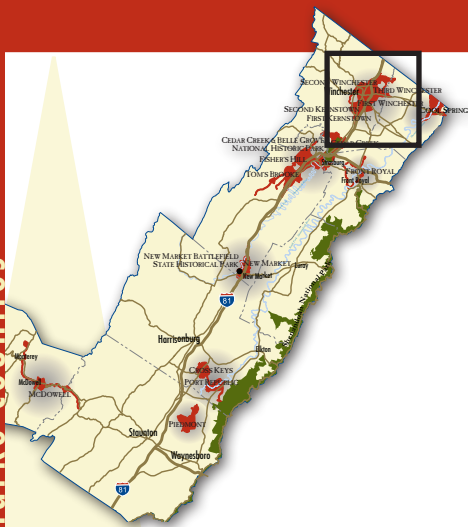
Edinburg Mill



The Heritage Museum in historic Dayton, home of the Harrisonburg-Rockingham County Historical Society.



Site of the Death of Lt. John Meigs



## Occupied Winchester



Winchester is in the northern, or lower, Shenandoah Valley. Formed by the Appalachians to the west and the Blue Ridge to the east, the Valley shelters the Shenandoah River on its journey down to the Potomac at Harpers Ferry.

The Valley's natural corridor formed by the river also spawned the 19th century Valley Pike (modern-day US 11), along which both commerce and armies traveled. In contemporary times, Interstate 81 has replaced the Pike as the principal transportation route, bringing both opportunities and challenges to the interpretation of Civil War history.

To the embattled and hard-pressed South, the Shenandoah Valley was a land of plenty—filled with grain, dotted with mills and linked by road and rail with a main theatre of war across the Blue Ridge. The Valley also had abundant strategic options to offer to Confederate generals. Indeed, as Gen. Thomas J. “Stonewall” Jackson said, “If this Valley is lost, Virginia is lost.”

As a gateway to the Valley, Winchester became a battleground from the very beginning. Despite its great importance—or because of it—Winchester proved impossible to defend. The number of times the town changed hands during the war—perhaps more than 72 times—is today a matter of local pride.

Today, vestiges of the Civil War remain in Winchester and Frederick and Clarke counties. The voices of wounded and captured soldiers echo

*Fighting commenced quite early this morning and cannonading has been going on all day to the east of us on the Berryville Road, but a mile or two from town...*

– Julia Chase, Winchester resident  
September 19, 1864

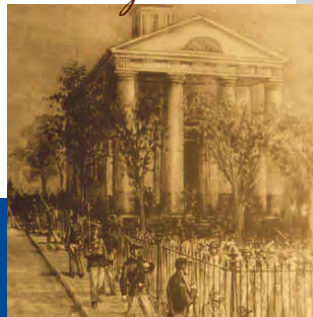
through the county courthouse, where their graffiti is still visible. The courthouse is now a museum open to the public, as is the house that served as Stonewall Jackson's Headquarters the winter before his famous 1862 Valley Campaign. Throughout the region, historic farms, homes, mills, and cemeteries, along with outstanding museums and interpreted sites, all help tell the powerful history and moving legacy of the war.

Visitors can walk the battlefields at Kernstown, Cool Spring, and Second and Third Winchester and learn how Jackson, Robert E. Lee, Jubal Early, and Philip Sheridan shaped the course of the war. Scattered throughout the region are the stories of the war's effect on the Valley's civilian population—how these families survived the personal and economic devastation that war brought, and how they rebuilt their lives in the years after the guns fell silent.

You may want to begin your visit at the National Historic District orientation center in the Winchester area ( ? on the map, next page), which can help guide you to the host of sites where you can experience the region's dramatic Civil War story today.

*In the courtyard were two pieces of artillery, twelve pounders, taken from the enemy. In the vestibule lay thirteen dead bodies of United States soldiers and the courtroom was filled to its capacity with wounded...*

– David Hunter Strother, Union staff officer  
March 1862



## **Winchester Area Battlefields**

### **First Kernstown**

March 23, 1862  
Jackson's Valley Campaign

### **First Winchester**

May 25, 1862  
Jackson's Valley Campaign

### **Second Winchester**

June 13-15, 1863  
Lee's Gettysburg Campaign

### **Cool Spring**

July 17-18, 1864  
Early's Maryland Campaign

### **Rutherford's Farm**

July 20, 1864  
Early's Maryland Campaign

### **Second Kernstown**

July 24, 1864  
Early's Maryland Campaign

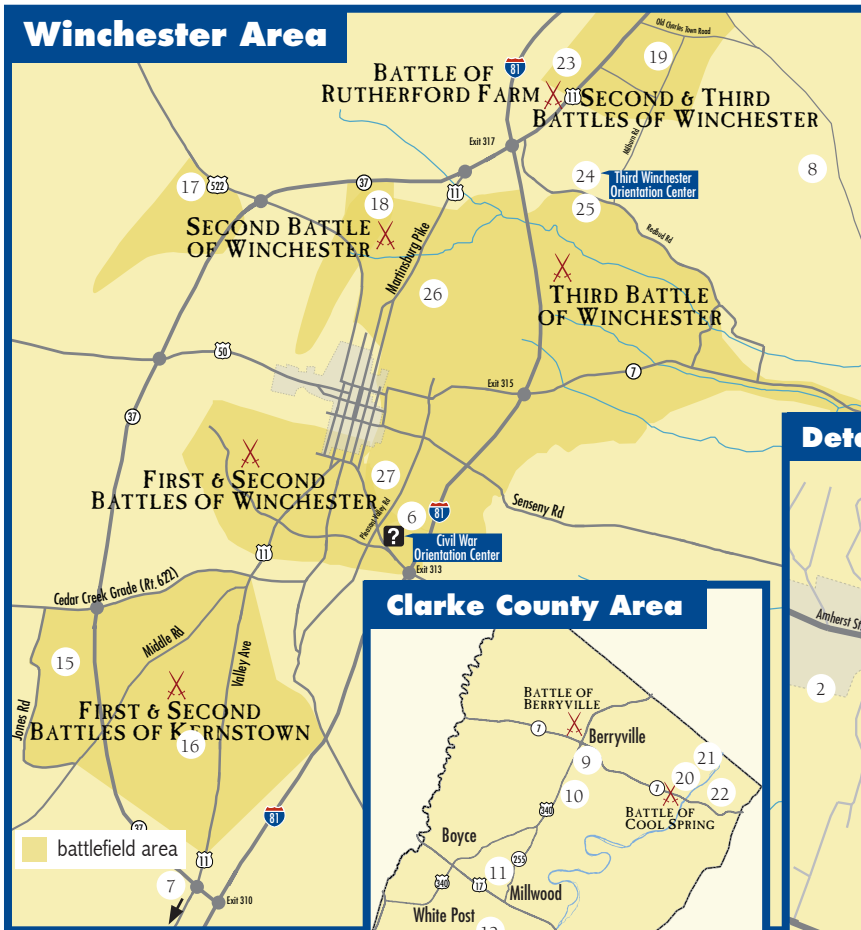
### **Berryville**

September 3, 1864  
Sheridan's Shenandoah Campaign

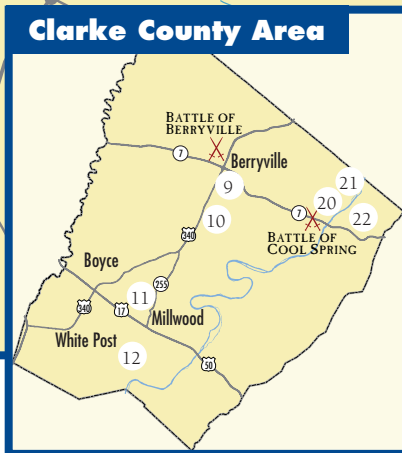
### **Third Winchester**

September 19, 1864  
Sheridan's Shenandoah Campaign

## Winchester Area



## Clarke County Area

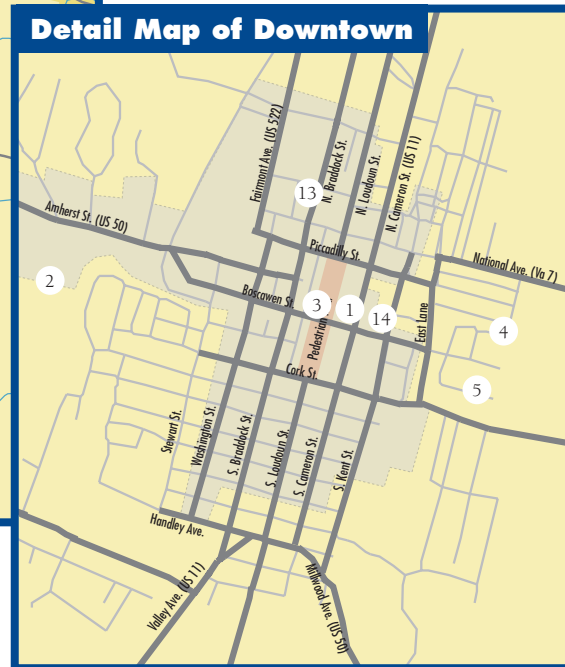


## Visitor Information



Civil War Orientation Center &  
Winchester-Frederick County  
Visitor Center  
1400 S. Pleasant Valley Road  
Winchester, Virginia 22601  
877-871-1326  
Open daily – 9:00am to 5:00pm

## Detail Map of Downtown



- ~ Civil War Trails Sites
- ~ Pet-Friendly Sites
- ~ Admission Fee
- ~ Group Tour Arrangements Available

### 1 ~ Old Court House Civil War Museum

Museum: 1840 courthouse used as prison and hospital during the Civil War. Exhibits include original soldiers' graffiti on the courthouse walls and more than 3,000 artifacts.

20 N. Loudon Street, Winchester • 540-542-1145   
www.civilwarmuseum.org • Open Wed-Sat, 10am-5pm; Sun 1-5pm

### 2 ~ Museum of the Shenandoah Valley

Museum: Complex that includes a historic house, six acres of spectacular gardens, and a museum that tells the story of the Shenandoah Valley's art, history and culture. Museum offers 11 gallery rooms—including a Civil War room—as well as a museum store and a café.

901 Amherst Street, Winchester • 888-556-5799   
www.themsv.org • Open Tues-Sun, 10am-4pm (Museum year-round; house and gardens March-November)

### 3 ~ Historic Old Town Winchester

45-block National Register historic district and pedestrian walking mall filled with shops and cafes.

www.OldTownWinchesterVA.com • 540-535-3661

### 4 ~ National Cemetery

Cemetery: Final resting place for Union soldiers from the battles of Winchester, New Market, Front Royal, Cool Spring, Harper's Ferry, Martinsburg, and Romney.

401 National Avenue, Winchester • 540-825-0027  
www.cem.va.gov/CEM/cems/nchp/winchester.asp  
Open daily during daylight hours.

### 5 ~ Stonewall Cemetery, Mt. Hebron Complex

Cemetery: Historic cemetery with gravestones dating to the 1760s, including Civil War soldiers, generals, governors, and patriots.

305 E. Boscawen Street, Winchester • 540-662-4868  
www.mthebroncemetery.org/history.html • Open during daylight hours.

### 6 ~ Abram's Delight

Interpretive Signage: Wartime experiences of the Hollingsworth family, who lived in Abram's Delight, the oldest dwelling in Winchester.

1340 S. Pleasant Valley Rd., Winchester • 540-662-6519 • Apr-Oct,  
Mon-Sat 10am-4pm; Sun 12-4pm • www.winchesterhistory.org

## 7 ~ Newtown History Center

Museum: Interprets the history of this 250-year-old town: frontier settlement and growth, wagon industry and craftsmen, and Civil War conflicts. 5408 Main St, Stephens City • 540-869-1700 • www.newtownhistorycenter.org  
Jun-Aug: Tues-Sat 10am - 4pm; Sun 1pm-5pm. Sept-Nov: Wed-Sat, 10am-4pm; Sun 1pm - 5pm (\*Open by appointment in winter.)

## 8 ~ Jordan Springs

Interpretive Signage: Centered on the nearby spring waters, site of an early 1800s resort that occasionally served as a hospital during the war. Jordan Springs Road (VA 664), northeast of Winchester

## 9 ~ Clarke County Historical Association Museum

Museum: Features 'Our Land Is Our Legacy,' a multi-media exhibit telling 300 years of Clarke County history, land use and preservation, and rural culture. 32 East Main Street, Berryville • 540-955-2600 • www.clarkehistory.org  
Open Tues-Fri 11am-4pm; Sat by appointment only • Free

## 10 ~ Josephine School Community Museum

Museum: Housed in an 1882 school built by former slaves and free colored people, the museum tells the stories of 270 years of African-American contributions to the county. 303 Josephine Street, Berryville • 540-955-5512 • www.jschoolmuseum.org  
Open every Sunday 1-3 pm and by appointment

## 11 ~ The Burwell-Morgan Mill

Historic Site: Built in 1785, one of the oldest operating gristmills in the country, grinding corn and wheat every Saturday from May through November. 15 Tannery Lane, Millwood • 540-837-1799 • www.clarkehistory.org  
Open May-Nov, Sat 10am-5pm, Fri and Sun 12-5pm.

## 12 ~ Long Branch Historic House and Farm

Historic Site: House begun ca. 1810, with interiors finished in the 1840's in elaborate Minard Lafeyer Egyptian-Revival style by Maj. Hugh M. Nelson, CSA. 400 acres, English gardens. Open May-November, Wednesday-Sunday 1-4  
830 Long Branch Lane, Millwood • 540-837-1856 • www.visitlongbranch.com

## Jackson's 1862 Valley Campaign

First Battle of Kernstown and First Battle of Winchester Pages 6-9

## 13 ~ Stonewall Jackson Headquarters Museum

Museum: This home served as Jackson's headquarters during the winter of 1861-62; museum houses one of the largest collections of Jackson memorabilia. 415 N. Braddock St, Winchester • 540-667-5505 • www.winchesterhistory.org  
Open Apr-Oct, Mon-Sat 10am-4pm; Sun 12-4pm

## 14 ~ Winchester - The Valley Campaigns

Interpretive Signage: Overview of Winchester's strategic importance during the war, and its role during the 1862 and 1864 campaigns  
2 North Cameron St., Winchester

## 15 ~ Kernstown Battlefield - Rose Hill Farm

Battlefield Area: Site of the closing phases of First Kernstown; features one-mile walking tour with interpretive signs telling the battle's story.  
1850 Jones Road, Winchester • 888-556-5799 • www.firstkernstown.org/history/rose\_hill.html • Site open on select days and by appointment

## 16 ~ Kernstown Battlefield - Pritchard Farm

Battlefield Area: 250-year-old, 315-acre farm was the center of the First and Second Battles of Kernstown. Visitor center, exhibits, and walking tours. 610 Battle Park Drive, Winchester • 540-869-2896  
www.kernstownbattle.org • Open May-Oct, Sat 10am-4pm, Sun 12-4pm.

## Lee's 1863 Gettysburg Campaign

Second Battle of Winchester Pages 10-11

## 17 ~ Second Battle of Winchester

Interpretive Signage: Describing action around three defensive forts northwest of the city.  
US 522 (parking lot of the Virginia Farm Market), northwest of Winchester

## 18 ~ Star Fort

Battlefield Area: Site of one of the last remaining defensive forts ringing the city of Winchester. Walking trail with interpretive signage.  
Fortress Drive and US 522, Winchester

## 19 ~ Stephenson's Depot

Interpretive Signage: Describing action at Stephenson's Depot during the Second and Third Battles of Winchester.  
US 11 at Old Charles Town and Millburn Roads, north of Winchester

## Early's Maryland Campaign

Battle of Cool Spring and Second Battle of Kernstown Pages 14-15

## 20 ~ Battle of Cool Spring

Interpretive Signage: Describes the July 18, 1864 Confederate victory when Union troops attacked Jubal Early's rearguard during his withdrawal back to the Valley after threatening Washington, D.C.  
Intersection of Castleman's Road (Va. 603) and Va 7

## 21 ~ Holy Cross Abbey

Battlefield Area: Site of the Battle of Cool Spring. North of Va 7 on the west bank of the Shenandoah River in Clarke County • 540-995-1425  
Abbey visitor center open year-round. Battlefield by appointment.

## 22 ~ Battle of Cool Spring - Walking Trail

Battlefield Area: Walking trail with interpretive markers. Take Parker Lane north for approximately 1.5 miles to the parking area.

## 23 ~ Battle of Rutherford's Farm

Interpretive Signage: Describing the Union victory in the July 20, 1864 battle north of Winchester. Pull-off for markers north of US 11.

## 16 ~ Kernstown Battlefield - Pritchard Farm\*

## Sheridan's 1864 Shenandoah Campaign

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## 24 ~ Third Winchester Orientation Center

Battlefield Orientation: Interpretive panels and exhibits provide historical and visitor-related information for Third Winchester battlefield sites throughout Winchester, Frederick County, and Clarke County. • www.ShenandoahAtWar.org  
Redbud Road, east of US11. (Across from parking lot.) • 540-740-4545

## 25 ~ Third Winchester Battlefield Park

Battlefield Area: Miles of interpretive trails take visitors through areas that saw some of the fiercest fighting of the battle - and the entire war - including Artillery Knoll, First Woods, and the Middle Field.  
Parking lot on Redbud Rd, east of US11. 540-740-4545.  
www.ShenandoahAtWar.org. Open dawn to dusk.

## 19 ~ Stephenson's Depot\*

## 26 ~ Fort Collier Civil War Center

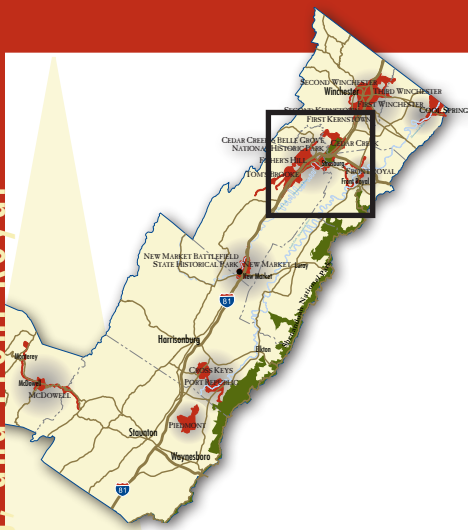
Battlefield Area: Focal point of one of the war's largest cavalry charges; 10-acre site includes interpretive signage, earthworks, and historic Stine House. 922 Martinsburg Pike, Winchester • 540-662-2281 • www.fortcollier.com  
Site open dawn to dusk for self-guided tours. House open by appointment.

## 27 ~ Sheridan's Field Hospital at Shawnee Springs

Interpretive Signage: Site of the largest field hospital of the war; includes earthen remains of the state-of-the-art tent heating system.  
Corner of Opequon Avenue and Hollingsworth Drive, Winchester  
www.WinchesterGreenCircle.com

\*Please see previous listing (same number) for site information.

**Self-guided Tours** Free printed driving tours of the First Battle of Kernstown, First Battle of Winchester, and the Third Battle of Winchester are available at the visitor center and other Civil War sites. Walking tours of the downtown area are also available.



# Signal Knob

## The Valley's Witness to Tragedy

### Cedar Creek and Belle Grove National Historical Park

Free self-guided tour brochures, interpretive materials, and Ranger Programs are available from the National Park Service (NPS). Start your visit at the NPS Visitor Contact Station (see listing #1 on page 26) at 7712 Main St., Middletown; call 540-869-3051 for more information. See listings for Belle Grove Plantation (#4) and Cedar Creek Battlefield Foundation Headquarters (#29) for information about visiting partner-operated historic sites within the park. Contact the park at 540-869-3051 or website [www.nps.gov/cebe](http://www.nps.gov/cebe) for information, schedules and brochures.



Confederate observers on Signal Knob at the north tip of Massanutten Mountain were in a position to view battles and movements in three counties throughout the Civil War.

The Massanutten is a 60-mile-long, north-south range that splits the Shenandoah Valley along its spine from Strasburg to Harrisonburg. Front Royal on the east and Strasburg on the west are located at narrows formed by the mountain and the two forks of the Shenandoah River. These choke points channeled opposing armies' movements and influenced commanders' operational decisions throughout the war.

The terrain explains why some of the largest and most significant battles of the Valley's 1862 and 1864 campaigns occurred within sight of Signal Knob.

In 1862, Confederate Gen. Thomas J. "Stonewall" Jackson used the Massanutten to screen his movement northward, successfully attacking a small Union garrison that was stationed at Front Royal, disconnected from the larger Federal force at Strasburg. Weakened, the northerners lost to Jackson again at Winchester two days later.

In the fall of 1864, Confederates under Gen. Jubal Early made a futile stand at Fisher's Hill on the west side of Signal Knob after suffering a stinging defeat at Winchester just days earlier. After watching Union forces lay waste to the Valley's bounty, Early's cavalry attacked the Federals at Tom's Brook but was forced to retreat. Finally, Early used Signal Knob as a vantage point from which to plan a surprise attack on Union forces encamped around Cedar Creek—an assault that came



*...every piece of artillery, every wagon and tent and supporting line of troops were in easy range of our vision.*

—Confederate Gen. John B. Gordon  
Observing from Signal Knob before the Battle of Cedar Creek  
October 1864



## Signal Knob Area Battlefields

### Front Royal

May 23, 1862  
Jackson's Valley Campaign

### Manassas Gap

July 23, 1863  
Lee's Gettysburg Campaign

### Guard Hill

August 16, 1864  
Sheridan's Shenandoah Campaign

### Fisher's Hill

September 22, 1864  
Sheridan's Shenandoah Campaign

### Tom's Brook

October 9, 1864  
Sheridan's Shenandoah Campaign

### Cedar Creek

October 19, 1864  
Sheridan's Shenandoah Campaign

very close to succeeding in one of the largest battles west of the Blue Ridge. The decisive Battle of Cedar Creek effectively ended the major Confederate war effort in the Shenandoah Valley.

Today, the road networks are much the same, and vestiges of these military events have survived sufficiently to allow modern visitors to retrace these famous campaigns.

Front Royal and the Cedar Creek battlefield each have visitor facilities that help explain Civil War events, while Belle Grove Plantation can tell you about life in the antebellum era. With information provided at these places about walking trails, driving tours, and interpretive signage, visitors can walk parts of these and other battlefields and explore the sites that tell this part of the Shenandoah Valley's Civil War story.

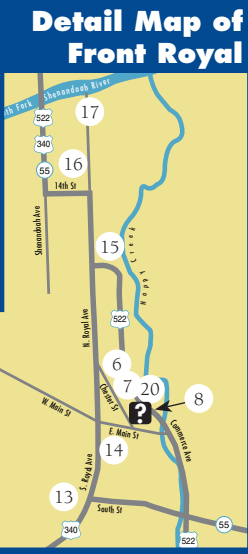
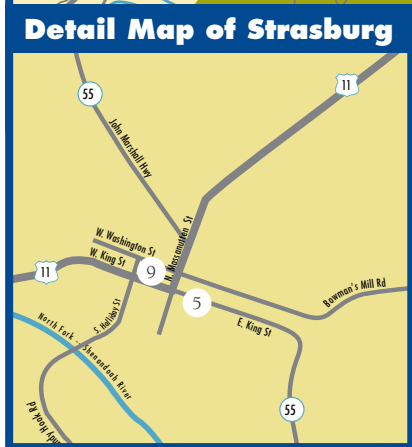
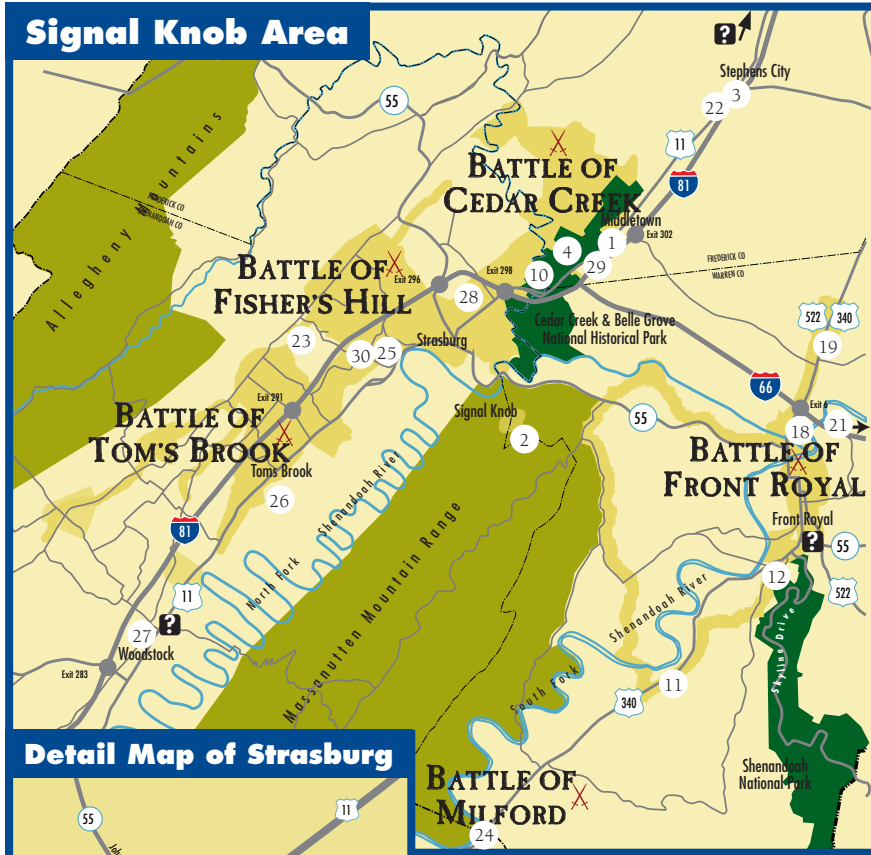
## Self-guided Tours

Free printed driving tours of the Battles of Cedar Creek, Fisher's Hill, and Front Royal are available at the visitor centers in this area and other Civil War sites. Walking tours of Front Royal and Strasburg are also available. A podcast tour of the Battle of Cedar Creek is available at [nps.gov/cebe](http://nps.gov/cebe) and at [civilwartraveler.com/](http://civilwartraveler.com/) audio

*Go back quick and tell him that the Yankee Force is very small, one regiment of Maryland infantry...Tell him I know, for I went through the camps and got it out of an officer.*

—Belle Boyd, Resident of Front Royal  
May 23, 1862





- battlefield area
- national parks
- national forest

- ~ Civil War Trails Sites
- ~ Pet-Friendly Sites
- ~ Admission Fee
- ~ Group Tour Arrangements Available

## Visitor Information

Civil War Orientation Center & Winchester-Frederick Co. Visitor Center  
1400 S Pleasant Valley Rd, Winchester  
877-871-1326  
[www.visitwinchesterva.com](http://www.visitwinchesterva.com)  
Open daily – 9am to 5pm

Front Royal Visitor Center  
414 E Main St, Front Royal  
800-338-2576  
[www.DiscoverFrontRoyal.co](http://www.DiscoverFrontRoyal.co)  
Open daily – 9am to 5pm

Shenandoah County Tourism  
600 N Main St, Ste 101, Woodstock  
888-367-3965  
[www.shenandoahtravel.org](http://www.shenandoahtravel.org)  
Open Mon-Fri – 8:30am to 5pm

- 1 ~ NPS Visitor Contact Station**  
Museum: Interprets the history of the valley, concentrating on the Civil War and Cedar Creek. Includes fiber optic map. 7712 Main St, Middletown. 540-869-3051. [www.nps.gov/cebe](http://www.nps.gov/cebe). Late Mar to early Nov, 9am-4:30pm; Nov-Mar, Wed-Sun 10am-4pm, closed Mon-Tue.
- 2 ~ Signal Knob Hiking Trail**  
Hiking trail: Rigorous ten-mile hike within the George Washington National Forest. Trailhead-Fort Valley Rd, south of Va 55. 540-984-4101
- [www.hikingupward.com/GWNF/SignalKnob](http://www.hikingupward.com/GWNF/SignalKnob)

- 3 ~ Newtown History Center**  
Museum: Interprets the history of this 250-year-old town, now known as Stephens City; frontier settlement and growth, wagon industry and craftsmen, and Civil War conflicts. 5408 Main St, Stephens City 540-869-1700 • [www.newtownhistorycenter.org](http://www.newtownhistorycenter.org)  
June-Aug: Tues-Sat 10am - 4pm; Sun 1pm-5pm. Sept-Nov: Wed-Sat, 10am-4pm; Sun 1pm - 5pm (\*Open by appointment in winter.)
- 4 ~ Belle Grove Plantation**  
Historic house and farm: This 18th century farm and antebellum plantation reveal Shenandoah Valley life during the years prior to and during the Civil War. The Battle of Cedar Creek was fought on and around the plantation's ground.  
336 Belle Grove Rd, Middletown, 540-869-2028 • [www.bellegrove.org](http://www.bellegrove.org)  
Late March to early Nov: Mon-Sat: 10am-4pm; Sun 1pm-5pm;   
weekends only in Nov; Dec holiday tours; open by appt. Jan-March
- 5 ~ Strasburg Museum**  
Museum: Interprets local history, pre-settlement to 20th century. 1891 building originally used as a pottery factory and later as a train depot.  
440 East King St, Strasburg • 540-465-3175 • [csonner.net/museum.htm](http://csonner.net/museum.htm)  
May 1-Oct 31 10am-4pm Daily
- 6 ~ Warren Heritage Society**  
Museum: Historical home (Ivy Lodge), archives, and exhibits.   
101 Chester St, Front Royal • [www.warrenheritagesociety.org](http://www.warrenheritagesociety.org)  
540-636-1446 • Open year-round, M-F 10am-4pm; May-October open Saturdays 9:30am-4pm

## 7 ~ Warren Rifles Confederate Museum

Museum: Extensive collection of relics and records of the Civil War. \$ 🚗  
95 Chester St, Front Royal • www.vaude.org/museum.html • 540-636-6962  
or 540-635-3463 • Apr 15-Nov 1; (by appointment in winter);  
Mon-Sat 9am-4pm; Sun 12pm-4pm

## 8 ~ Front Royal: Crossroads of War

Interpretive Signage: Wartime history of the “cross-roads town”. 🗣️  
In front of Front Royal-Warren County Visitors Center, 414 East Main Street

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## 9 ~ Stonewall's Surprise: Bank's Fort

Interpretive Signage: Earthen fortification constructed during Valley Campaign. 🗣️  
Intersection of West Washington Street and North Holliday Street, Strasburg

## 10 ~ Cedar Creek: Strategic Crossings 1862

Interpretive Signage (one of two signs at this site): Describes the burning of  
the bridge by Jackson's army during the 1862 campaign. 🗣️  
In the median of US 11, four-tenths of a mile north of Quarry Rd, Strasburg

## 6 ~ Belle Boyd Cottage

Historic home: Home of the famous Confederate spy Belle Boyd. \$ 🚗  
101 Chester St, Front Royal • 540-636-1446 • www.warrenheritagesociety.org/  
belleboyd.php • Open year-round, M-F 10am-4pm; May-Oct, Sat 10am-4pm

## 8 ~ Battle of Front Royal

Interpretive Signage: Overview of the May 23, 1862 battle. 🗣️  
In front of Front Royal-Warren County Visitors Center, 414 East Main Street

## 11 ~ Asbury Chapel

Interpretive Signage: Stonewall Jackson and the advance to Front Royal. 🗣️  
Intersection of U.S. 340 and Rocky Lane (Route 607), south of Front Royal

## 12 ~ Belle Boyd: Jackson Prepares for Battle

Interpretive Signage: Boyd's meeting with Jackson and Confederate advance.  
7145 Browntown Road (Rt. 649) 🗣️

## 13 ~ Prospect Hill Cemetery

Interpretive Signage: Opening of the Battle of Front Royal and postwar  
establishment of the Soldiers Circle to honor Confederate dead. 🗣️  
Soldier's Circle, Prospect Hill Cemetery, 200 West Prospect St., Front Royal

## 14 ~ Front Royal Street Fighting

Interpretive Signage: Confederate Maryland troops vs. Union Maryland troops,  
house to house fighting, and civilian reaction. 1 E. Main St., Front Royal 🗣️

## 15 ~ Rose Hill: Combat in the Front Yard

Interpretive Signage: Union resistance temporarily halts Confederate advance  
and the story of the Richardson Family in Rose Hill. 🗣️  
Intersection of N. Commonwealth Ave. (U.S. 522) & Warren Ave., Front Royal

## 16 ~ Richardson's Hill

Interpretive Signage: Final Union attempt to hold Front Royal and  
Confederate flanking attack. North of N. Royal Ave. and 15th St., Front Royal 🗣️

## 17 ~ The Bridges

Interpretive Signage: Union retreat and attempts to burn the bridges over the  
river ahead of Confederate pursuit. North end of N. Royal Ave., Front Royal 🗣️

## 18 ~ Guard Hill

Interpretive Signage: Union attempts to hold off Confederate forces north of  
the River. South of intersection of Route 637 and U.S. 340/522, Front Royal 🗣️

## 19 ~ Fairview: Kenly's Last Stand

Interpretive Signage: Final Union stand and Confederate cavalry charge that  
overwhelmed the defenders. North of Front Royal, 7085 US 340 🗣️

## 20 ~ Bel Air

Interpretive Signage: Diarist Lucy Buck's story of a visit to her home by Gen.  
Robert E. Lee as his army withdrew southward. US 522 in Front Royal 🗣️

## 21 ~ Battle Wapping Heights (Manassas Gap)

Interpretive Signage: Describes the last Federal attempt to cut off Gen. Robert E.  
Lee's withdrawal after Gettysburg. 🗣️

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## 10 ~ Cedar Creek: Strategic Crossings 1864

Interpretive Signage: Second sign interprets the crossing's importance in 1864  
and the nearby mill and residence. 🗣️  
In the median of US 11, fourteenths of a mile north of Quarry Rd, Strasburg

## 18 ~ Battle of Guard Hill

Interpretive Signage: Describes the first battle of Sheridan's 1864 Campaign, an  
inconclusive clash north of Front Royal. 🗣️

## 22 ~ Newtown

Interpretive Signage: Describes 1864 military actions and the dramatic effects of  
the war on the town—now known as Stephens City—and its residents.  
US 11 South of Stephens City 🗣️

## 23 ~ Fisher's Hill Battlefield - Ramseur's Hill

Battlefield Area: Interpreted one-mile walking trail over steep terrain.  
Va 601 (Battlefield Rd), two miles west of US 11, Fishers Hill 🗣️ 🐾  
Trail open during daylight hours.

## 24 ~ Battle of Milford

Interpretive Signage: Confederate victory prevented Union troops from  
encircling Early after Fisher's Hill.  
U.S. 340 and Overall Road, 11 miles SW of Front Royal 🗣️

## 16 ~ Execution of Mosby's Rangers

Interpretive Signage: Describes the execution without trial of six of Mosby's  
Confederate Rangers by Union troops in late September 1864.  
Just north of the intersection of North Royal Ave and 15th St, Front Royal 🗣️

## 25 ~ Valley Pike

Interpretive Signage: Tells the story of the role of the Turnpike during the war,  
especially at this “choke point” of the Valley.  
Intersection of US 11 and Va 601, (Battlefield Rd), Fishers Hill 🗣️

## 26 ~ Tom's Brook Battlefield - Shenandoah Co. Park

Interpretive Signage: Describes nearby events during the Battle of Tom's Brook.  
Between Maurertown and Toms Brook on US 11, Toms Brook 🗣️ 🐾

## 27 ~ Woodstock: Execution and The Burning

Interpretive Signage: Describes tragic events in the town in fall 1864.  
Intersection of W Court St & School St, Woodstock 🗣️

## 28 ~ Hupp's Hill Civil War Park

Museum: Interprets 1864 Shenandoah Valley Campaign (operated by the Cedar  
Creek Battlefield Foundation.). 33229 Old Valley Pike, Strasburg 🗣️ \$ 🚗  
540-465-5884 • www.ccbf.us • 9am-5pm daily

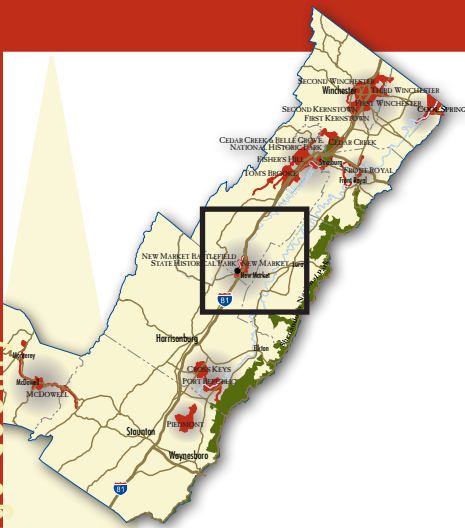
## 29 ~ Cedar Creek Battlefield Foundation HQ

Battlefield Orientation Center: Interprets the Battle of Cedar Creek (operated by  
the Cedar Creek Battlefield Foundation) 🗣️ 🚗  
8437 Valley Pike, Middletown • 540-869-2064 • www.cedarcreekbattlefield.org  
Mon-Sat 10am-5pm, Sun 11am-4pm

## 30 ~ Veterans' Picnic Grounds

Interpretive Signage: Describes the reunion picnics that veterans from both sides  
attended here from the 1880s until the 1930s. 🗣️  
Intersection of Battlefield Rd (Va 601) and Tripplett Rd (Va 821), Fishers Hill

**Cedar Creek and Belle Grove National  
Historical Park** This national park is a “partnership  
park”. NPS ranger programs offered spring through fall.  
540-869-3051. See page 24 for more information.



# New Market

## Crossroads of Destiny

The New Market-Luray area was at the crossroads of the Shenandoah Valley’s wartime campaigns. Its network of roadways – most notably the Valley Turnpike (modern US 11) – allowed armies to move with remarkable speed. And the New Market gap provided the only path across the 45-mile long Massanutten Mountain, an imposing ridgeline that bisects the Valley north to south, dividing it into the main Valley on the west and Luray Valley on the east.

Confederate Gen. Stonewall Jackson took brilliant advantage of this landscape throughout his famous Valley Campaign. In May 1862, with the bulk of the Union army waiting north on the Valley Turnpike, Jackson abruptly turned east and crossed the New Market gap into Luray Valley along the New Market-Sperryville Turnpike (modern-day US 211). He then used the natural screen of the Massanutten to conceal his army as he moved north along the Luray-Front Royal Turnpike (modern-day US 340) to surprise Union forces at Front Royal and Winchester, temporarily driving them from the Valley and sending the Union leadership into an uproar.

Two years later a Union army under the command of Gen. Franz Sigel collided with the hastily-assembled Confederate force of Gen. John C. Breckinridge at New Market. In the southern ranks were 257 cadets of the Virginia Military Institute, soon to experience their baptism of fire. The



Custer’s Division retiring from Mount Jackson in the Shenandoah Valley, October 7, 1864  
Alfred Waud (1828-1891)

*Put the boys in, and may God  
forgive me for the order.*

– Confederate Gen. John C. Breckinridge  
committing the VMI cadets to battle at New Market  
May 15, 1864

## **New Market Area Battlefield**

**New Market**  
May 15, 1864  
Lynchburg Campaign

Battle of New Market reached its climax in the afternoon amid the muddy wheat fields of Jacob Bushong's farm, as the cadets, surging forward in the final Confederate charge, not only helped win the battle, but forged a legacy that has inspired generations of cadets to the present day.

In the autumn of 1864, the fortunes of war turned. In what came to be known as The Burning, Gen. Philip Sheridan's Union army laid waste to the "Breadbasket of the Confederacy." Mills, barns, factories, and crops were burned, livestock destroyed and confiscated, and the agricultural bounty of the central Shenandoah Valley was left in ruins.

Today, the geography and beauty of the landscape remain much as they did in the 1860s, and interpretive signage, historic sites, and self-guided tours help you follow the story of what happened here during the war. You may want to start your journey at the award-winning Virginia Museum of the Civil War, administered by VMI, which interprets the Battle of New Market and the Civil War throughout the Commonwealth, and also hosts a Tourist Information Center for the Shenandoah Valley. Or begin your journey at the Civil War Orientation Center at the historic Strayer House. On the other side of Massanutten, the Luray Valley Museum interprets the history of the Valley, including the Civil War years, while Luray Caverns hosts a Civil War Orientation kiosk for the area.



*The rising sun greeted us as we reached  
the tip of the mountain . . . The army in  
the far off curves of the road looked like  
a giant snake with a shining back,  
twisting its sinuous path.*

– Pvt. Robert Barton, 1st Rockbridge Artillery  
describing the passage of Jackson's army through the New Market Gap  
May 21, 1862

## New Market Area



- ~ Civil War Trails Sites
- ~ Pet-Friendly Sites
- ~ Admission Fee

- ~ Group Tour Arrangements Available

### 1 ~ Strayer House

Civil War Orientation Center: Historic house (c. 1808) serves as the headquarters for the National Historic District, and also features a Civil War Orientation Center, Visitor Information, café, NPS Passport Station, and more.

9386 S. Congress St., New Market • 540-740-4545   
 www.ShenandoahAtWar.org • Mon-Sat 9am-5pm

### 2 ~ Confederate General Hospital

Interpretive signage: Site of a Confederate General Hospital (built in Sept. 1861) that accommodated up to 500 sick and wounded soldiers. US 11 in Mt. Jackson, across from “Our Soldiers Cemetery”

### 3 ~ Mt. Jackson Museum

Museum: This small town hosted a Confederate hospital complex established early in the war. A Confederate cemetery and monument honors those who died here.

5901 Main St, Mt Jackson • 540-477-3951 • mountjackson.com   
 Thu-Fri 1pm-4pm; Sat 10am-4pm

### 4 ~ Summers-Koontz Monument

Interpretive signage: Site of the tragic post-Appomattox executions of Confederate veterans Capt. George W. Summers and Sgt. I. Newton Koontz.   
 US 11 north of New Market

### 5 ~ Luray Caverns

Civil War Orientation Kiosk: provides information on Civil War sites in the New Market-Luray area.   
 970 U.S. Hwy 211 West, Luray

## Visitor Information

Civil War Orientation Center at Strayer House   
 9386 S. Congress St., New Market   
 540-740-4545   
 Open Mon-Sat – 9am to 5pm

Shenandoah Valley Tourist Information Center   
 Virginia Museum of the Civil War   
 8895 George Collins Parkway, New Market   
 866-515-1864   
 Open daily – 9am to 5pm

Luray-Page County Chamber of Commerce   
 46 E Main St, Luray   
 888-743-3915   
 www.visitluraypage.com   
 Open daily – 9am to 5pm

Shenandoah County Tourism   
 600 N Main St, Ste 101, Woodstock   
 888-367-3965   
 www.shenandoahtravel.org   
 Open Mon-Fri – 8:30am to 5pm



White House   
 in Page County

## 6 ~ Luray Valley Museum

Museum: Complex depicting Valley history from 1750s to 1920s includes Civil War exhibit, historic buildings restored to represent 19th century farming community, and meeting house with soldiers' signatures.

970 U.S. Hwy 211 West, Luray (Luray Caverns) \$ 🚗  
540-743-6551 • www.luraycaverns.com

## 7 ~ Chapman-Ruffner House

Interpretive signage: Peter Ruffner built this house in 1739—signage describes his descendants who served with Confederate Col. John S. Mosby's Rangers.

US 340 north of Luray southeast of the US 211 intersection 🗺️

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### 8 ~ Stover-McGinnis House

Interpretive signage: Here in March 1862 Stonewall Jackson ordered his engineer Jedediah Hotchkiss to "make me a map of the Valley..." Hotchkiss would go on to be one of the most prolific and valuable mapmakers of the war—his maps are still studied by historians today.

US 11 south of Woodstock 🗺️

### 9 ~ Stony Creek Line

Interpretive signage: Confederate delaying actions led by Turner Ashby in March-April 1862 during Stonewall Jackson's withdrawal up the Valley after the First Battle of Kernstown.

214 South Main St. Edinburg (Edinburg Mill) 🗺️

### 10 ~ Jackson at Rude's Hill

Interpretive signage: Describes how Stonewall Jackson made his headquarters here from April 2-17, 1862 during his withdrawal after First Kernstown, and of Turner Ashby's defense of the Shenandoah River line just north of here on April 6-7.

US 11 north of New Market 🗺️

### 11 ~ Jackson's Second Corps Established

Interpretive signage: Describes Jackson's November 1862 announcement that his Army of the Valley had become the Second Corps of the Army of Northern Virginia and would soon be joining Robert E. Lee east of the Blue Ridge.

US 211 four miles east of New Market at the top of the New Market gap, in the parking lot of the now-closed National Forest Visitor Center. 🗺️

### 12 ~ White House Bridge

Interpretive signage: During his famous Valley Campaign, Stonewall Jackson used the Massanutten to shield his army's movements northward, crossing through the New Market Gap and then over the Shenandoah River here.

US 211 four miles west of Luray 🗺️

### 13 ~ Grave's Chapel 🗺️

Interpretive signage: Stonewall Jackson's army moved out of the Shenandoah Valley along this road in November 1862, his final departure from the Valley. He died after the Battle of Chancellorsville the following May.

Business US 340 on Va 611 between the towns of Stanley and Shenandoah



## Lee's 1863 Gettysburg Campaign Pages 10-11

### 14 ~ Pass Run and Thornton Gap

Interpretive signage: Confederate units camped here following the retreat from Gettysburg.

US 211 on Va 674 (use westbound lanes of 211), east of Luray 🗺️

## Lynchburg Campaign

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### 15 ~ Virginia Museum of the Civil War

This 300-acre battlefield park, 19th century Bushong farmstead, and museum interpret the history of the Civil War in Virginia and the Battle of New Market.

8895 George Collins Parkway, New Market 🗺️ \$ 🚗  
866-515-1864 • www.vmi.edu/newmarket • Open daily 9am-5pm

### 16 ~ "The Bloody Cedars": 54th Pennsylvania Monument

Interpretive signage: Describes the unit's costly stand in the grove of cedar trees during the Battle of New Market and the 1905 monument that commemorates their actions.

US 11 North of New Market 🗺️

### 4 ~ DuPont at Rude's Hill

Interpretive signage: Describes the effort of Union Capt. Henry DuPont to protect the retreating army of Franz Sigel after the Battle of New Market.

US 11 north of New Market 🗺️

### 10 ~ Rude's Hill: Knoll of Refuge and Attack

Interpretive signage: Describes Confederate delaying action on May 11, 1864, as Union troops advanced towards New Market, Confederate shelling of Federals after the May 15 battle, and mortal wounding of Confederate partisan ranger John H. McNeil on October 3, 1864.

US 11 north of New Market 🗺️

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### 9 ~ Edinburg Mill and Museum

Interpretive signage: This mill, opened in 1850, survived The Burning in late September and early October 1864 ordered by Union Gen. Philip Sheridan.

214 South Main St, Edinburg 🗺️  
540-984-8400 • www.edinburgmill.com  
Mon-Sat 9:30am-5:30pm; Sun 12pm-5pm

### 17 ~ Fisher's Hill and Yager's Mill

Interpretive Signage: As Union Gen. Sheridan pursued Confederates southward after the Third Battle of Winchester, his cavalry attempted but failed to use the Luray-Page Valley to get behind the Confederates and cut off their retreat.

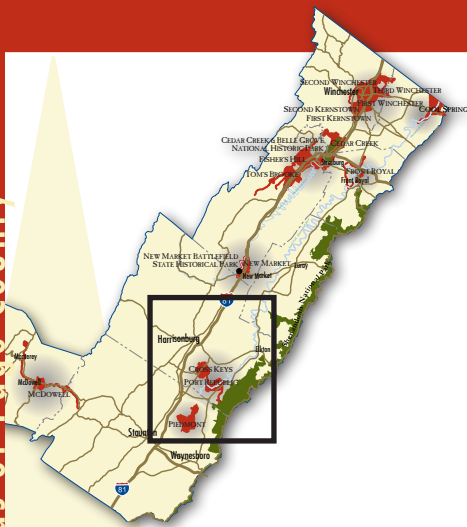
US 340 just north of Luray near the US 211 intersection 🗺️

### 18 ~ Willow Grove Mill

Interpretive signage: The mill here was destroyed during The Burning – the systematic destruction of the Valley's barns, mills, and crops by Sheridan's Union army in fall 1864.

Business US 340 one mile south of Luray 🗺️

The 19th century Bushong Farm lies at the center of the New Market Battlefield State Historical Park.



Cross Keys Battlefield

# Conflict in the Breadbasket

## Farming, Faith and Industry

The Rockingham Area, in the heart of the Shenandoah Valley, experienced the Civil War in all of its phases. Its position north of the huge Confederate rail and supply center at Staunton made it an inevitable battleground.

Two major highways crossed at the county seat in Harrisonburg. The Rockingham Turnpike (modern-day U.S. 33) connected Rockingham County, one of the most prosperous agricultural counties in the nation, to markets in eastern Virginia across the Blue Ridge. The other, the Valley Turnpike (modern-day U.S. 11), provided a north-south corridor for the movement of Confederate troops to threaten the heart of the North.

Rockingham County would be the scene of the last two battles of Confederate Gen. Thomas J. “Stonewall” Jackson’s famous 1862 Valley Campaign, the operation that would give him a permanent place in the chronicles of military history.

And in 1864, when Gen. Ulysses S. Grant changed the direction of the war, the Shenandoah Valley was recognized as one of the keys to Union victory. But a Federal win at Piedmont, east of Staunton, was one of the few northern successes that spring and summer. Finally, with the Union Army of the Potomac entrenched outside Petersburg in the late summer, U.S. victories in the Valley under Gen. Philip H. Sheridan in the fall brought renewed commitment by the North to the war effort and contributed to the reelection of Abraham Lincoln.



The Battle of Cross Keys



*For a few minutes the 31st lay down in the ripening wheat and the sensation caused by the cutting of minie balls through the ripe grain was novel and not altogether pleasant.*

– Lieutenant William R. Lyman  
31st Virginia Infantry  
June 1862

When Sheridan ordered the destruction of barns, mills, crops, factories, warehouses, and furnaces in a thirteen-day campaign to neutralize the bounty of the Valley, the central Shenandoah took a devastating blow. Hundreds of structures were burned. Tons of grain and thousands of farm animals were seized or destroyed. Sheridan's efforts reduced to a trickle the flow of crucial supplies to Southern armies.

What became known as The Burning did not distinguish between friend or foe. Unionists – including a large community of pacifist Mennonites and Brethren – suffered along with Confederate sympathizers. The remarkable renewal of the Shenandoah Valley following the close of hostilities is a tribute to the strength and character of her people.

During the war, this area experienced three significant battles, a score of cavalry actions, and repeated military operations that eventually devastated its civilian agricultural base. It had two renowned Confederate leaders die within its borders: Gen. Turner Ashby and partisan ranger chief Capt. John H. McNeill. These people and events, along with the area's association with Stonewall Jackson and Philip Sheridan, ensure its place in the annals of the war that defined us as a nation.

You may want to begin your visit at the Civil War Orientation Center in downtown Harrisonburg (Site #1 on the map on page 34), where you can get a fuller introduction to the Rockingham Area's Civil War history – and to the places you can visit to experience that story.

### The Burning of the Valley



## Rockingham Area Battlefields

### Cross Keys

June 8, 1862  
Jackson's Valley Campaign

### Port Republic

June 9, 1862  
Jackson's Valley Campaign

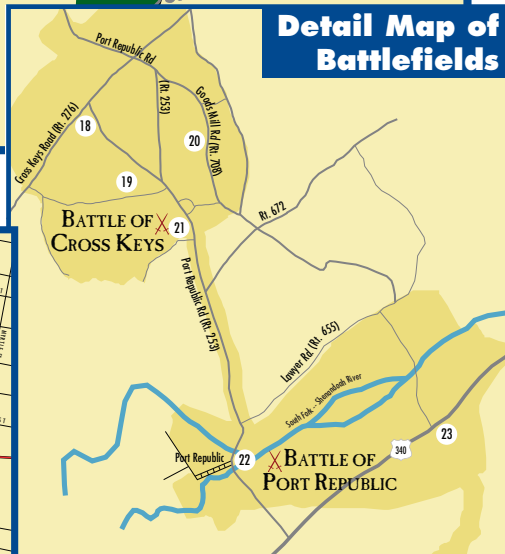
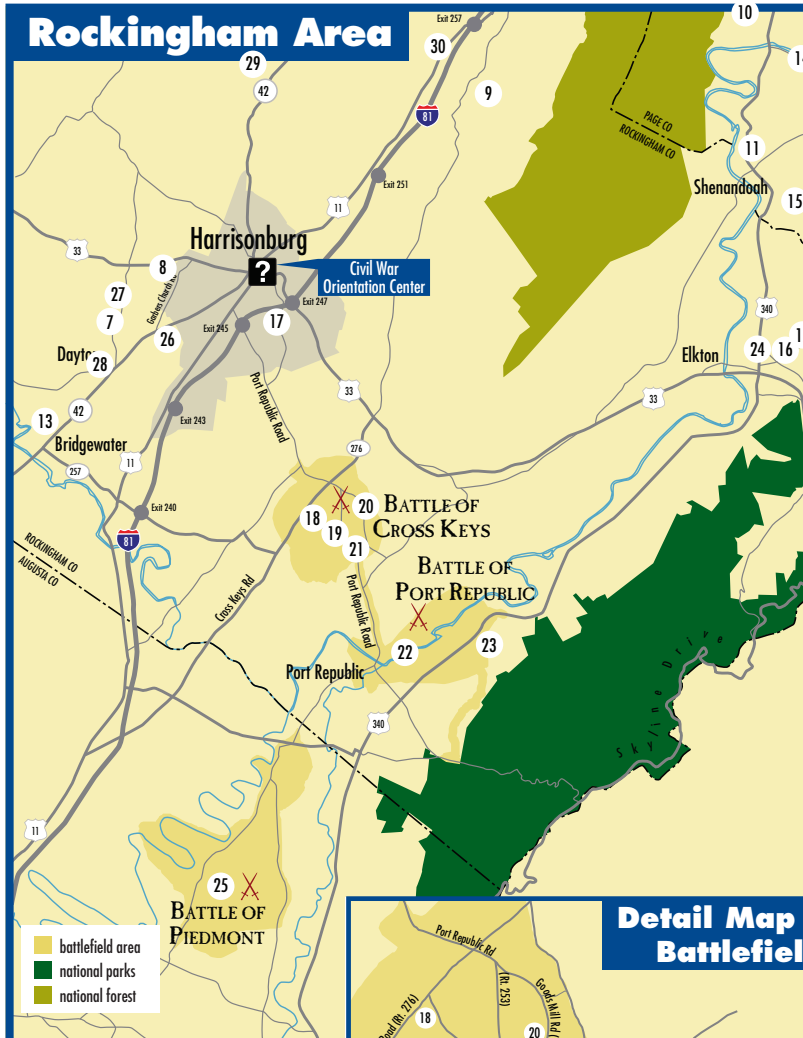
### Piedmont

June 5, 1864  
Lynchburg Campaign

**Self-guided Tours** A free printed driving tour of the Battles of Cross Keys and Port Republic is available at the Hardesty-Higgins House visitor center. Walking tours of Harrisonburg and Port Republic are also available. For information about guided walking tours, contact Harrisonburg Tourism & Visitor Services at 540-432-8935.

*Now the whole vale is red  
with fire mile on mile, and  
enveloped in smoke high  
overhead, twisting and  
writhing, dissolving. Is the  
world being set on fire?*

– Newton Burkholder  
Confederate soldier  
October 1864



## ? Visitor Information

Civil War Orientation Center and  
Harrisonburg Tourism & Visitor Services  
212 S Main St, Harrisonburg  
540-432-8935  
[www.harrisonburgtourism.com](http://www.harrisonburgtourism.com)  
Open daily 9am-5pm

### 1 ~ Hardesty-Higgins House Visitor Center

Valley Turnpike Museum • Civil War Orientation Center  
Museum: Explores the road's history, including its role as an avenue for troops during the Civil War. The center also houses the Civil War Orientation Center for the Rockingham Area of the National Historic District.

212 S Main St, Harrisonburg 🚗 🚝  
540-432-8935 (Group Tours: 540-432-8940)  
[www.visit Harrisonburg.com](http://www.visit Harrisonburg.com) • Daily 9am-5pm

### 2 ~ Confederate General Hospital

Interpretive Signage: The Harrisonburg Female Academy and its use as a hospital during the war.

345 S. Main Street, Harrisonburg 🚗

### 3 ~ Virginia Quilt Museum

Museum: Civil War exhibit focuses on life in the family of Col. E.T.H. Warren, including family letters, Civil War era quilts, and period artifacts.

301 S Main St, Harrisonburg 🚗 💰 🚝  
540-433-3818 • [www.vaquiltmuseum.org](http://www.vaquiltmuseum.org)  
Open Tue-Sat 10am-4pm

### 4 ~ Court Square & Springhouse

Interpretive Signage: The court square during the Civil War, including its use as a temporary prison camp.

Court Square, intersection of US 11 and US 33 in downtown Harrisonburg 🚗

### 5 ~ McNeill's Rangers

Interpretive Signage: The story of the famed Confederate partisan unit led by John Hanson McNeill, who died here in 1864.

174 S. Main Street, Harrisonburg 🚗

### 6 ~ Woodbine Cemetery

Cemetery: Historic cemetery include Soldiers' Section, where over 250 Confederate soldiers are buried.

21 Reservoir St. off of US 33, Harrisonburg 🚗  
Daily dawn to dusk

### 7 ~ The Heritage Museum

Museum: Exhibits feature a light map of Jackson's Valley Campaign. Home of the Harrisonburg-Rockingham Historical Society.

382 High St, Dayton • 540-879-2616 • [heritagecenter.com](http://heritagecenter.com)  
Mon-Sat 10am-5pm; Sun. 1-5pm (Apr-Oct) 🚗 💰 🚝

🚗 ~ Group Tour Arrangements Available

💰 ~ Admission Fee

🚗 ~ Civil War Trails Sites

🐕 ~ Pet-Friendly Sites

## 8 ~ Valley Brethren-Mennonite Heritage Center

Museum: The story of a faith heritage, focusing on the Civil War—the pacifist response and the suffering during The Burning.

1921-A Heritage Center Way, (off Garbers Church Rd), Harrisonburg   
540-438-1275 • vbmhc.org • Open Wed-Sat 10am-5pm


## 9 ~ Long's Chapel at Zenda

Historic site: Historic black church that was the centerpiece of Zenda, a post-war community of newly-freed slaves.

1340 Fridleys Gap Road, Keezletown (Harrisonburg)  
843-412-3590 or 540-383-6709 • Visitors welcome on the grounds.

## 10 ~ Catherine Furnace

Interpretive Signage: Interpreting Catherine Furnace during the war, including its role as an “underground railroad” for Union soldiers.

On Cub Run Rd near Newport Rd (Va 685), Town of Shenandoah 

## 11 ~ Shenandoah Iron Works

Interpretive signage: Page Valley Iron Industry during the Civil War.

West side of US 340 in the town of Shenandoah in Page County 

## 12 ~ Elk Run Cemetery

Cemetery: Fifty Confederate soldiers, including two who were killed during the Civil War, are buried in the cemetery.

100 Elk Run Dr, Elkton • 540-713-4062 • www.elktonva.gov  
8:30am-4:30pm daily

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## 13 ~ North River Interpretive Site

Interpretive signage: Bridgewater's Civil War story and Jackson's crossing of the North River between the battles of McDowell and Front Royal

Rt 42 – north bank of the North River, Bridgewater  

## 14 ~ Red Bridge & Somerville Heights

Interpretive signage: Jackson's Valley Campaign—Burning of the Red Bridge over the South Fork of the Shenandoah River and action at Somerville Heights.

Va 650 east of US 340, north of town of Shenandoah in Page County 

## 15 ~ Shields' Advance & Retreat

Interpretive signage: Burning of nearby bridges prevented Union Gens. James Shields and John C. Frémont from uniting against Jackson.

US 340, south of Town of Shenandoah 

## 16 ~ Miller-Kite House

Museum: Stonewall Jackson's headquarters for two weeks in 1862. Museum of Civil War artifacts, mostly Confederate: weapons, documents, uniforms.  

310 W. Spotswood Trail, Elkton • 540-578-3046 • Donations accepted  
Open Sun 1pm-5pm from Memorial Day-Labor Day (and by appointment)

## 17 ~ Turner Ashby Monument

Historical monument: Site of the mortal wounding of Gen. Turner Ashby on June 6, 1862 during the Battle of Harrisonburg (includes battle diagram).  

Turner Ashby Lane off Port Republic Rd, Harrisonburg • 540-432-8935

## 18 ~ Union Church

Interpretive signage: Orientation kiosk for the battles of Cross Keys and Port Republic and interpretive signage focusing on action around the Union Church during the Battle of Cross Keys.

Cross Keys Rd and Battlefield Rd 

## 19 ~ Artillery Ridge

Interpretive signage: Confederate artillery positions during the Battle of Cross Keys

Bowtie Drive off of Artillery Road, Cross Keys 

## 20 ~ Goods Mill

Interpretive signage: Walker's flank attack during the Battle of Cross Keys.

Goods Mill Road east of Port Republic Road, Cross Keys 


## 21 ~ Mill Creek Church

Interpretive signage: The pacifist community during the Civil War.

7600 Port Republic Rd, Port Republic 


## 22 ~ Port Republic Museum

Museum: Interprets the history of this early river-port town and the events of the last four days of Jackson's Valley Campaign. Donations requested.

8691 Water St, Port Republic • 540-249-0040   
www.portrepublicmuseum.org • Open Sun 1:30pm-4pm from Apr-Oct

## 23 ~ The Coaling

Battlefield Area: Short, steep walking trail at the site the Union artillery emplacement taken by Confederates during the Battle of Port Republic.

US 340 and Rt 708, Port Republic 

## 24 ~ Jennings House: Confederate Hospital


Interpretive signage: 1840 home used as a hospital.

173 West Spotswood Ave, Elkton • 540-43-8935 

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## 25 ~ Battle of Piedmont

Interpretive signage: Describes the Union victory here on June 5, 1864, that enabled Federals to move south to Staunton and Lexington.

691 Battlefield Rd, Fort Defiance 

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## 26 ~ Site of the Death of Lt. John Meigs

Interpretive signage: Meigs, eldest son of Montgomery Meigs, the U.S. Army quartermaster general, was shot and killed here Oct 3, 1864.

Va 713 (Meigs Lane) just off Va 42 between Harrisonburg and Dayton 

## 27 ~ Silver Lake Mill

Interpretive signage: Mills in the “Breadbasket of the Confederacy” – their contribution to local economy, Confederate war effort and final destruction.

2328 Silver Lake Rd, Dayton • 800-327-5532 

## 28 ~ Downtown Dayton

Interpretive signage: Fear and retaliation in the dark days of The Burning.

S Main St, Dayton 

## 29 ~ Breneman-Turner Mill

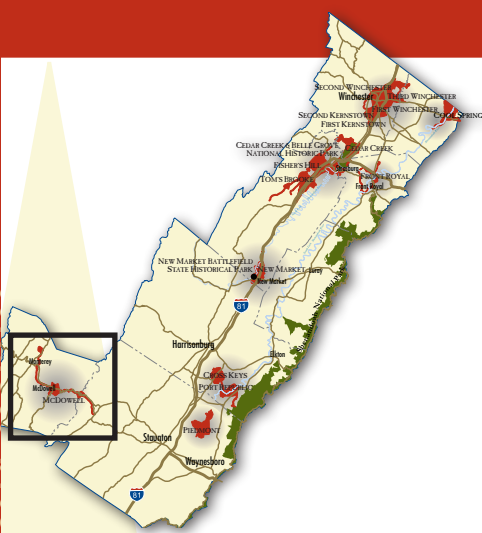
Historic site: Ca. 1800 mill that survived The Burning. The only pre-Civil War grist mill in Rockingham County with its original grist mill equipment.  

Breneman Church Road (off Hwy 42 north), Harrisonburg • 540-438-1275  
www.vbmhc.org • Grounds and mill exterior open. Interior tours by appointment.

## 30 ~ Lacey Spring

Interpretive signage: Interpreting cavalry action between Union Gen. George Custer and Confederate Gen. Thomas Rosser at Lacey Spring in December 1864

8621 North Valley Pike, Harrisonburg 



*...two acres...was almost mowed by the bullets. There was bushes six inches in diameter that was cut by bullets until they fell down.*

— Confederate soldier  
31st Virginia Infantry  
May 1862

## Mountain Highlands Protecting the Valley's Back Door

George Washington Hull represented Highland County in the Virginia Convention of 1861. His house now serves as the Highland County Museum and the Civil War Orientation Center for this area of the Shenandoah Valley Battlefields National Historic District.



McDowell lies amidst the remote and scenic mountain terrain of Highland County, in a region known locally as “Virginia’s Little Switzerland.” Thanks to its location along the Staunton-to-Parkersburg Turnpike (modern-day US 250), Union and Confederate armies used Highland as a “back door” to the Shenandoah Valley.

On the eve of the Civil War, Highland County was divided. While George Washington Hull consistently voted against secession at the 1861 Virginia State Convention, he chose to serve in the Confederate militia once Virginia seceded, and Highland County voted to join the Confederacy after Jackson’s victory at McDowell. Large numbers of the area’s young men were mustered into the Confederate army and ten Highland men joined the Federal troops.

Like the rest of the nation, the people of Highland County—remote as they were—experienced this wrenching conflict in very personal ways, from the rising tensions before the war’s first shots to the effort to recover from its devastation.

In May of 1862, the town of McDowell experienced the Civil War firsthand when armies clashed on the hills and byways in and around the village as Confederate Gen. Thomas J. “Stonewall” Jackson moved to prevent Union forces from entering the Valley from the west. Jackson’s victory at McDowell was one of the opening salvos of his famous Valley Campaign.



The hills east of  
McDowell

## McDowell Area Battlefield

**McDowell**

May 8, 1862

Jackson's Valley Campaign

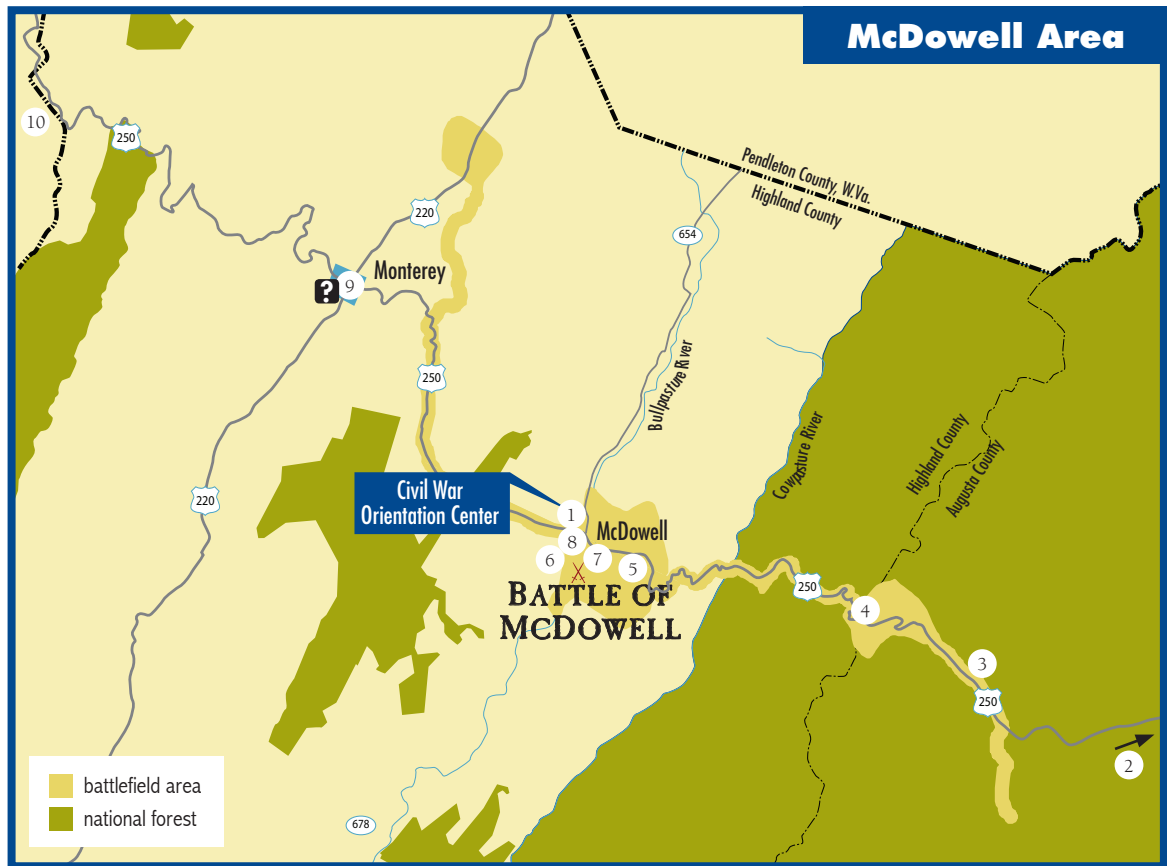
Since its creation in the early 1800s, Highland has been one of the least populated counties east of the Mississippi River. Its extraordinary landscape has been virtually untouched since the Civil War—indeed, the McDowell battlefield is considered one of the most pristine in the nation.

Today, visitors can explore the region's history at the Highland County Museum in McDowell, which also hosts a Shenandoah Valley Battlefields National Historic District Civil War Orientation Center. Serious hikers can scale the heights of Sitlington's Hill, east of the village, and see the battlefield as Confederate soldiers saw it on May 8, 1862. And Virginia Civil War Trails markers allow you to follow in the footsteps of the Confederates using the old Staunton-to-Parkersburg Turnpike to the battlefield.

*It is quite a small village; but has  
an air of Old Virginia aristocracy  
and display about it.*

— Union War Correspondent  
writing about the village of McDowell





Looking west into Highland County from Fort Johnson

## Visitor Information



Highland County Chamber of Commerce  
 Spruce St, Monterey  
 540-468-2550  
[www.highlandcounty.org](http://www.highlandcounty.org)  
 Open Mon-Fri 10 am-5pm

Visitor Center at The Highland Inn  
 Main Street, Monterey  
 540-468-2550  
[www.highlandcounty.org](http://www.highlandcounty.org)  
 Open 7 days 9 am-7pm

- ~ Civil War Trails Sites
- ~ Pet-Friendly Sites
- ~ Admission Fee
- ~ Group Tour Arrangements Available

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## 1 ~ Highland County Museum and Civil War Orientation Center

Museum: Located in one of the oldest buildings in the county, the center interprets the history of Highland County. The center also hosts the Shenandoah Valley Battlefields National Historic District Civil War Orientation Center for the McDowell battlefield area.

161 Mansion House Rd, McDowell

540-396-4478

www.highlandcountyhistory.com 

March 1 – Oct. 31 Thu-Sat 11am-4pm, Sun 1pm-4pm

Closed Nov. 1 to Feb. 28, except by appointment

## 2 ~ West View

Interpretive Signage: In the weeks prior to the Battle of McDowell, Confederates encamped here along the Civil War-era alignment of the Staunton-to-Parkersburg Turnpike (modern US 250).

Va 254 west of Staunton 



## 3 ~ Ramsey's Draft (Jackson's March)



Interpretive Signage: Location of the first skirmishes between Union and Confederate forces leading up to the Battle of McDowell.  

US 250 west of Churchville in the George Washington National Forest

## 4 ~ Fort Johnson

Interpretive Signage: Confederate trenchworks along the top of Shenandoah Mountain within the George Washington National Forest. US 250 along the Highland/Augusta County line

## 5 ~ Sitlington's Hill

Battlefield Area: Rigorous hiking trail with interpretive signage. The worst of the fighting happened on this hill that towers just east of the village. Trailhead includes several interpretive signs and a parking area, located along US 250 east of McDowell.  

## 6 ~ Cemetery Hill

Interpretive Signage: During the battle, Federal artillery was placed on this knoll just west of the Presbyterian Church in McDowell.

Located south of the Presbyterian Church, McDowell 

## 7 ~ McDowell Cemetery

Interpretive Signage: This cemetery contains a monument and the graves of some of the soldiers who fought in the Battle of McDowell.

Located directly across from the Presbyterian Church, McDowell 

## 8 ~ Presbyterian Church

Interpretive Signage: Constructed circa 1858, the McDowell Presbyterian Church was still a new addition to the community when it housed wounded and dying Federal soldiers after the Battle of McDowell. Also served as a headquarters for both armies at various times before, during and after the battle.

US 250, McDowell 

## 9 ~ Monterey Courthouse

Interpretive Signage: Interprets more of the local war story.

US 250, Monterey 

## 10 ~ Camp Allegheny

Interpretive Signage: Area was occupied first by Confederates and then Federals in the months and weeks before the Battle of McDowell.

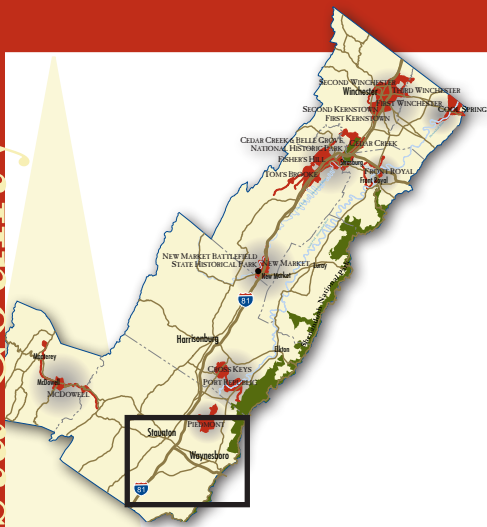
US 250 along the Virginia/West Virginia border  

## Staunton to Parkersburg Turnpike

Driving Tour (US 250 from Ramsey's Draft to Camp Allegheny): By the time of the Civil War, the Staunton-to-Parkersburg Pike had become such a strategic target that the Mountain Campaign of 1861, which ended at McDowell, was waged largely to determine who would control it. A free printed driving tour is available at the Highland County Museum and Civil War Orientation Center, the Highland County Chamber of Commerce, and the Visitor Center at The Highland Inn.



The view of McDowell from the top of Sitlington's Hill, the position of Jackson's troops during the Battle of McDowell.



# Strategic Strongpoint

## Preserving a Lifeline to Richmond

### Visitor Information

Downtown Staunton Visitor Center  
 35 South New Street  
 540-332-3971  
 Open daily 9:30am-5:30pm (November-March)  
 9:00am-6:00pm (April-October)

Staunton/Augusta Travel Information Center  
 1290 Richmond Rd, Staunton  
 540-332-3972  
 Open daily 9:00am-5:00pm  
[www.visitstaunton.com](http://www.visitstaunton.com)

Rockfish Gap Tourist Information Center  
 130 Afton Circle, Afton  
 540-943-5187  
 Open daily: 9:00am-5:00pm  
[www.visitwaynesboro.net](http://www.visitwaynesboro.net)

-  ~ Civil War Trails Sites
-  ~ Pet-Friendly Sites
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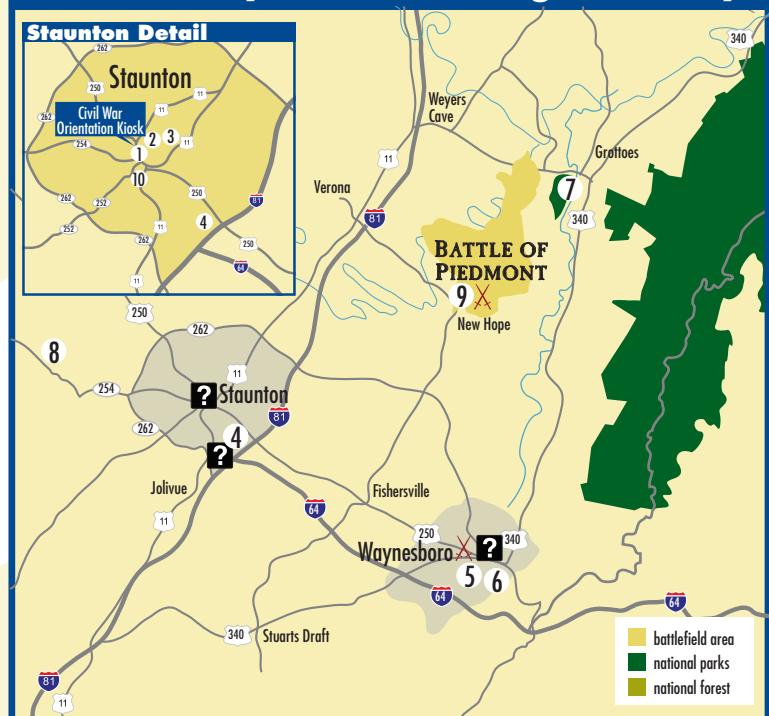
As part of the “Breadbasket of the Confederacy,” Augusta County and its two cities of Staunton and Waynesboro played a pivotal wartime role, supplying food, fodder, and iron for southern armies and civilians east of the Blue Ridge. While most battles were fought in other areas, the Virginia Central Railroad, with a depot in Staunton, provided a crucial supply link between the Valley and Richmond.



Beverley Street in historic downtown Staunton

During much of the war this area remained a haven for sick and wounded soldiers; following Gettysburg, the streets of Staunton filled with casualties. At least four times during the war, lines between battlefield and homefront blurred. In 1862, during Stonewall Jackson’s Valley Campaign, Jackson used the railroad to outmaneuver Union armies. That spring, western Augusta County became the staging area for the Battle of McDowell in Highland County.

### Staunton, Waynesboro, and Augusta County





In June 1864, a Union victory at Piedmont opened the door to the occupation of Staunton. From there, Union Gen. David Hunter marched south to exact revenge on Lexington. While passing through southern Augusta County, he destroyed mills, barns, and ironworks. A few months later, northern Augusta felt the heavy hand of war during The Burning under Union Gen. Philip H. Sheridan.

The March 2, 1865, cavalry clash in Waynesboro closed the Valley fighting. Here Gen. Sheridan's forces destroyed the remnants of the Confederate forces under Gen. Jubal Early.

### 1 ~ R.R. Smith Center for History & Art

Housed in a converted 1890s railroad hotel, center includes an interpretive kiosk featuring touchscreen-activated vignettes about the wartime experiences of local residents, as well as a Civil War Orientation display for the area. Also includes history and art galleries, museum store, and history and genealogy research library.

Open Tues, Thurs, Fri 9am-noon. Call or email (augustachs@ntelos) for research appointment.  
20 S. New St., Staunton • 540-248-4151 • www.augustacountyhs.org

### 2 ~ Woodrow Wilson Presidential Library and Museum

Museum and Birthplace: President Wilson was born in 1856 in the elegant Presbyterian Manse, now restored to depict the family's life on the cusp of the Civil War. The museum highlights his career and presidency. Guided tours daily. A National Historic Landmark.

20 N. Coalter St., Staunton • 540-885-0897 • www.woodrowwilson.org  
Mar-Oct: Mon-Sat 9am-5pm, Sun 12-5pm; Nov-Feb: Mon-Sat 10am-4pm, Sun 12-4pm 🚌

### 3 ~ Jedediah Hotchkiss

Interpretive Signage: Describes the wartime exploits and postwar career of Stonewall Jackson's master mapmaker, who lived here in Staunton after the war.

Entrance to the Virginia School for the Deaf and the Blind, 🗺️  
514 East Beverley St., Staunton

### 4 ~ Barger Farm/Frontier Culture Museum

Interpretive Signage (outside the museum): A typical Valley antebellum farmstead has been relocated to this site.

I-81 Route 250 exit at Staunton 🗺️ 🚌

### 5 ~ Plumb House Museum

Museum: The home of the Plumb family, this house was witness to the Battle of Waynesboro on March 2, 1865. Exhibits tell the story of the battle and feature documents and artifacts relative to the battle as well as the daily lives of the Plumb family.

1021 W Main St, Waynesboro  
540-943-3WHF • www.waynesboroheritagefoundation.com  
Open Thurs-Sat 10am-4pm 🗺️ 🚌

### 6 ~ Waynesboro Heritage Museum

Museum: The permanent exhibit galleries relate the city's history using wall panels and artifacts from the Waynesboro Heritage Foundation Collection. The fascinating story begins with the settlement of Waynesboro and encompasses the city's rich history.

420 W. Main St, Waynesboro, 540-943-3WHF  
www.waynesboroheritagefoundation.com  
Open Tues-Sat 9am-5pm 🗺️

### 7 ~ Grand Caverns

Park/Cave: Known as Weyers Cave during the Civil War, caverns include over 230 signatures by Confederate and Union soldiers who were encamped along the South River during the war.

5 Grand Caverns Drive, Grottoes, Virginia 24441  
1-888-430-CAVE www.grandcaverns.com  
April-Oct: 9am-5 pm daily; Nov-March: 10am-4pm daily 🗺️

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### 8 ~ West View

Interpretive Signage: Confederate Gen. Edward "Alleghany" Johnson began his move west from his camps here on May 6, 1862, with Stonewall Jackson close behind. The Confederates would defeat Union Gen. Robert Milroy's troops two days later at McDowell.

7 miles west of Staunton on Va 254 🗺️

## Lynchburg Campaign

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### 9 ~ Battle of Piedmont

Interpretive signage: Describes the Union victory here on June 5, 1864, that enabled Federals to move south to Staunton and Lexington.

Va 608 north of New Hope, northeast of Staunton 🗺️

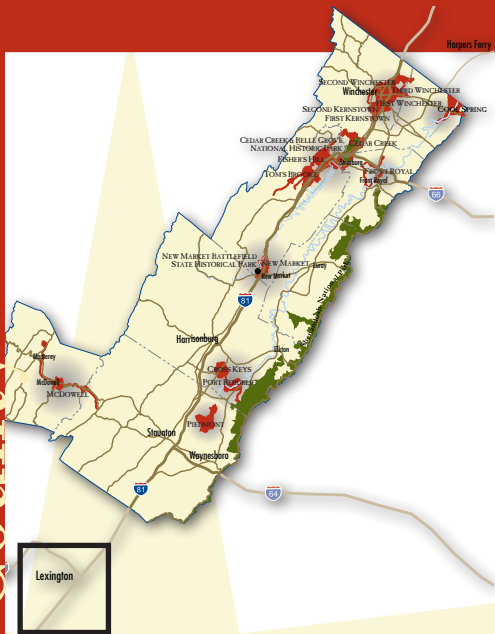
### 10 ~ Railroad Station

Interpretive Signage: Union Gen. David Hunter's troops entered town after the June 1864 Battle of Piedmont and burned warehouses and infrastructure related to the important Virginia Central Railroad that shipped Valley supplies to Richmond. The station on this site also was destroyed.

36 Middlebrook Ave, Staunton 🗺️



View of Piedmont Battlefield



## Lexington VMI, Jackson and Lee

### ? Visitor Information

Lexington Visitor Center  
106 E Washington St, Lexington  
877-453-9822  
Open daily 9am to 5pm  
[www.lexingtonvirginia.com](http://www.lexingtonvirginia.com)

-  ~ Civil War Trails Sites
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**Stonewall Jackson  
Cemetery**

Home to Stonewall Jackson before the Civil War and to Robert E. Lee after, Lexington (founded in 1778) retains much of its 19th century charm. Located near the southern end of the Shenandoah Valley, the small town produced many soldiers who would fight and die during the Civil War.

Jackson taught at the Virginia Military Institute, “West Point of the South,” for ten years prior to the war. In April of 1861 he led the VMI Cadets to Richmond to begin training. He would not return to Lexington until his burial in 1863.

In May 1864 the VMI Cadet Corps marched from Lexington to New Market to assist in the defeat of the Union army at the Battle of New Market. One month later, Union General David Hunter led the now infamous Hunter’s Raid through Lexington, burning and shelling VMI and ransacking nearby Washington College.

After the war, Robert E. Lee served as President of Washington College. After his death in 1870, the college was renamed Washington and Lee University in his honor.

Robert E. Lee and Stonewall Jackson are both buried in Lexington, Lee in the Chapel that bears his name, and Jackson in Stonewall Jackson Memorial Cemetery.

*The burning of the Institute made a grand picture, a vast column of black smoke rolled above the flames and covered half the horizon.*

– Union Col. David Strother  
witnessing the burning of VMI  
June 12, 1864

### 1 ~ Virginia Military Institute Museum

Museum: Stonewall Jackson taught at VMI before the war and the Institute was burned by Union Gen. David Hunter in 1864. The museum interprets this history as part of the larger VMI story, and features a number of Jackson-related artifacts illustrating the history and traditions of the Institute.

Jackson Memorial Hall, Virginia Military Institute. 🚗  
540-464-7334. Open daily 9 am-5 pm. • [www.vmi.edu/museum](http://www.vmi.edu/museum).

### 2 ~ Stonewall Jackson House

Historic site: This 1801 house was the only home ever owned by Confederate General Stonewall Jackson. He lived in the home with his second wife Mary Anna for two years before the war. Restored, it now contains many of Jackson's possessions and period pieces.

Open daily for guided tours. 8 East Washington Street, Lexington. 🚗  
540-464-7704. Open Mon-Sat 9 am-5 pm; Sun 1-5 pm.  
[www.stonewalljackson.org](http://www.stonewalljackson.org)

### 3 ~ Stonewall Jackson Memorial Cemetery

Cemetery: Jackson lies among hundreds of his fellow Confederates, two Virginia governors, and Revolutionary War soldiers in this historic cemetery. The statue of Jackson above his grave was dedicated in 1891.

South Main Street, Lexington. Open dawn to dusk.

### 4 ~ Lee Chapel (Washington and Lee University)

Historic site: Built during Robert E. Lee's presidency at Washington College, the Chapel is now the final resting place of Lee and his family. The museum highlights Lee's entire career and houses the office he used during his presidency, still preserved as he left it.

100 North Jefferson Street, Lexington. 540-458-8768.  
Open Mon-Sat 9am-5pm; Sun 1-5 pm; shortened hours November-March. • [www.leechapel.wlu.edu](http://www.leechapel.wlu.edu)



Lee Chapel

## Lynchburg Campaign

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### 5 ~ Jordan's Point Park on the Maury River

Interpretive signage: Union General David Hunter placed his artillery just north of Jordan's Point when his troops attacked Lexington. The Union soldiers burned the Virginia Military Institute and the home of Virginia Governor John Letcher.

The Park is located just off of US 11 on the Maury River, north of Lexington. 🚗

### 6 ~ Hunter's Raid

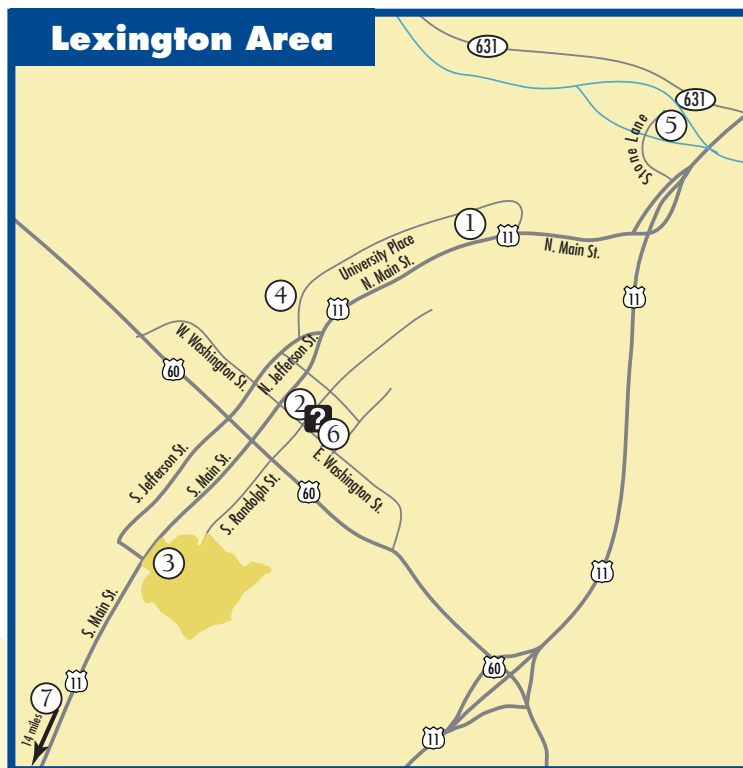
Interpretive signage: Union Gen. David Hunter's army shelled Lexington from the across the Maury River, then swept aside Confederate resistance and occupied the town. Union troops plundered homes, destroyed property, and burned the Virginia Military Institute, among other buildings, before departing for Lynchburg.

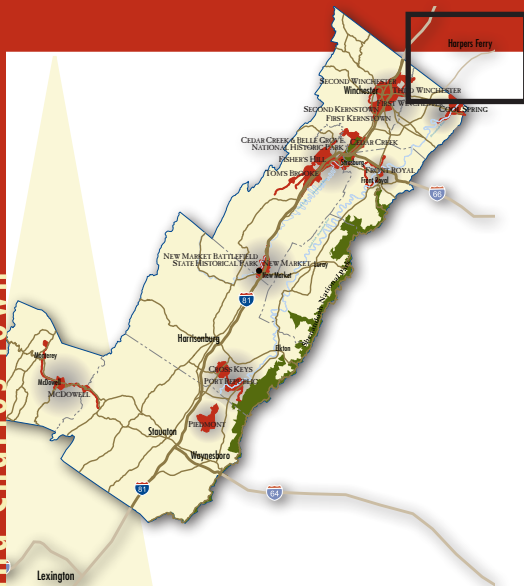
106 E Washington St, Lexington 🚗

### 7 ~ The Natural Bridge of Virginia

Interpretive Signage: Some of Hunter's troops detoured to see this famous attraction on their march from Lexington to Lynchburg. Confederates did the same while moving north after the Battle of Lynchburg.

Located at the intersection of US 11 and Rt. 130 fourteen miles south of Lexington. Natural Bridge. 🚗  
540-291-2121. • [www.naturalbridgeva.com](http://www.naturalbridgeva.com)





John Brown's "Fort" at Harpers Ferry

## Harpers Ferry

### Harpers Ferry National Historical Park

**Battlefield Area:** This park interprets the broad history of Harpers Ferry as a river town, as the site of John Brown's 1859 raid, and as a battlefield area during the course of the Civil War.

[www.nps.gov/hafe](http://www.nps.gov/hafe)

## Martinsburg

### Belle Boyd House

**Historic site:** Childhood home of Confederate spy Belle Boyd—as a young woman in Front Royal, Boyd provided Stonewall Jackson with information about Union forces in the town just before the Battle of Front Royal. [www.bchs.org](http://www.bchs.org)

### Martinsburg Roundhouse

**Historic site:** The current roundhouse dates from 1866 (the original was destroyed during the war) but retains some of its Civil War-era features. [www.martinsburgroundhouse.com](http://www.martinsburgroundhouse.com)



Martinsburg Roundhouse

## Charles Town

### Jefferson County Courthouse

**Historic site:** This courthouse, which is still in use today, is where John Brown was tried for treason in 1859.

Washington St, Charles Town

### Jefferson County Museum

**Museum:** Interprets the story of John Brown, including his trial and hanging. Washington St, Charles Town



Jefferson County Courthouse

## Events

From full-scale battle reenactments to enlightening living history displays to intriguing lectures and tours, and even kids camps that help our children understand our past—there are activities and events throughout the Shenandoah Valley that appeal to a wide range of interests.

### Battle Reenactments

Including the annual reenactments of the Battles of New Market (each May) and Cedar Creek (each October).



### Tours

Guided walking and driving tours that follow the path of battles and historic events.

### Kids Camps

Camps give your child the chance to explore what life was like for soldiers and civilians during the Civil War.

### Conferences and Lectures

Museums, historical societies, universities, and others present programs focusing on the region's Civil War and broader history.

### Events Calendar Online

Historic sites throughout the region add new activities to the calendar each week. Visit the online events calendar for more information about these and other activities taking place soon. [www.ShenandoahAtWar.org](http://www.ShenandoahAtWar.org)

### E-Newsletter

Receive our monthly e-newsletter about events and programs in the Valley by emailing [info@svbf.net](mailto:info@svbf.net).



### Virginia Civil War Trails

The Civil War Trails program has installed more than 1,000 interpretive markers at Civil War sites in Virginia, Maryland, North Carolina, Tennessee, and West Virginia. As you travel throughout the region, the logo at left will help you find these markers in its historic towns and along its byways. Driving tours following major campaigns have been created, and a series of regional brochures is available. You can pick up printed Trails information at visitor centers throughout the states with Trails signs. You can also visit [www.CivilWarTrails.org](http://www.CivilWarTrails.org) for a complete listing of Trails sites, or download pdf versions of the Trails maps from [CivilWarTraveler.com/maps](http://CivilWarTraveler.com/maps).

## Where to stay? What to eat? What else to do?

The Shenandoah Valley offers a wide variety of experiences for all ages and interests.

**History & Heritage** – The Civil War is only one chapter in the region's remarkable history. From colonial times to the 20<sup>th</sup> century, explore history at sites throughout the Valley.

**Natural wonders** – Scenic vistas, waterways, caverns – and national, regional, and local parks that offer countless opportunities for outdoor activities.

**Arts and culture** – The Valley offers world-class theatres, music festivals, and arts and crafts venues.

**Dining and shopping** – The region's charming, historic towns offer a variety of shopping and dining experiences.

**Lodging** – Whether you like to sleep under the stars or prefer premier accommodations, a wide range of lodgings are available throughout the Valley.

The tourism offices below can help you plan your adventure.

### For More Information...

#### Shenandoah Valley Travel Association

800-VISIT-SV • [www.visitshenandoah.org](http://www.visitshenandoah.org)

#### Winchester-Frederick County Convention & Visitors Bureau

877-871-1326 • [www.visitwinchesterva.com](http://www.visitwinchesterva.com)

#### Shenandoah County Tourism

888-367-3965 • [www.shenandoahtravel.org](http://www.shenandoahtravel.org)

#### Front Royal-Warren County Visitors Center

800-338-2576 • [www.DiscoverFrontRoyal.com](http://www.DiscoverFrontRoyal.com)

#### Luray-Page County Chamber of Commerce & Visitor Center

888-743-3915 • [www.visitluraypage.com](http://www.visitluraypage.com)

#### Harrisonburg Tourism & Visitor Services

540-432-8935 • [www.harrisonburgtourism.com](http://www.harrisonburgtourism.com)

#### Staunton Convention & Visitors Bureau

800-3427982 • [www.visitstaunton.com](http://www.visitstaunton.com)

#### Waynesboro Tourism

540-942-6512 • [www.visitwaynesboro.net](http://www.visitwaynesboro.net)

#### Highland County Chamber of Commerce

540-468-2550 • [www.highlandcounty.org](http://www.highlandcounty.org)

#### Lexington-Rockbridge Tourism

877-453-9822 • [www.lexingtonvirginia.com](http://www.lexingtonvirginia.com)



## What is the Shenandoah Valley Battlefields National Historic District?

If you've made it this far along in this guide, you know that modern visitors are able to view the Shenandoah Valley's landscape much as it was seen by soldiers and civilians during the region's important Civil War campaigns, mostly thanks to the agricultural economy that has thrived in the Valley since before the Civil War.

But this historic landscape is increasingly threatened.

In 1996 the United States Congress created the Shenandoah Valley Battlefields National Historic District to protect this national resource and to ensure that future generations would be able to explore the Valley's Civil War story and more fully understand its impact on the American experience.

As approved by the U.S. Secretary of the Interior, the Shenandoah Valley Battlefields Foundation serves as the non-profit manager of the National Historic District and is responsible for implementing the District's legislated mission to work with partners to preserve the Shenandoah Valley's Civil War battlefields, coordinate the interpretation of the region's Civil War story, and promote the Valley as a visitor destination. The Battlefields Foundation and its partners have collectively protected thousands of battlefield acres and are collaborating to share this history with visitors from across the country and around the world.

Thank you for visiting the Shenandoah Valley Battlefields National Historic District!



### National Heritage Areas

The Shenandoah Valley Battlefields National Historic District is a congressionally-designated National Heritage Area.

National Heritage Areas are parts of our country's landscape that have been recognized by the United States Congress for their unique contributions to the American experience. A heritage area may be developed around a common theme or an industry that influenced the culture and history of that region and our country. More information about National Heritage Areas is available online at [www.nps.gov/history/heritageareas](http://www.nps.gov/history/heritageareas).

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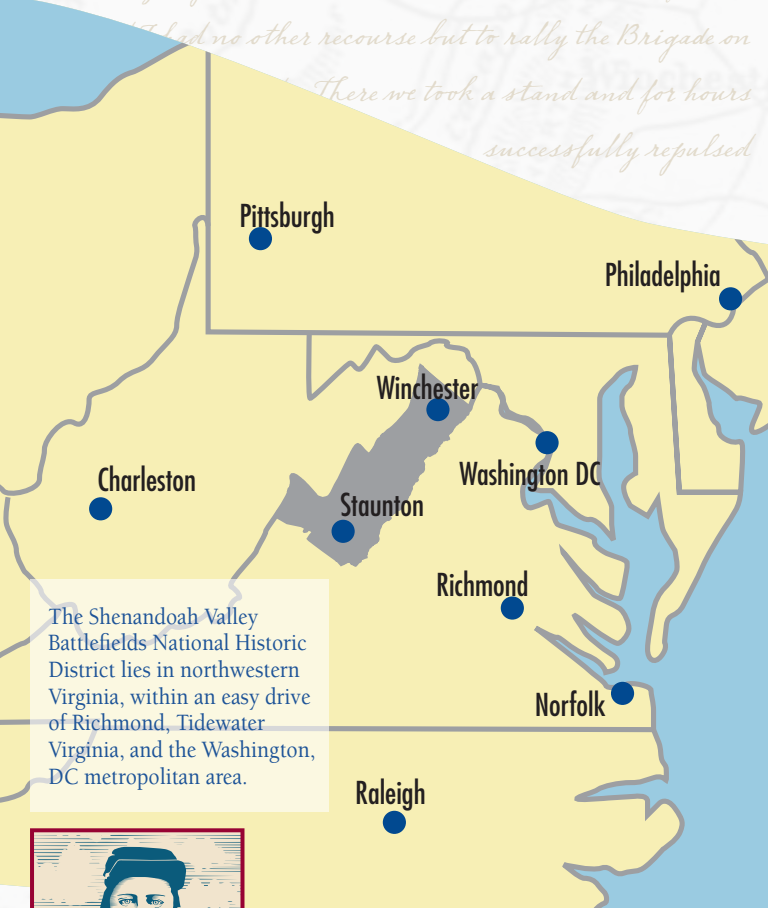
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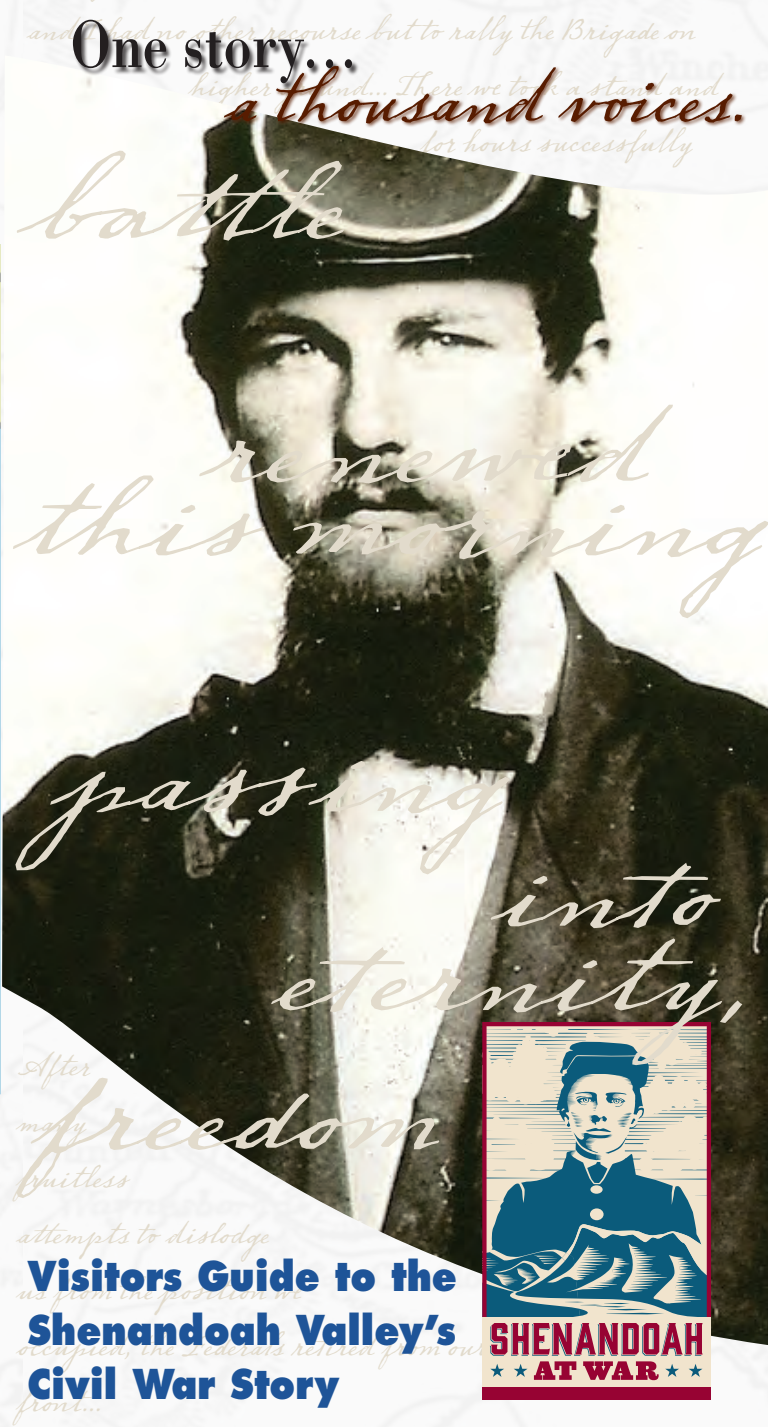


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