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*Battle of Spotsylvania Court House*

Date: May 7-19, 1864

The intricate earthworks visible throughout the Spotsylvania Battlefield reflect the changing nature of the Civil War. Initially a contest between opposing lines of troops fighting in the open, the war moved toward the sort of trench warfare that would be seen in World War I. Today Fredericksburg and Spotsylvania County National Military Park protects nearly 40 miles of Civil War earthworks.