



## United States Department of the Interior



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Stones River National Battlefield  
3501 Old Nashville Highway  
Murfreesboro, Tennessee 37129

### Scout Hiking Trail – The Battle of Stones River

The Battle of Stones River was one of the most important battles of the Civil War. The Union victory here bolstered Northern morale at a time it was needed most and helped support the Emancipation Proclamation that began the process of changing the war into something more than a fight simply to preserve the Union. With the construction of Fortress Rosecrans, the battle also set the stage for the next campaigns that saw Federal forces drive deeper into the South destroying the Confederacy's ability to continue fighting.

Today you will hike portions of the battlefield and learn more about the events that occurred here. Before you begin here are a few suggestions and requests to make your day more enjoyable while ensuring that other visitors have a chance to enjoy the park.

- Park your group's vehicles in the grass near the picnic area.
- Bring plenty of water and energy snacks on your hike.
- Use the restrooms before you begin.
- Make sure your leader has a park guide and trail map.
- Watch your footing on unimproved trails.
- Do not climb on cannons, monuments, walls, fences, or trees.
- Use caution when crossing roads and always cross at a crosswalk.

### Orientation Film

1. What are the dates of the Battle of Stones River?
2. On the night before battle, what song was played in unison by bands of both the North and South?
3. What Union brigade resisted several attacks in the Round Forest?
4. Bragg, believing a victory at hand, telegraphed what city the message, "God granted us a Happy New Year"?
5. What nickname did the soldiers under General Sheridan give the area where they fought?

### Museum

6. What is the name of the General leading the Union forces?
7. What is the name of the General leading the Confederate forces?
8. During what holiday season was the Stones River campaign?



9. What killed Henry Hall?
10. Which army struck first on December 31'?
11. What is the Hazen Monument and why was it built?

#### **Tour Stop #1**

12. How many rounds did Parsons' battery fire during the entire battle?
13. What part of the battlefield were they defending?

#### **Tour Stop #2**

14. What Michigan regiment had the most men killed?
15. Name the officer who lost four guns here.
16. Why were the guns abandoned?
17. How many Union cannon did the Confederates gain in the Slaughter Pen?

#### **Tour Stop #3**

18. What was another name for the cotton field?

#### **Tour Stop #5**

19. What name did the soldiers give this area?
20. Which artillery batteries helped Hazen defend this area?
21. How many times did the Confederates attack this position?
22. What time was the first Confederate attack?

#### **Tour Stop #6**

23. At what time on January 2, 1863 were 58 cannons stationed on this hill?
24. Who built the Artillery Monument in 1906?

**Congratulations! You've completed the Battlefield History Hike!**

# SCOUT HIKE #1

The fighting on January 2, 1863, took place in the area around McFadden's Ford as Breckinridge's brigades tried unsuccessfully to clear Federal troops from the east side of Stones River.

