



Civil War Trading Card Program



Shallowford A Natural Crossing

The defending Confederate Army burned the massive covered bridge crossing the Chattahoochee River. This act slowed the Union Army's advance to Atlanta. However, General Sherman took advantage of a shallow ford located just downstream and on July 9, 1864 the Sixteenth Army Corps crossed at Shallowford. The ford was well known as the crossing site of the centuries old American Indian foot path, the Hightower Trail.

To learn more, visit: www.nps.gov/chat

NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

FIELD INVESTIGATION

Take a self-guided hike, float, bike, or walk from Riverside Park to Azalea Park in Roswell.

Activity 1: Make a map of all the bridges you see crossing the river. Show on the map where you would cross if there were no bridges. Based on the historical markers you see, show on the map where the old covered bridge was.

OR

Activity 2: Take photos of all the historical markers you see during your visit.

Bring your map or your photos to the Island Ford Visitor Center and pick up your card!

RAINY DAY ACTIVITY (AT HOME)

High school and above: Consider the archeological report posted online at this link:

http://www.nps.gov/history/history/online_books/arpa/cr_battlefield.pdf

Write a one-page discussion of how both sides used the Chattahoochee River in the Battle of Atlanta and mail it to us to receive your card in the mail.

Younger visitors: Look at this map of the Chattahoochee River in the Civil War.

<http://www.loc.gov/resource/g3923f.cws00052/>

What features (for example, water, roads, hills, railroads, trees, counties, and so on) did the map maker show on the map? Why did they show these things? Make a map of a place that is important to you, and explain the things you show on the map. Mail it to us to receive your card in the mail.