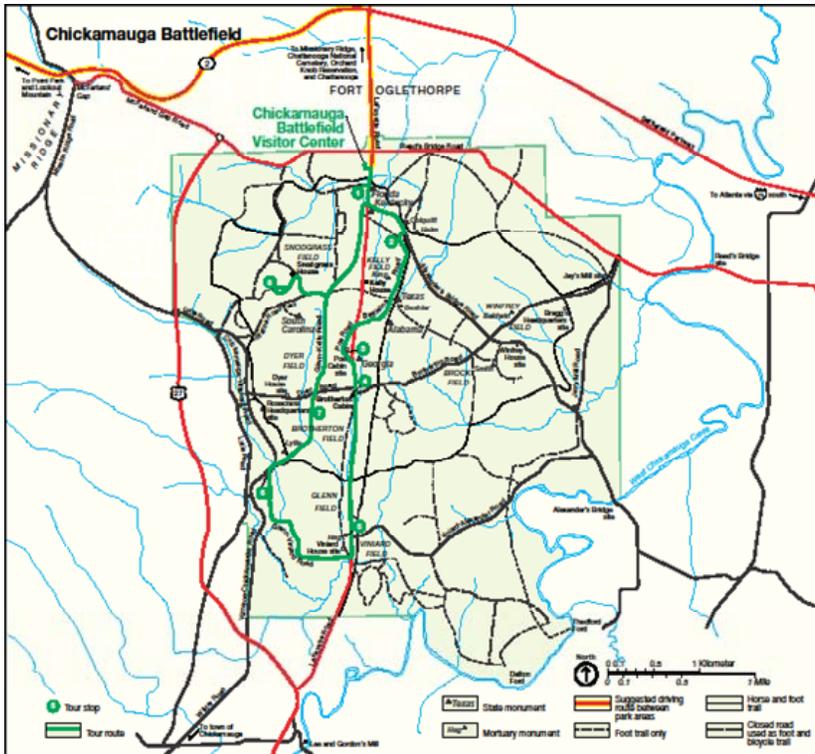


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Chickamauga Battlefield

A how-to guide to learning at the Battlefield

Welcome to learning at Chickamauga!

Bring your students or youth organizations to Chickamauga Battlefield for a unique learning experience. This site provides visitors with a blend of cultural and natural history, which may be explored with or without guided instruction. Please stop at the Visitor Center, view the park's 23-minute orientation film, see actual Civil War artifacts and the Fuller Gun Collection in the museum. See where General George Thomas received his famous nickname, "The Rock of Chickamauga." Take a drive to Snodgrass Hill and walk the grounds where the Union army made its final stand on the afternoon of September 20, 1863. You may also tour the 5,300 acre battlefield by hiking or driving in your own automobile.

Planning Your Visit

What's great about Chickamauga you may ask? The battlefield offers a chance to learn about history where it actually happened!



Brotherton Cabin – Chickamauga Battlefield

Reservation forms must be submitted at least **two weeks** prior to your visit. Forms may be found on our website at www.nps.gov/chch. Phone reservations are not accepted. Be aware that your first choices may be unavailable; please have **at least two alternate dates** in mind for your visit. You can search for open dates by [clicking here](#). We also require that groups be no larger than **50** students (100 maximum for a daily visit, 50 in the morning and 50 in the afternoon) with exception of the "Where Are My Sons" program (maximum 140 students). These numbers do not include teachers and chaperones.

Guided Interpretive Program Packages

****Guided interpretive programs are available to groups Monday through Friday.** ** Advanced registration is required for all programs. All guided programs are also subject to staff availability. You may choose only one guided program for your visit.

When choosing a program, keep in mind the level of knowledge your students already have. You know them better than we do! We suggest that students come with some working knowledge of the Civil War. Our programs are intended to supplement, not replace, traditional classroom study.

Guided Programs	Grade Level	Program Length	Program Synopsis
Common Soldier Life	3 rd -11 th	30 minutes Limit of 50 students	Costumed interpreters explain what life was like for the average Civil War soldier. Georgia Meets GA Performance Standards for 5 th grade, United States History since 1860 (SS5H1 b & e, SS5CG1); 8 th grade Georgia Studies (SS8H6 a & b); 11 th grade United States History (SSUSH 9 f). Tennessee Meets TN Curriculum Standards for 5 th grade social studies (5.5.01 a, b, c, & d); 8 th grade social studies (8.5.18 a & c).
The Civil War: "Where Are My Sons?"	4 th -8 th	45 minutes Limit of 140 students	Take a short walk through the woods to meet a farmer whose family was divided by the war and who is searching for his two missing sons, fighting on opposite sides during the battle. Georgia Meets GA Performance Standards for 5 th grade, United States History since 1860 (SS5H1 a, b, & e); 8 th grade Georgia Studies (SS8H6 a & b). Tennessee Meets TN Curriculum Standards for 5 th grade social studies (5.5.01 a, c, & d); 8 th grade social studies (8.5.18 a, c, & d).

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William H. Lytle: "Death of a Warrior Poet"	5 th -8 th	1 hour 30 minutes Limit of 50 students	<p>Join a Park Ranger on a short hike to the top of Lytle Hill to learn about one of the most famous Union generals killed at Chickamauga who was also a famous poet. You will study several of the poems he wrote during the war and discuss the mysterious poem found in his coat pocket on the battlefield</p> <p>Georgia</p> <p>Meets GA Performance Standards for 5th grade, United States History since 1860 (SS5H1 b & e, SS5CG1); 8th grade Georgia Studies (SS8H6 a & b). Meets GA Performance Standards for 5th grade Reading (ELA5R1 d, g, h, & j); 8th Grade Reading and American Literature (ELAALRL1).</p> <p>Tennessee</p> <p>Meets TN Curriculum Standards for 5th grade social studies (5.5.01 a, b, c, & d); 8th grade social studies (8.5.18 a & c). Meets TN Curriculum Standards for 8th grade English Language Arts (0801.6.10).</p>
A Driving Tour of the "River of Death"	5 th -11 th	This program requires at least 1 hour 45 minutes Limit of 50 students	<p>A Park Ranger will take your students to several prominent locations on the Chickamauga Battlefield where they will learn about the bloodiest two day battle of the Civil War and its importance to American History.</p> <p>Georgia</p> <p>Meets GA Performance Standards for 5th grade, United States History since 1860 (SS5H1 b & e, SS5CG1); 8th grade Georgia Studies (SS8H6 a & b); 11th grade United States History (SSUSH9 f).</p> <p>Tennessee</p> <p>Meets TN Curriculum Standards for 5th grade social studies (5.5.01 a, b, c, & d); 8th grade social studies (8.5.18 a & c).</p>

Self Guided Program Packages

If you are unable to participate in the guided tours, you may enjoy the park on your own. This option does still require reservations.

Self-guided packages **do not** include guided interpretive programs; the park film, museum, hiking trails, and picnic areas however, are still available to you.

Pre-Visit Activity

Recently, the local Chattanooga PBS station, in conjunction with various other organizations, developed and edited a 22-minute documentary, "From Lookout Mountain to the Valley Below." This documentary is available for you to check out as a pre-visit activity to the battlefield. There is also a series of questions to accompany the documentary. If you are interested in this pre-visit activity, please complete the check out form online at www.nps.gov/chch in the "For Teachers" section. This documentary must be picked up, signed out, and returned to the park visitor center.

Visit Recommendations

Visiting groups are restricted to no more than 100 students per day (split between the morning and the afternoon) with the exception of the "Where Are My Sons" program (maximum 140 students). Staffing does not allow us to adequately administer programs to larger groups. We suggest that schools with larger groups consider dividing their visit with us into multiple days in order to stay within group size restrictions. Further arrangements will need to be made, such as forming smaller groups and rotating students through programs.

Why Leave the Park For Lunch?

You may have lunch in our various designated picnic areas during your visit.

- Be aware that the areas are **not** available for reservation but are "first come, first served."
- Even if you are planning to "only have lunch," you still need to make reservations to visit. This does not reserve the picnic area for you, but, for safety purposes, makes us aware that your group is in the park.

Bookstore Etiquette

- Decide prior to your visit if students will be allowed to purchase souvenirs from the bookstore.
- If students are allowed to make purchases, we suggest sending groups of 10 at a time into the bookstore, accompanied by an adult. This procedure respects other visitors, the staff, and keeps noise levels down.
- We reserve the right to send groups out of the building if their behavior is unruly or if they are not accompanied by an adult.

An Informational Recap...

Reservations are made by completing a reservation form. The forms are available online at www.nps.gov/chch in .pdf format. **Phone reservations are not accepted.** Remember to have **two dates** in mind for your visit and to check to make sure your dates are available at (calendar address). We can accommodate only 50 students per group (two groups per day, morning and afternoon) with the exception of the “Where Are My Sons” program (maximum 140 students). If you have a larger group, please consider visiting us on multiple days in order to stay within group size restrictions. Guided programs are available Monday through Friday and are subject to staff availability. Packages are available during these times as well. Two types of program packages are available: guided interpretive and self-guided.

Self-guided program packages may include

- 23-minute park orientation film
- 22-minute PBS documentary
- Touring the museum on your own
- Driving tour of the Chickamauga Battlefield
- Use of picnic areas

Guided packages may include

- Choice of one guided program
- 23-minute park orientation film
- 22-minute PBS documentary
- Touring the museum on your own
- Driving tour of the Chickamauga Battlefield
- Use of picnic areas

Use of any area on the battlefield grounds requires reservations with the park staff. All reservations must be made **two weeks** in advance; **there are no exceptions to this rule.** All reservations will receive confirmation letters via email or U.S. mail.



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