



# Parks as Classrooms



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110 Point Park Road

Lookout Mountain, TN 37350

## Lookout Mountain Battlefield

A how-to guide to learning at the Battlefield

## Welcome to learning at Lookout Mountain!

Bring your students or youth organizations to Lookout Mountain Battlefield for a unique learning experience. The site provides visitors with a blend of cultural and natural history, which may be explored with or without guided instruction. Please stop by the visitor center, view the park's various self-starting orientation videos, see James Walker's original 13' X 33' painting entitled "The Battle Above the Clouds," and see actual Civil War artifacts found on the slopes of Lookout Mountain. See where Confederate cannons were placed during the Siege of Chattanooga, the New York Peace Memorial, and the wonderful view of the area from the Ochs Observatory. You may also like to visit the Cravens' House terrace, located on the eastern slope of the mountain, where some of the heaviest fighting occurred during the battle. Your tour of the Lookout Mountain Battlefield at Point Park and at the Cravens' House terrace is by hiking only.

## Planning Your Visit

What's great about Lookout Mountain you may ask? The chance to learn about history where it actually happened!



Men on Umbrella Rock

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](http://www.nps.gov/chch). Phone reservations are not accepted. Be aware that your first choice dates 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 groups be

no larger than **50** students (100 maximum for a daily visit, 50 in the morning and 50 in the afternoon). This number does not include teachers and chaperones.

## Guided Interpretive Programs 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 then 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.

Programs	Grade Level	Program Length	Program Synopsis
Common Soldier Life	3 <sup>rd</sup> -11 <sup>th</sup>	30 minutes Limit of 50 students	Costumed interpreters explain what life was like for the average Civil War soldier. <b><u>Georgia</u></b> Meets GA Performance Standards for 5 <sup>th</sup> grade, United States History since 1860 (SS5H1 b & e, SS5CG1); 8 <sup>th</sup> grade Georgia Studies (SS8H6 a & b); 11 <sup>th</sup> grade United States History (SSUSH 9 f). <b><u>Tennessee</u></b> Meets TN Curriculum Standards for 5 <sup>th</sup> grade social studies (5.5.01 a, b, c, & d) 8 <sup>th</sup> grade social studies (8.5.18 a & c)
			

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A Walking Tour of Point Park	5 <sup>th</sup> -11 <sup>th</sup>	<p>This program requires <b>at least</b> 45 minutes</p> <p>Limit of 50 students</p>	<p>A Park Ranger will take your students to several prominent locations in Point Park, a portion of the Lookout Mountain Battlefield where they will learn about the bloodiest two day battle of the Civil War and its importance to American History.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Georgia</u></b></p> <p>Meets GA Performance Standards for 5<sup>th</sup> grade, United States History since 1860 (SS5H1 b &amp; e, SS5CG1); 8<sup>th</sup> grade Georgia Studies (SS8H6 a &amp; b); 11<sup>th</sup> grade United States History (SSUSH9 f).</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Tennessee</u></b></p> <p>Meets TN Curriculum Standards for 5<sup>th</sup> grade social studies (5.5.01 a, b, c, &amp; d) 8<sup>th</sup> grade social studies (8.5.18 a &amp; 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. However, the park films, museum, hiking trails, and picnic area is still available to you.

## Visit Recommendations

Visiting groups are restricted to no more than 100 students per day (split between the morning and the afternoon). Staffing does not allow us to adequately administer programs to larger groups. We suggest that schools with larger groups consider dividing your 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 designated picnic area during your visit. The picnic area is located off Sanders Road on Lookout Mountain.

- Be aware that the area is **not** available for reservation but is “first come, first served.”
- Even if you are planning to “have lunch only,” 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 they be accompanied by an adult. This is respectful of 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](http://www.nps.gov/chch) in .pdf format. **Phone reservations are not accepted.** Remember to have **two dates** in mind for your visit and 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). If you have a larger group, please consider visiting us 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:

- Touring the museum on your own (includes orientation videos and painting)
- Walking tour of Point Park
- Walking tour of Cravens' House terrace
- Use of picnic area

Guided packages may include:

- Choice of one guided program
- Touring the museum on your own (includes orientation videos and painting)
- Walking tour of Point Park
- Walking tour of Cravens' House and terrace
- Use of picnic area

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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