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Catoosa Springs, Georgia ***“One Place, Many Meanings”***

On Saturday, September 10, 2011, Chickamauga and Chattanooga National Military Park will be presenting “*Catoosa Springs – One Place, Many Meanings.*” This walking tour will be conducted at 11:00 a.m. at the site of Catoosa Springs, on the Rollins family ranch in Ringgold, Georgia. The program will focus on the history of Catoosa Springs, a once-popular mineral springs resort and the namesake of Catoosa County.

The antebellum resort of Catoosa Springs, once home to more than fifty mineral springs, was developed by Augusta businessmen and heralded as the “Saratoga of the South.” During the American Civil War, Catoosa Springs was used as a hospital for the Confederate Army of Tennessee and as a camp for part of General William T. Sherman’s Union forces during the 1864 Atlanta Campaign.

Most county histories focus on Catoosa Springs’ antebellum and Civil War history. Yet the place holds different meanings for some people: sacred site, business venture, refuge, a place to find love, and a place to retire. Sharing these other stories enriches our understanding of the past.

To reach Catoosa Springs, follow I-75 South to Exit 345, take a left off the ramp onto Highway 41/76, turn right onto Highway 2, then left onto Keith Road to the Catoosa Springs entrance gate. For more information about this and other programs at Chickamauga and Chattanooga National Military Park, contact the Chickamauga Battlefield Visitor Center at (706) 866-9241, the Lookout Mountain Battlefield Visitor Center at (423) 821-7786, or visit the park’s website at www.nps.gov/chch.

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