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Civilian Conservation Corps: Hope Out of Chaos

Fort Oglethorpe, Georgia: Chickamauga and Chattanooga National Military Park will be conducting several special programs on the Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC), on Saturday, July 28 at Point Park on Lookout Mountain. The first program will occur at 10:00 a.m. and will be followed by a 1-2 mile hike of trails constructed by CCC workers during the 1930s. Those planning on taking the hike, please bring water, weather-appropriate clothing, and sturdy walking shoes. The program will be repeated at 4:00 p.m. with no hike. Both programs will meet just inside the Point Park entrance gate.

Additionally, throughout the day authors Ren and Helen Davis will be at the Point Park Visitor Center to discuss and sign copies of their book *Our Mark on This Land: A Guide to the Legacy of the Civilian Conservation Corps in America's Parks*.

The Great Depression caused great stress and desperation among thousands of Americans as the economy fell apart, shattering family stability and throwing thousands out of work. Jobs were scarce and, unable to find work; tens of thousands of young men took to the roads and rails looking for work and adventure. Between 1933 and the outbreak of World War II, the CCC gave 2.5 million of these young, single men a job, an education, and a new hope for the future. In their wake, these young men transformed the nation's parks and left a legacy that visitors still enjoy today.

For more information on this or any program at the park, please contact the National Park Service, Chickamauga Battlefield Visitor Center at 706-866-9241, the Lookout Mountain Battlefield Visitor Center at 423-821-7786, or visit the park website at www.nps.gov/chch.

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