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## **Chickamauga and Chattanooga National Military Park News Release**

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### **Chickamauga and Chattanooga National Military Park and Outdoor Chattanooga Bicycle Ride to Moccasin Bend National Archeological District – October 23, 2011**

Fort Oglethorpe, Georgia: Chickamauga and Chattanooga National Military Park and Outdoor Chattanooga have extended their partnership to include free monthly guided historical bicycle rides to Moccasin Bend National Archeological District. The monthly bike ride for October will take place on Sunday, October 23 at 9:30 a.m.

The public is invited to bring their bicycles and join in this leisurely-paced historical ride, which will take approximately two hours. National Park Service interpretive rangers will talk about the history of Moccasin Bend and future plans for the site, while Outdoor Chattanooga staff and volunteers provide ride leadership and support.

While participants are encouraged to bring their own bicycles, a limited number of loaner bicycles from the Outdoor Chattanooga Mobile Bicycle Fleet will be available for riders five feet tall and over at no charge, thanks to sponsorship from the Friends of the Park and the Chattanooga Bicycle Club. Reservations for bicycles are required by calling Outdoor Chattanooga at (423) 643-6888.

The tour will begin at Outdoor Chattanooga, located in Coolidge Park, at the base of the Walnut Street Bridge, 200 River Street. Ride length is approximately five miles on flat to moderately hilly terrain. The rides are appropriate for adults and children ages eight and older when accompanied by an adult. All participants are encouraged to wear helmets, but helmets are required for those participants 16 and under.

This month, park rangers from Russell Cave National Monument will provide an additional education program about how and why prehistoric people made string, rope, or cord. Visitors will also be provided a chance to participate in making their own cord using yucca leaves. The bicycle tour will return around 11:30 a.m. to participate in this 30 minute program. Visitors wishing to participate in the program but not the bike ride are welcome to meet the returning bikers at Outdoor Chattanooga.

For more information about 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](http://www.nps.gov/chch).

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