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## Chickamauga and Chattanooga National Military Park News Release

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### My Old Kentucky Home The Confederate Army's Drive into Kentucky

Fort Oglethorpe, Georgia: Chickamauga and Chattanooga National Military Park invites the public to participate in a free ranger program about the Confederate Army of Mississippi (later renamed the Army of Tennessee) and the reasons for its drive into Kentucky in the fall of 1862. If you are interested in learning more about the ill-fated Confederate invasion of Kentucky, the 30 minute talk will be presented on Saturday, October 22 at 1:30 p.m. in the Chickamauga Battlefield Visitor Center theater.

Was Kentucky a lost cause for the Confederacy? Why was it such an important state to both sides? Abraham Lincoln said, "I think to lose Kentucky is nearly the same as to lose the whole game." The Confederate government believed if it could "invade" Kentucky and "liberate" it from the Union's clutches, thousands of native Kentuckians would flock to enlist in the Confederate army. However, as visitors will see, this was a huge misnomer on the part of Southern politicians and army commanders.

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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