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# Chickamauga and Chattanooga National Military Park News Release

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## Thanksgiving Weekend Special Programs at Chickamauga and Chattanooga National Military Park

Chattanooga, Tennessee: Chickamauga and Chattanooga National Military Park invites the public to attend special programs associated with the 149<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Battles for Chattanooga. These programs will be conducted at several locations in the greater Chattanooga area and will be conducted outdoors so please dress appropriately for the weather, wear comfortable walking or hiking shoes, and bring a bottle of water.

### Friday, November 23

Join Park Ranger Chris Young at 1:00 p.m. to learn and discuss the often overlooked Battle of Orchard Knob. Meet inside the entrance gate to Orchard Knob Reservation. Parking for this ninety minute program is available at the corner of Ivy Street and Orchard Knob Avenue.

### Saturday, November 24

Park Ranger Anton Heinlein will conduct 90-minute to 2-hour hike discussing the November 24, 1863 engagement that became known as “The Battle Above the Clouds.” This program begins at 10:30 a.m. at Sunset Rock parking lot on West Brow Road and concludes at the Cravens House. Hiking distance for this program is 2 to 2 ½ miles. Visitors are encouraged to park a vehicle at Cravens House before starting the hike at Sunset Rock.

Join Park Volunteer Preston Brown at 12:30 p.m. to learn what transpired in some of the rear-guard actions as Jefferson C. Davis’ Union Division pursued Confederate forces that had abandoned the northern end of Missionary Ridge. This 90-minute driving tour begins at the Taco Bell parking lot located at 6210 Lee Highway in Chattanooga.

Join Park Historian at 2:00 p.m. for a two-hour car caravan tour that will examine Major General William T. Sherman's approach to Missionary Ridge and the Confederate reaction to Sherman's crossing. Meet at the Tennessee Riverpark's "Riverpoint" Trailhead on Lost Mound Drive on Amnicola Highway just downstream/west of the C.B. Robinson Bridge and just east of the Police Services Center and the Amnicola Bridge over South Chickamauga Creek.

### **Sunday, November 25**

At 11:30 a.m. Park Volunteer Preston Brown will discuss Confederate General William B. Bate's defense of Missionary Ridge as the Confederate line was beginning to collapse in the center. This one-hour program begins at Bragg Reservation on Missionary Ridge.

Join Park Ranger Anton Heinlein at 1:00 p.m. to learn and discuss the daring exploits of twenty-seven year old Colonel Charles G. Harker's Union brigade as they ascended Missionary Ridge and captured Captain Robert Cobb's Kentucky battery. This one-hour program begins at Bragg Reservation on Missionary Ridge.

At 2:00 p.m. Park Historian Jim Ogden and Park Volunteer Gerald Hodge will conduct a two-hour walking tour of the Tunnel Hill/Sherman Reservation area of the Missionary Ridge Battlefield. This program begins at Sherman Reservation on Lightfoot Mill Road, just off of Crest Road on Missionary Ridge.

Meet Park Ranger Anton Heinlein for a ninety minute walking tour from Bragg Reservation to Ohio Reservation to learn and discuss the Army of the Cumberland's role in the Battle of Missionary Ridge. This walking tour begins at 2:30 p.m.

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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