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Natchez Trace Parkway

Muster On the Natchez Trace: Prelude to the War of 1812

Saturday, May 26, 9:00-5:00

Sunday, May 27, 9:00-1:30

Gordon House Historic Site

(milepost 407.7 on the Natchez Trace
Parkway, 12 miles west of Columbia,
Tennessee)

*Natchez Trace Parkway:
Take a Journey through History.*

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Enjoy military drills, historical weapons demonstrations, and military and civilian living history camps. “Enlist” in either the militia or regular army, and experience a Chickasaw camp. Purchase period goods from a sutler, or visit an early 1800s tavern, where men would typically gather to get news and discuss politics. Watch an 1800s sawyer, blacksmith, and engineer as they plan to improve the Natchez Trace. Children may be surprised to see people their age with the army—there will be two units of Fife & Drum Corps, with members as young as ten.

Saturday, May 26

- All Day Ongoing activities (see above)
- 9:00 Site and parking open
- 10:00 Opening ceremony
- 11:30 Jim Parker, *Borderland Background: An Overview of Emotions and Conditions Along the Gulf Borderlands*
- 12:00 1812 Music Concert, Lewis and Clark Fife & Drum Corps, 7th USI Field Music
- 12:30 Clay Williams and Mike Bunn, *The Smoldering Tinderbox: Prelude to the Creek War and the War of 1812*
- 1:00 Period Play: *The Blue Devils*
- 1:30 Dr. Tom Kanon, *Indian/Settler Tensions on the Tennessee Frontier: The Martha Crawley Incident of 1812*
- 3:00 Historical Political Debates
- 4:00 Mustering of the Troops

Sunday, May 27

- All Day Ongoing activities
- 9:00 Site and parking open
- 10:30 Camp Meeting (period religious service)
- 11:15 Lunch on the Lawn
- 1:00 Closing Ceremony

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