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National Park Service
Stones River National Battlefield
3501 Old Nashville Highway
Murfreesboro, Tennessee 37129



Scout Hiking Trail – The Battle of Stones River

8.4 Miles

The Battle of Stones River was one of the most important battles of the Civil War. The Union victory here bolstered Northern morale at a time it was needed most and helped support the Emancipation Proclamation that began the process of changing the war into something more than a fight simply to preserve the Union. With the construction of Fortress Rosecrans, the battle also set the stage for the next campaigns that saw Federal forces drive deeper into the South destroying the Confederacy's ability to continue fighting.

Today you will hike portions of the battlefield and learn more about the events that occurred here. Before you begin here are a few suggestions and requests to make your day more enjoyable while ensuring that other visitors have a chance to enjoy the park.

- Park your group's vehicles in the grass near the picnic area.
- Bring plenty of water and energy snacks on your hike.
- Use the restrooms before you begin.
- Make sure your leader has a park guide and trail map.
- Watch your footing on unimproved trails.
- Do not climb on cannons, monuments, walls, fences, or trees.
- Use caution when crossing roads and always cross at a crosswalk.

Orientation Film

1. What are the dates of the Battle of Stones River?
2. On the night before battle, what song was played in unison by bands of both the North and South?

Museum

3. What name did the soldiers give the fields near the Round Forest?
4. What killed Henry Hall?

Museum Patio

5. What did the two armies do on January 1, 1863?

Tour Stop #2

6. How long was General Philip Sheridan able to hold his lines in the Slaughter pen?



Cedars Trail (Between Tour Stops 3 & 1)

7. How did Maney's men fortify their position on January 1, 1863?

Tour Stop #3

8. How close did the Confederates get to Lt. Charles Parsons' Battery before he gave the order to fire?

Cotton Field Trail

9. How many casualties (killed, wounded, and captured) did the Second Arkansas Mounted Rifles suffer?

Tour Stop #4

10. What command did Sergeant Henry Freeman of the Pioneer Brigade say, "came like an electric shock?"

Tour Stop #5

11. How many times did the Confederates attack this position?

12. What was the name of the community that William Holland lived in after the war?

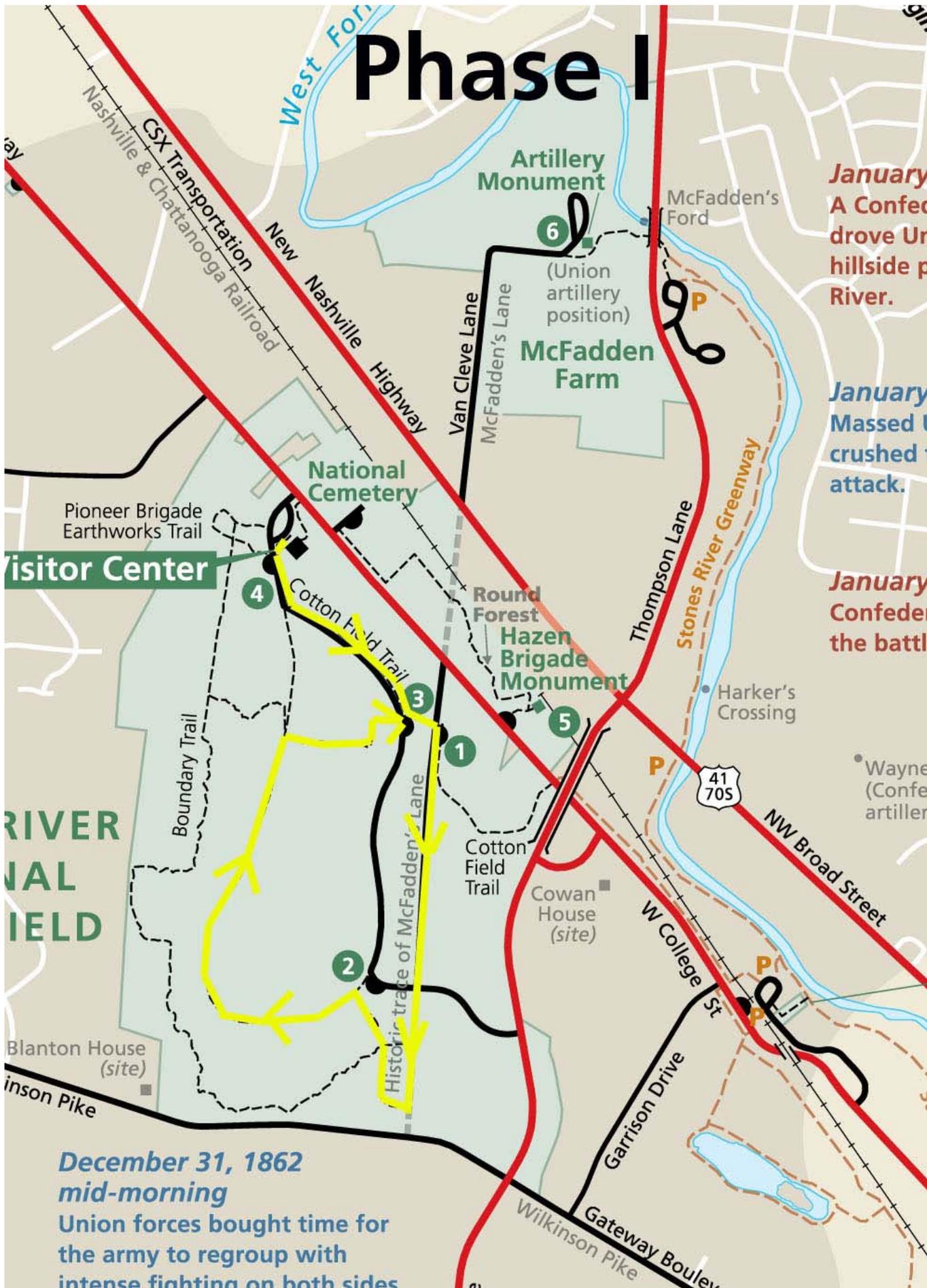
Tour Stop #6

13. Why did the men of the First Kentucky Brigade call themselves orphans?

14. Who built the Artillery Monument in 1906?

Congratulations! You've completed the Battlefield History Hike!

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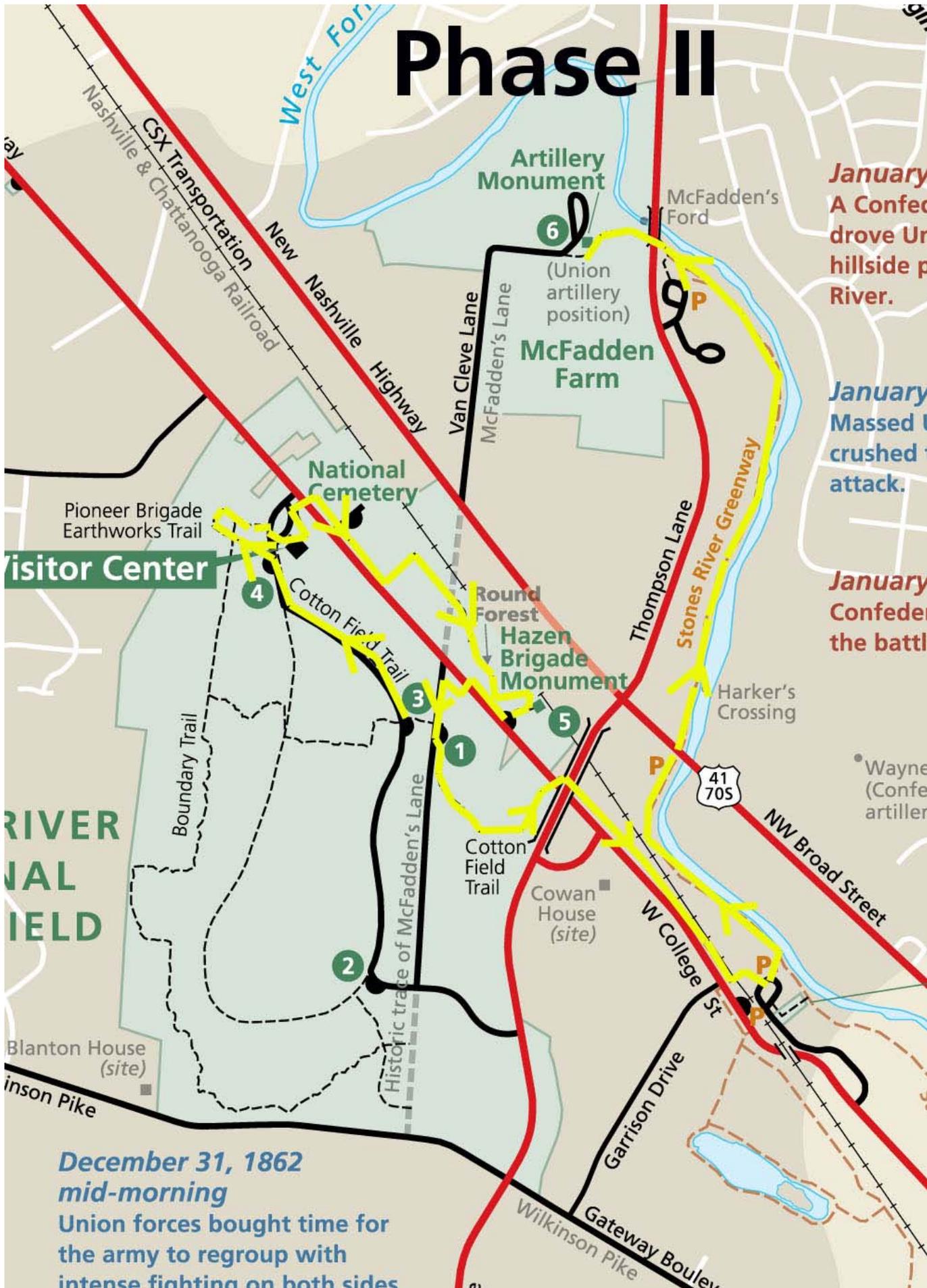
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