



The AMERICAN CIVIL WAR in GEORGIA

Visit Georgia's Civil War battlefields and travel back to a monumental time in American history. You can almost hear the guns of a divided nation as you explore our Civil War Heritage.

In the shadows of Union and Confederate soldiers, you can walk hidden trails, view earthen fortifications, visit pristine battlefields or pay silent homage in a National Historic Cemetery where the Blue and the Gray rest together as comrades of history.

Some 11,000 Georgians gave their lives in defense of their state – a state that suffered immense destruction. But war's end brought about an even more dramatic figure to tell: 460,000 African-Americans were set free from the shackles of slavery to begin new lives as free people.

AFTER THE CIVIL WAR 150TH

As Georgia winds down its commemoration of the Civil War Sesquicentennial, the fact remains—the War Between the States left its mark on the land, and is not forgotten in the stories passed down through the generations since. There is still a heritage to explore and discover at the many historic sites throughout Georgia, and at the living history reenactment events. Visit Georgia's Civil War website for more about sites, events and tours. www.gacivilwar.org.

Immerse yourself in a time long ago and relive history at these events:



Battle of Resaca – 3rd Weekend in May

The Battle of Resaca was the first major conflict of the Atlanta Campaign. In addition to the battle, two nearby historic sites have been developed to further tell the Resaca story: Fort Wayne and the Resaca Battlefield Park, both located at I-75, Exit 320. www.georgiadivision.org



Battle of Tunnel Hill – weekend after Labor Day in September

The Battle of Tunnel Hill continues with its 22nd annual reenactment. In addition to the battle and sutler area, visitors can tour the Clisby Austin House where Sherman stayed while planning the Atlanta Campaign in 1864, and walk through the 1862 Western & Atlantic Railroad Tunnel, the route of the 1862 Great Locomotive Chase. www.railroadtunnel.com



Simply Southern Jubilee – November

Living history is hosted at Nash Farm Battlefield. The program includes camp life, school of the soldier, demonstrations and other historical correct vignettes. There will also be a battle scenario on Saturday and Sunday. www.henrycountybattlefield.com

NATIONAL AND STATE PARKS

- Chickamauga National Military Park www.nps.gov/chch
- Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park www.nps.gov/kemo
- Georgia State Parks and Historic Sites www.georgiastateparks.org

Several sites interpret Georgia's story and place in history regarding the Civil War.



STORY IDEAS

Burning of Darien On June 11th 1863, the town of Darien lay deserted. Its inhabitants had fled weeks before in fear of Union Troops blockading and raiding the Coast. The all-black regiment, The 54th Massachusetts, had been sent to the Georgia coast earlier that spring to re-enforce the Union "Anaconda" strategy to choke the South into submission. What followed was depicted in the 1989 Oscar-winning movie *Glory*.

John Wisdom, "Paul Revere of the South" Wisdom obtained this title after riding from Gadsden, AL to Rome, GA to save the city from Union invasion. <http://romegeorgia.org/civil-war/stories/>

The Softer Side of Sherman "You once said that I would crush an enemy and you pitied my foe. Do you recall my reply? Although many years have passed, my answer is the same. 'I would ever shield and protect you'. That I have done. Forgive all else. I am only a soldier." ~William T. Sherman
[www.visitcartersvillega.org/na/William Tecumseh Sherman and Cecelia Shelman](http://www.visitcartersvillega.org/na/William_Tecumseh_Sherman_and_Cecelia_Shelman)

Marietta Stories Georgia Fletcher Cole married a man so Pro-Union that he was imprisoned during the war for being a spy! This and 9 more stories centered around Marietta are available at www.mariettacivilwar.com.

TRAILS AND TOURS

Georgia Civil War Heritage Trails This statewide system of driving trails interprets Georgia's Civil War era along its historic routes, while leading visitors on an experience back in time. www.gcwht.org

Chickamauga Campaign Heritage Trail Explore the places and events that led to one of the war's most poignant battles. www.chickamaugacampaign.org

Blue and Gray Trail A random driving trail to all Civil War sites from Chattanooga to Atlanta.
www.georgiabluegraytrail.org

Heartlands of the Confederacy Civil War Trails Sites in and around Athens reveal the many stories of the lives and legacies of the men and women who shaped the Confederacy. www.heartlandoftheconfederacy.org

War Comes to Dalton Civil War Driving Tour Self-guided driving tour of historic sites telling the Dalton Civil War story. www.dalton150th.com

Tri-State Civil War 150th A portal to Civil War sites and events in Georgia, Alabama and Tennessee.
www.civilwar150th.org

A Civil War Diary: Historic Walking Tour of St. Simons Island Listen as a Union hospital staff officer who has returned to St. Simons to return a diary found on the battlefield at Fredericksburg, Virginia to its rightful owner.
[www.ghosttoursstsimonsga.com/CIVILWAR DIARY.html](http://www.ghosttoursstsimonsga.com/CIVILWAR_DIARY.html)

A Civil War Savannah/Low Country Commemorative Tour A panorama of Civil War sites and experiences. Accompanied by your Civil War fiddler/harmonica playing step-on guide, the tour takes in rare, treasured experiences of Robert E. Lee's civilian and military days in Savannah and a wide array of Civil War Savannah sites and special events-- from Fort Pulaski to the drawing rooms of the Andrew Low House and Sherman's headquarters. <http://savannahculturalheritagetours.com/civil-war-savannah-tours-and-events-your-one-stop-resource/>

EVENTS

Visit www.ExploreGeorgia.org for a listing of Civil War events in Georgia

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