

# GEORGIA BATTLEFIELDS

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## 2016 tour with Ed Bearss

Dates: 10-13 March 2016. We had to get a bigger bus, and we have only a few seats left!

Subject: Atlanta Campaign from Gilgal Church to the Smyrna Line, 15 June – 4 July 1864.

October newsletter has more info on itinerary. [www.georgiabattlefields.org/newsletters.htm](http://www.georgiabattlefields.org/newsletters.htm)

Hotel: Hampton Inn, 871 Cobb Place Blvd, Kennesaw (I-75 exit 269). Phone 770 426 0017.

All rooms at the GBA rate are sold out. Two other Hilton corporation hotels are adjacent:

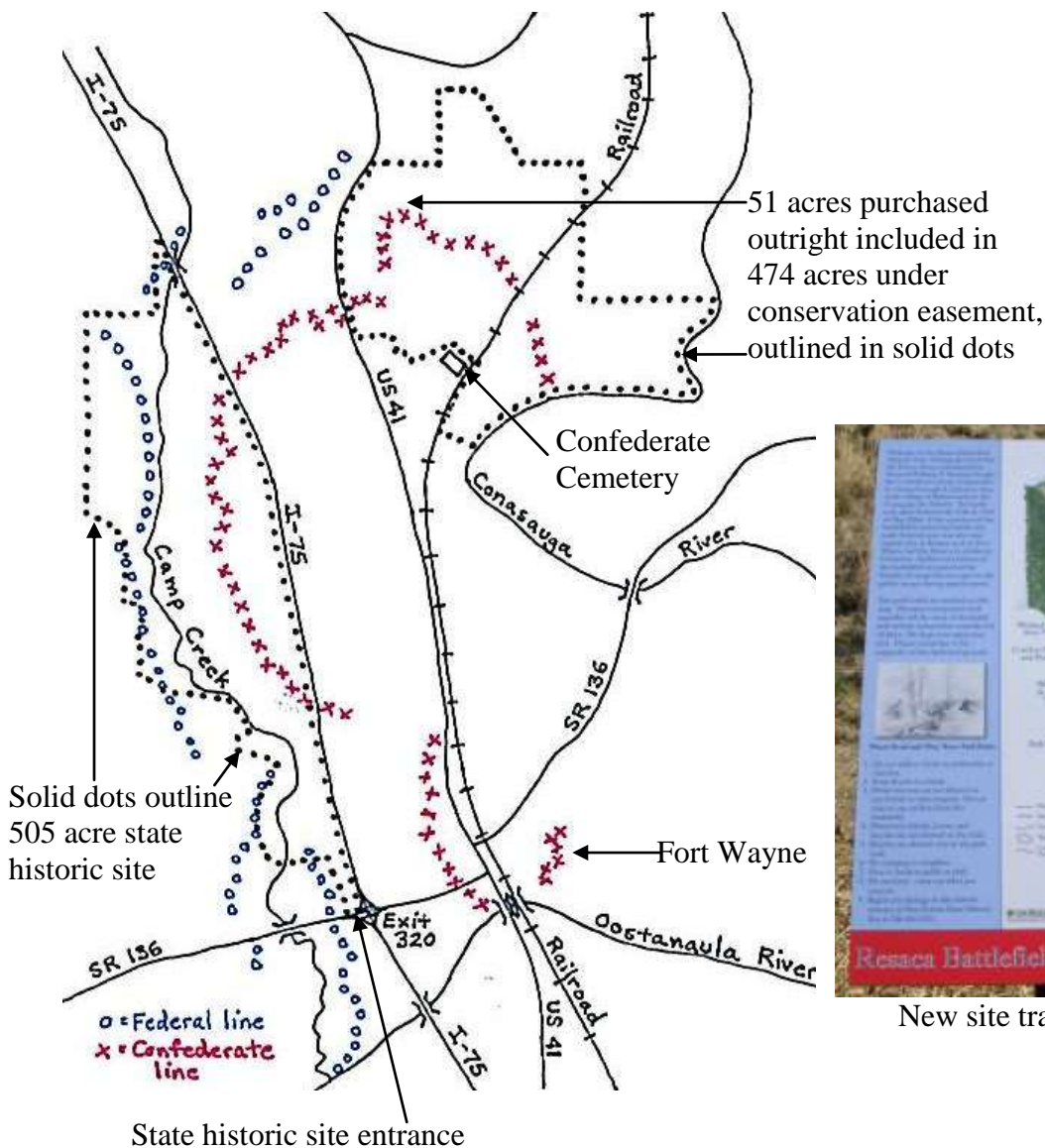
Hilton Garden Inn 678 322 1140, and Homewood Suites 678 354 2800.

Register: Send \$395 check to GBA at P.O. Box 589, Tate GA 30177-0589.

## At last: Resaca State Historic Site to open 13 May

After years of frustrating delays, the 505 acre state-owned portion of the Resaca battlefield will finally open to the public. On 2 February, the Gordon County Board of Commissioners accepted responsibility for managing the site from the Georgia Department of Natural Resources. A formal opening is scheduled for 3 p.m. on Friday, 13 May, but a "soft" opening is likely before that date based on how quickly the county can hire staff. Initially, the park will be open only on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday. Stay informed at <http://rescabattlefield.org/FoRstart.html>.

The Resaca battlefield of 13-15 May 1864 is bisected by I-75. Entrance to the state historic site is just west of exit 320. On the east side of I-75 are: Fort Wayne, used by the Confederates before and during the battle and by the Federals for six months afterwards; a 474 acre parcel (site of the annual reenactment) under conservation easement that includes 51 acres owned by Gordon County (Georgia Battlefields Association helped fund both the easement and the purchase); and the Resaca Confederate Cemetery.



New site trail map marker

## GBA again slated to lead downtown Atlanta tour for Phoenix Flies

For its annual Phoenix Flies program, Atlanta Preservation Center has again asked Georgia Battlefields Association to lead a downtown walking tour of Civil War Atlanta. Tours are scheduled for the afternoons of 5 and 19 March and will visit the sites where many photos of the city were taken in the autumn of 1864. Dozens of other tours, some of which are also Civil War-related, are available. The general public can make reservations beginning 29 February. See the web site [www.phoenixflies.org](http://www.phoenixflies.org) or call 404 688 3353.



Two photos taken from the same spot 150 years apart. On the left, Atlanta City Hall in 1864, torn down 1868 to allow construction of the Capitol, shown above. We'll see this spot during the downtown walking tour.

## Shenandoah Valley Battlefields Foundation conference in Marietta

Shenandoah Valley Battlefields Foundation is holding its annual conference 6-9 April in Marietta. The topics this year include the Atlanta Campaign. Tours will occur on 7 and 9 April, and 8 April will be devoted to presentations by Bud Robertson, Richard McMurry, Jeff Wert, Todd Groce, Brian Wills, and Ken Rutherford. GBA will have a booth in the foyer on 8 April. The 7 April tours will focus on the Hell Hole battles and Kennesaw Mountain. The 9 April tours will include the River Line, Peachtree Creek, and Atlanta. Registration information and further details are at [www.shenandoahatwar.org](http://www.shenandoahatwar.org).

## Civil War Trust Park Day is 2 April – updated list

Civil War Trust's annual park day is 2 April. To see participating sites in your area, go to [www.civilwar.org/parkday](http://www.civilwar.org/parkday). If you don't have internet access, call the Trust at 202 367 1861.

### Georgia sites (from northwest to southeast):

Missionary Ridge Trail - 9 a.m.  
Historic Prater's Mill - 9 a.m.  
Dalton Confederate Cemetery - 9 a.m.  
Resaca Confederate Cemetery - 9 a.m.  
Kennesaw Mountain Battlefield Park - 9 a.m.  
Andersonville National Historic Site - 10 a.m.  
Jefferson Davis Historic Site - 10 a.m.  
Brier Creek Battlefield - 9 a.m.  
Fort Pulaski National Monument - 10 a.m.  
Fort McAllister State Historic Park - 9 a.m.

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