

GEORGIA BATTLEFIELDS

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2017 annual tour will continue to follow the Atlanta Campaign

Dates: 9-12 March 2017. We'll cover the River Line, Roswell, Crossings of the Chattahoochee, Battle of Peachtree Creek, and the Atlanta city defense line.

Hotel: Embassy Suites, 2815 Akers Mill Rd, Atlanta GA 30339 (near Cobb Galleria). \$139 per night (\$166 with tax) for king suite. 770 984 9300. www.atlantagalleria.embassysuites.com

Tour price: \$395 (includes lunch and dinner on Friday and Saturday). Pay online or send check to Georgia Battlefields Association at PO Box 589, Tate GA 30177-0589.

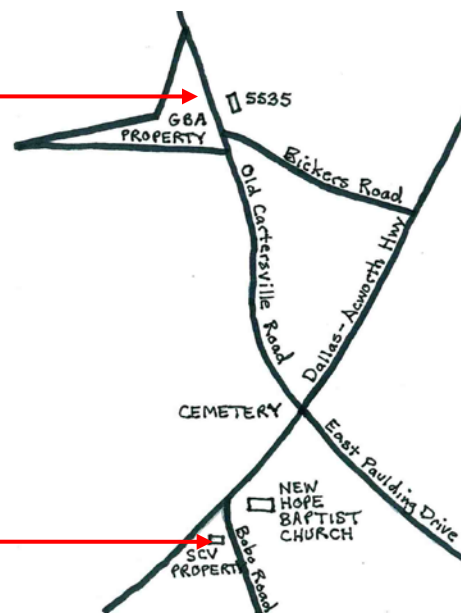
Georgia Battlefields Association web site

We're happy to report that the reaction to the new Georgia Battlefields Association web site has been positive. Several people have renewed memberships and registered for the March tour without difficulty, but we encourage you to let us know if you have any problems.

Georgia Battlefields Association workday 7 January

Our member Bill Gurry, who helps maintain Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park, will lead a work party to clear debris from GBA's 4.7 acre property near New Hope Church at 1 p.m. on 7 January. Inclement weather date is 8 January.

Property is on the west side of the intersection of Bickers Road and Old Cartersville Road, northwest of the intersection of SR 381/Dallas-Acworth Highway and East Paulding Drive. The property has no address, but if you use GPS, enter 5535 Old Cartersville Road, Dallas, Georgia 30132, which is directly across the road from the property. You may be able to park on Bickers Road, but we'll also provide shuttle service from the SCV building (former Primitive Baptist Church) on the west side of Bobo Road just south of its intersection with Dallas-Acworth Highway. Bring your work gloves, shovels, and pruning shears if you have them. Please contact us at info@georgiabattlefields.org if you plan to be there.



Good time of year to visit Resaca State Historic Site

From 1 November through 31 May, the Resaca State Historic Site is open 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday. www.gordoncountyparks.org. You may still see some fall colors, but the decreasing foliage and low sun angle make both the Confederate and Federal earthworks much easier to distinguish. At the site, you can get a tour map of the area showing Fort Wayne Civil War Historic Site on the east side of I-75 and, farther north on US 41, the WPA pavilion, the Confederate cemetery, and the 474-acre conservation easement on battlefield land. GBA contributed \$125,000 towards the easement and the outright purchase of 51 of those acres.



Left:
Entrance to historic site, just west of I-75 exit 320.

Right: Trenches are easier to see with less foliage and low sun angle.



Rocky Face Ridge fire

In the December newsletter, I wrote that the initial fire was started inadvertently by a county work crew. The work crew was not from the county. The chief firefighter's preliminary assessment indicates the crew was from the power line company. GBA regrets the error.

Cyclorama and locomotive *Texas* move and conservation

The Battle of Atlanta painting will move from its current building in Grant Park in January. It will be "scrolled" (conservators' term), then moved by truck to its new building at the Atlanta History Center, where the conservation will occur over the next year or so. A vertical section that was removed to make the painting fit in the Grant Park building will be replicated, as will a horizontal section of sky entirely around the top. Public display in the new building is scheduled for Spring 2018, though the exact date is understandably uncertain.

Locomotive *Texas* remains in North Carolina undergoing conservation. Related web sites are:

www.nctrans.org/Events/The-Texas-Locomotive.aspx

www.atlantahistorycenter.com/explore/coming-soon-atlanta-cyclorama.



Looking south from West Paces Ferry Road on Veterans Day. The overhang to the right will be the hallway in which *Texas* is displayed so it will be visible from the road and lighted at night.



Looking east from the café and bookstore in the main museum building. Tracks for *Texas* were brought from the Grant Park building.



Looking west across Slaton Drive on Veterans Day.



The viewing platform is visible towards the bottom of this nighttime photo through the outer wall framework.

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