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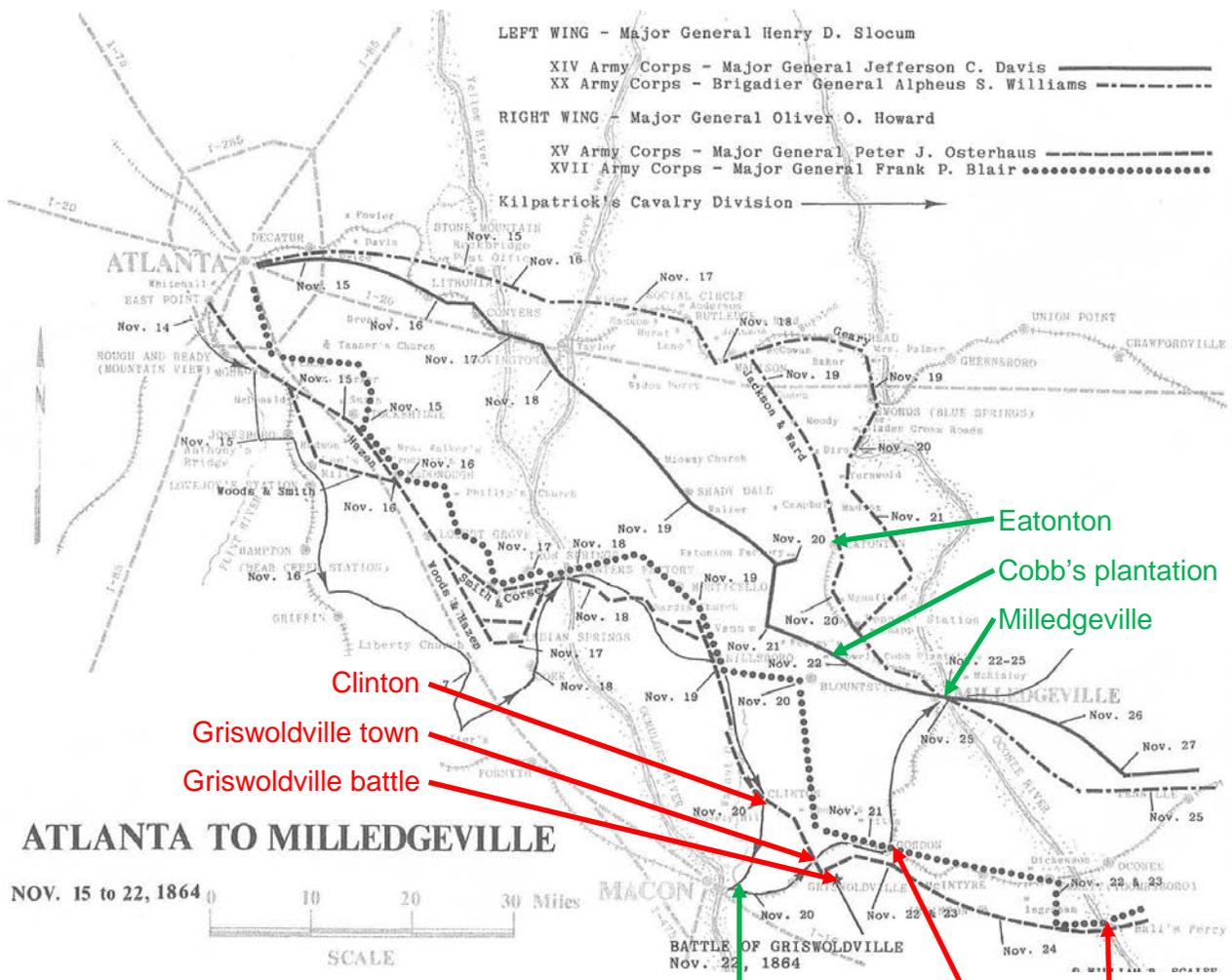
# BATTLEFIELDS

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## GBA tour set for 31 March to 3 April in Macon

We hope—and expect—that the virus situation will improve by the end of March 2022. Even so, tour participants tend to be older, and underlying conditions often come with age, so for your own sake and the sake of everyone else, **GET VACCINATED**. The principal obstacle we can't work around is how to social distance on the bus. The bus company may change its policy by March 2022, but for now, assume that masks will be required while you're on the bus.

**Schedule:** We'll begin as usual with a Thursday evening reception at the hotel. We'll set up around 5 p.m., hand out maps near 6 p.m., and conclude by 7 p.m. so you can head for dinner on your own. Typically, people renew acquaintances and head for dinner in small groups. A selection of restaurants is available at I-75 exit 169, two miles south on Sheraton Drive or I-75. Friday: Route of the Left Wing during the early days of the March to the Sea: Eatonton, Cobb's Plantation, and Milledgeville, followed by a stop at Ocmulgee National Historical Park (NHP) to cover cavalry actions of July and November 1864. Dinner at Michael's on Mulberry in Macon. Saturday: Route of the Right Wing, including Old Clinton, town of Griswoldville, Griswoldville battlefield, Gordon, and Ball's Ferry. Dinner at Cannonball House in Macon. Sunday: Rose Hill Cemetery and downtown Macon sites relating to the town's significance as a manufacturing and supply center and Jefferson Davis' capture.



Friday tour sites in green. Saturday tour sites in red. Ocmulgee NHP Gordon Ball's Ferry

### How much walking?

We've had inquiries about the amount of walking involved. Friday will involve a walking tour of Milledgeville in the middle of the day. At Ocmulgee NHP in the afternoon, we'll walk from the parking lot to the location of Civil War earthworks and hope to have time for participants—if they wish—to explore at least some of the Native American mounds. Saturday will include a walking tour of Old Clinton early in the day, followed by some walking of the Griswoldville battlefield in the early afternoon. Less walking is involved at Gordon and Ball's Ferry. Sunday morning will include walking to cover part of Rose Hill Cemetery and a few blocks of walking in downtown Macon.

**Hotel:** Springhill Suites at 4630 Sheraton Drive. The hotel is at I-75 exit 171 and is visible from the interstate. Phone the hotel at 478 803 9100. Note: Do NOT press 1 for reservations. Wait for one of the hotel staff to pick up and ask for the Georgia Battlefields Association rate of \$99 per night, which with the unavoidable taxes is about \$119.

**Cost & Registration:** \$430. Register online at [www.georgiabattlefields.org/tours.aspx](http://www.georgiabattlefields.org/tours.aspx), or mail check payable to Georgia Battlefields Association to PO Box 669953, Marietta GA 30066.

We're glad to report that Chickamauga & Chattanooga National Military Park historian Jim Ogden plans to join us for the tour. For several years, GBA has coordinated with Jim to succeed Ed Bearss as principal guide for our annual tours. We changed our annual tour dates to late March or early April because Jim usually has a very full schedule in March.

## **Perry Bennett continues efforts to mark Atlanta campaign sites**

LtCol Perry Bennett (USAR, Ret.) continues to mark earthworks relating to the Atlanta Campaign in southwest Atlanta and also at Jonesboro and Lovejoy's Station. Recently he installed signs to mark an early August 1864 Confederate trench, the remnants of which are in John A. White Park, a later August U.S. trench in East Point, and an early September 1864 U.S. trench north of Lovejoy's Station.

See some of Perry's other recent efforts in the April and October 2021 newsletters.



C.S. trench in John A. White Park



U.S. trench in East Point.



U.S. trench north of Lovejoy's Station.

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