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American Battlefield Trust Park Days

American Battlefield Trust sponsors an annual Park Day, during which volunteers can help with maintenance of historic sites. <https://www.battlefields.org/parkday>. The date of Park Day varies.

April 5

[*Chickamauga National Military Park*](#) Will Wilson 706 966 9241 x 137 will_wilson@nps.gov
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April 12

[*Kennesaw Mountain NBP*](#) Amanda Corman 770 427 4686 kemo_volunteer@nps.gov

April 26

[*Reflection Riding Nature Center*](#) Paige Powell 931 231 9919 volunteer@reflectionriding.org
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[*Prater's Mill*](#) Prater's Mill Foundation 706 694 6455 info@pratersmill.org
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May 3

[*Kettle Creek Battlefield*](#) Chuck Garnett 478 214 3715 garnett31016@bellsouth.net

Atlanta Civil War Round Table 7 April meeting on Atlanta Campaign

The [Atlanta Civil War Round Table](#) meets the first Monday of every month except July and August. The subject matter can range widely over Civil War topics, but the 7 April meeting will feature author Dave Powell discussing his multi-volume work on the Atlanta Campaign, with [Volume 1: Dalton to Cassville](#) already in print. Dave's previous works include [The Maps of Chickamauga](#) and books in the [Emerging Civil War](#) series and [Command Decisions in America's Civil War](#) series. Dave is a Georgia Battlefields Association member.

Andrews Raid tour led by Jim Ogden is 11-13 April

Blue and Gray Education Society will sponsor a Great Locomotive Chase tour led by Jim Ogden. See the <https://blueandgrayeducation.org/tours/the-great-locomotive-chase-tour/> for details. Tour hotel will be the Hampton Inn, 6875 Battlefield Parkway, Ringgold GA 30736.

Georgia Historical Society to honor Georgia Battlefields Association

At 10:30 on 18 April, Georgia Historical Society will present Georgia Battlefields Association a certificate acknowledging 30 years of contributions to historical preservation and education in a ceremony at the Carter Presidential Library bus parking lot. Open to all who wish to attend.

Old Clinton War Days return 3 & 4 May

The Old Clinton Historic District will again host reenactments of the July 1864 Battle of Sunshine Church and the November 1864 Battle of Griswoldville. On Saturday, gates open at 9 a.m. and troop assembly follows immediately. Soldier camps open at 10:05, a ladies' tea is at 11:00, Sunshine Church reenactment is at 2:00 p.m., and the camp closes at 5:05. Saturday concludes with a memorial service at the Methodist Church Cemetery at 8:05. On Sunday, gates open at 9 a.m. and troop assembly follows immediately. Soldier camps open at 10:05, a church service is at 11:05, Griswoldville reenactment is at 2:05 p.m., and camps close at 4:05. Between scheduled events, tour the historic buildings, including the McCarthy-Pope House, the oldest house in town.

Proceeds (\$5 for adults, \$3 for ages 6-18, and free for ages 5 and under) are used to help preserve the historic district. If you're a Georgia Battlefields Association member, entry is free, provided you inform the [Old Clinton Historical Society](#) prior to arrival.

Old Clinton is 12 miles northeast of Macon, just a block north of US 129. Turn north off US 129 onto Randolph St at the traffic signal by the Exchange Bank. If you use direction-finding app, enter 412 Pulaski St, Gray GA 31032. For more information, call 478 251 6745 or see the web site <http://www.oldclinton.org/war-days-3/> or [Old Clinton Historical Society](#) on Facebook.

2025 annual tour focused on Chickamauga campaign

Unsurprisingly, Chickamauga National Military Park historian Jim Ogden led another great tour. We covered the sites of the Chickamauga Campaign from 21 August through 21 September 1863. Most tours don't cover the supply and transportation considerations during the planning phase of a campaign, but this tour did. We went to Stevenson and Bridgeport, Alabama, then the Tennessee River crossings; and we went across Sand Mountain and Lookout Mountain into McLemore's Cove, where the Confederates' command problems were evident and set the pattern for the following days. Day two covered the maneuvering and initial fighting of 18 September. Day three had shorter bus rides and longer stops as the fighting involved more troops but all within the park boundaries. We covered all the action of 19 September, the Confederate command changes and confusion of that night and the early hours of 20 September, and the morning action on the north end of the field. Day four picked up with Longstreet's attempts to familiarize himself with his many new subordinate commands and his intent for the late morning attack that is so often emphasized by cursory histories of the battle, but we had the advantage of context provided by Jim Ogden's recounting of several weeks' events that preceded the attack. The rain held off until two minutes before Jim made his concluding remarks on Snodgrass Hill.

If you haven't been on a GBA tour led by Jim Ogden, join our 2026 tour. You'll be glad you did.



At Stevenson Depot



Where U.S. forces crossed the Tennessee R. at Battle Creek



GBA helped save several properties near Reed's Bridge



Touring can be tiring



At Davis's Crossroads



At the Gordon-Lee Mansion



At Wilder Tower



Our group seen from the top of the Tower



At the Chickamauga Park Visitor Center

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