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Marker maintenance funding remains at inadequate level

The State Fiscal Year (SFY) 2009 budget, which takes effect 1 July, provides \$50,000 for historical marker maintenance, the same amount as in SFY 2008. We were hoping for a larger amount to insure that the maximum number of markers were repaired, replaced, or reinstalled in time for the Civil War Sesquicentennial. Repair of Civil War markers, which constitute almost 40% of the state's 2200 markers, has been given priority; but regular maintenance of the total marker inventory cost around \$200,000 per year before the drastic cuts of 2003. Vehicle accidents are the source of most marker damage, but a disturbing new trend is the theft of markers because of the soaring price of all types of metal.

Georgia sites on the web

As part of our effort to help the state plan for the Civil War Sesquicentennial commemoration, GBA compiled a list of web addresses for Civil War sites, relevant museums, driving trails, and information resources in Georgia. We hope you will find this initial list handy as you make your summer travel plans or seek information about the status of sites.

Civil War-related National Parks & Cemeteries in Georgia

- Chickamauga-Chattanooga National Military Park www.nps.gov/chch
Battlefield of 18-20 September 1863
Friends of the Park www.chickchatt.org
- Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park www.nps.gov/kemo
Battlefields of 22 & 27 June 1864
- Marietta National Cemetery www.cem.va.gov/CEMs/nchp/marietta.asp
Established 1866 as reinterment site for Federal soldiers killed during 1864 Atlanta Campaign
- Chattahoochee National Recreation Area www.nps.gov/chat
Sites where Federals crossed the Chattahoochee River, July 1864
- Andersonville National Historic Site www.nps.gov/ande
Prisoner of War camp, February 1864 - April 1865
- Fort Pulaski National Monument, East of Savannah www.nps.gov/fopu
Fort seized by state in January 1861 and retaken by Federals in April 1862

Civil War-related State Parks & Historic Sites

- Red Top Mountain State Park, East of Cartersville www.gastateparks.org/info/redtop
Operates Allatoona Pass Battlefield of 5 October 1864 www.evhsionline.org/allatoona/index.shtml
- Pickett's Mill Battlefield Historic Site, North of Dallas www.gastateparks.org/info/picketts
Battlefield of 27 May 1864 www.pickettsmillpark.org
- Sweetwater Creek State Park, Lithia Springs www.gastateparks.org/info/sweetwater
Site of New Manchester Mill, burned by Federal cavalry 9 July 1864
Friends of Sweetwater Creek State Park www.friendsofsweetwatercreek.org
- Alexander Stephens Historic Park, Crawfordville www.gastateparks.org/info/ahsteph
Home of Confederate Vice President
- Robert Toombs House Historic Site, Washington www.gastateparks.org/info/rtoombs
Home of Confederate general and cabinet officer
- Griswoldville Battlefield www.gastateparks.org/core/item/page.aspx?s=153653.0.1.5
Battlefield of 22 November 1864
- Jefferson Davis Historic Site, Irwinville www.gastateparks.org/info/jeffd
Where Confederate president was captured 10 May 1865
- Magnolia Springs State Park, North of Millen www.gastateparks.org/info/magspr
Site of PoW Camp Lawton, 1864 - 1865
- Wormsloe Historic Site, Savannah www.gastateparks.org/info/wormsloe
Contains artillery position that defended Savannah
- Fort McAllister Historic Park, Richmond Hill www.gastateparks.org/info/ftmcallister
Battlefield of 13 December 1864

Driving Trails & Guidebooks online

- *Crossroads of Conflict*. State guide for touring Civil War sites www.georgiacivilwar.org/guide.htm
- Traveler's Guide to Civil War Georgia www.sherpaguides.com/georgia/civil_war
- Georgia Civil War Heritage Trails www.gcwht.org
- Blue & Gray Trail www.blueandgraytrail.com
- Chickamauga Campaign Heritage Trail www.chickamaugacampaign.org
- Civil War Heartland Trail www.civilwaringeorgia.com

Web sites for other Civil War sites in Georgia

- Prater's Mill, near Varnell www.pratersmill.org
Site of cavalry clash during opening days of Atlanta Campaign in May 1864.
- Tunnel Hill, Northwest of Dalton www.tunnelhillheritagecenter.com
Featured in Andrews' Raid on 12 April 1862 and opening of Atlanta Campaign in May 1864.
- Resaca Battlefield, I-75 exit 320 www.resacabattlefield.org
Battlefield of 13-15 May 1864
- Fort Norton, Rome www.romegeorgia.org
Part of city defenses, near battlefield of 17 May 1864.
- Fort Walker, Grant Park, Atlanta www.gpconservancy.org
Only remaining fort from defenses of Atlanta, October 1863 - September 1864
- Nash Farm Battlefield, East of Lovejoy www.henrycountybattlefield.com
Cavalry battle of 20 August 1864 and infantry battle of 3 September 1864
- Brown's Mill Battlefield www.nchistoricalsociety.org
Cavalry battle of 30 July 1864
- Cannonball House, Macon www.cannonballhouse.org
Damaged by artillery fire during Federal cavalry raid in July 1864. Museum includes Civil War artifacts.
- Old Governor's Mansion, Milledgeville www2.gcsu.edu/mansion
Home of wartime governors. Sherman spent a night here during the November 1864 March to the Sea.
- Fort Jackson, Coastal Heritage Society, Savannah www.chsgeorgia.org
Fort that defended Savannah. Wreck of ironclad CSS *Georgia* is nearby.

Civil War-related Museums in Georgia

- Southern Museum of Civil War and Locomotive History www.southernmuseum.org
Display on Andrews' Raid; houses locomotive *General*.
- Battle of Atlanta Cyclorama www.bcaatlanta.com/index.php?pid=81
Battle of Atlanta painting; building houses locomotive *Texas*.
- Atlanta History Center www.atlantahistorycenter.com
Turning Point Civil War exhibit with displays from DuBose, Dickey, and Wray artifact collections.
- Port Columbus Civil War Naval Center www.portcolumbus.org
Houses remains of two Confederate ships as well as many other displays.
- Blue & Gray Museum, Fitzgerald www.fitzgeraldga.org/blue&graymuseum.htm
History of town founded by veterans from both sides.

Georgia Civil War Information Resources online

- Georgia Civil War Commission www.georgiacivilwar.org
Chartered by state legislature in 1993 to coordinate all Civil War-related activities in Georgia.
- Georgia Battlefields Association www.georgiabattlefields.org
Statewide non-profit preservation group, established 1995.
- Georgia Historical Society, Savannah www.georgiahistory.com
Library and document holdings. Since 1997, has managed placement of new historical markers.
- Civil War in Georgia www.cviog.uga.edu/Projects/gainfo/civilwar.htm
Overview of Civil War resources and information.
- Georgia Historical Markers www.cviog.uga.edu/Projects/gainfo/gahistmarkers/gamarkerscontents.htm
Listing of approximately 2200 state historical markers, including over 850 relating to the Civil War.
- New Georgia Encyclopedia www.georgiaencyclopedia.org/nge/Home.jsp
Searchable encyclopedia of information about Georgia, including comprehensive Civil War articles.
- Geographic Information Systems for Battlefield Preservation www.civilwar.gatech.edu
Matches contemporary and modern maps with source documents.

150 years ago this month

Green Russell, a native of Georgia and a veteran of the California Gold Rush, discovers gold in what is then Kansas Territory. The subsequent gold rush is named for nearby Pike's Peak, and the influx of people leads to the founding of a new city, called Denver. This latest westward migration increases southern concerns that another free state—like California—will result.

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