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## Moore's Bridge site saved

On 13 February, the Trust for Public Land ([www.tpl.org](http://www.tpl.org)) and Carroll County announced that 485 acres along the Chattahoochee River have been permanently protected. TPL assembled the property, then sold it to Carroll County for \$4,474,000, which is below the appraised value.

The property is at the north end of the former covered wooden bridge built in 1858 by a free black man, Horace King. The land was supplied by James Moore, thus the name Moore's Bridge. King was a renowned bridge builder for almost 50 years in the mid 19<sup>th</sup> century.

In early July 1864, Federal cavalry under Major General George Stoneman was ordered to scout southwestward along the north bank of the Chattahoochee River. The objective was to convince the Confederates that the Federals were looking for a place to put the main infantry force across the river, as well as to cut the railroad and destroy supplies. On 13 July, Stoneman's troopers drove away the Confederates guarding Moore's bridge but hesitated instead of pushing on to Newnan. Early on 14 July, Armstrong's Confederate cavalry brigade attacked and drove away the Federals, who burned the bridge as they withdrew. The bridge abutments remain at the site. A thorough account of the action is in [Sherman's Horsemen](#). Author David Evans will be joining us as we cover cavalry actions during our upcoming tour with Ed Bearss (see article).

Carroll County Parks & Recreation Department will manage the property. While a master plan for the site is still in the works, it is now saved thanks to Carroll County and TPL.

## 2009 GBA tour with Ed Bearss

You have only a few days to register for our 2009 tour led by Ed Bearss. We'll cover the Federal cavalry actions of the Atlanta Campaign as well as the climactic Battle of Jonesboro. The tour includes all day bus tours on Friday and Saturday and a half day tour on Sunday.

**Dates:** 12-15 March 2009

**Hotel:** Comfort Suites, 1444 Southlake Plaza Dr, Morrow GA 30260.

Call 678 674 1300 and ask for the Georgia Battlefields Association rate of \$89 (~\$100 with tax).

**Price:** \$395.

You must be a GBA member to register for the tour, and your participation is not confirmed until your check (payable to GBA) arrives at 7 Camden Rd NE, Atlanta GA 30309.

## Annual Civil War Symposium at Kennesaw State is 21 March

Kennesaw State University's Center for the Study of the Civil War Era will hold its 6<sup>th</sup> annual symposium on 21 March. The subject this year is "Envisioning America: The Leadership of Abraham Lincoln & Jefferson Davis." Scheduled speakers are:

- Dr. Stephen Berry, University of Georgia  
Author of [House of Abraham: Lincoln & the Todds, a Family Divided by War](#)
- Dr. William Cooper, Louisiana State University  
Editor of [Jefferson Davis: Essential Writings](#) and author of [Jefferson Davis, American](#)
- Dr. Brian Dirck, Anderson University  
Author of [Lincoln & Davis: Imagining America 1809-1865](#) and [Lincoln the Lawyer](#)
- Dr. George Rable, University of Alabama  
Author of [Fredericksburg! Fredericksburg!](#) and [The Confederate Republic](#)

The sessions will run from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. in room 400 of the University Center, 3333 Busbee Dr., Kennesaw GA 30144. Register online by 13 March at [www.kennesaw.edu/civilwarera](http://www.kennesaw.edu/civilwarera) or contact Heather Howell at 678 797 2084 or [hhowell2@kennesaw.edu](mailto:hhowell2@kennesaw.edu).

## Phoenix Flies returns

Only a short time is left to register for the Atlanta Preservation Center's Phoenix Flies program. Phoenix Flies ([www.phoenixflies.org](http://www.phoenixflies.org)) includes several events intended to highlight historic buildings and events in the city. GBA was asked to reprise one of its tours conducted for Phoenix Flies in previous years, so we'll be leading a tour of downtown Atlanta on 22 March 2009. This tour will pass the sites of most of the city's principal Civil War buildings, including the train depots, Confederate administrative buildings, city hall, weapons factories, etc. You'll receive a handout containing many of the famous wartime photos of the city and visit the spots from which they were taken. To sign up, call the Atlanta Preservation Center at 404 688 3353.

## Annual park day is 4 April

The annual Civil War Preservation Trust Park Day is scheduled for 4 April. Park Day provides an opportunity for volunteers to help maintain national, state, and local parks. For more info, see the web site [www.civilwar.org/parkday](http://www.civilwar.org/parkday), or call Mary Stephens at 301 665 1400.

Contact these Georgia sites (going from Chickamauga to the coast) if you want to help:

Chickamauga National Military Park, Fort Oglethorpe [www.nps.gov/chch](http://www.nps.gov/chch)  
Contact Patrice Glass at 423 752 5213 x137 or [patrice\\_glass@nps.gov](mailto:patrice_glass@nps.gov)

Tunnel Hill (Railroad Tunnel and Clisby Austin House) [www.tunnelhillheritagecenter.com](http://www.tunnelhillheritagecenter.com)  
Contact Rial Sloan at 706 673 2641 or [rialnjan@optilink.us](mailto:rialnjan@optilink.us)

Historic Prater's Mill, Varnell [www.pratersmill.org](http://www.pratersmill.org)  
Contact Judy Alderman at 706 694 6455 or [judy@pratersmill.org](mailto:judy@pratersmill.org)

Confederate Cemetery, Dalton  
Contact Marvin Sowder at 706 278 3925 or [msowder@dalton.net](mailto:msowder@dalton.net)

Myrtle Hill Cemetery, Rome  
Contact Jim Dugger at 706 266 9445 or [strollinjim@gmail.com](mailto:strollinjim@gmail.com)

Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park [www.nps.gov/kemo](http://www.nps.gov/kemo)  
Contact Benita Duling at 770 427 4686 or [benita\\_duling@nps.gov](mailto:benita_duling@nps.gov)

Jefferson Davis State Historic Site, Irwinville [www.gastateparks.org/info/jeffd](http://www.gastateparks.org/info/jeffd)  
Contact John Hughes at 229 831 2335 or [john\\_hughes@dnr.state.ga.us](mailto:john_hughes@dnr.state.ga.us)

Blue & Gray Museum, Fitzgerald [www.fitzgeraldga.org/blue&graymuseum.htm](http://www.fitzgeraldga.org/blue&graymuseum.htm)  
Contact Al Strom at 229 426 5069 or [bgmuseum@mchsi.com](mailto:bgmuseum@mchsi.com)

Fort McAllister State Historic Park, Richmond Hill [www.gastateparks.org/info/ftmcallister](http://www.gastateparks.org/info/ftmcallister)  
Contact Danny Brown at 912 727 2339 or [dannybrown@coastalnow.net](mailto:dannybrown@coastalnow.net)

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