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Georgia Battlefields Association will lead 5 & 19 March tours

For the fifteenth year, GBA will lead a Civil War Atlanta downtown walking tour as part of Atlanta Preservation Center's Phoenix Flies program. The GBA tour is item 26 on page 32 of https://issuu.com/preserveatl/docs/phoenix_flies_2022_program. A daily event guide is at https://issuu.com/preserveatl/docs/pf_22_day_by_day. Register for the GBA tour at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/260309902927>.

Last chance to register for GBA tour, 31 March to 3 April in Macon

Main topic is first ten days of The March to the Sea. See map in [December 2021 newsletter](#).

Hotel: Springhill Suites at 4630 Sheraton Drive, I-75 exit 171. Phone the hotel at 478 803 9100. **Do NOT press 1 for reservations.** Instead, wait for a human to answer and ask for the Georgia Battlefields Association rate of \$99 per night (about \$119 when taxes are included).

Only two rooms at the GBA rate were left at last count.

Cost & Registration: \$430 per person. Register at www.georgiabattlefields.org/tours.aspx, or mail check payable to Georgia Battlefields Association, PO Box 669953, Marietta GA 30066.

Note: If you register and the tour dates change, you'll have the option of a full refund.

Note: The bus company may change its policy by the time of the tour, but assume that masks will be required while you're on the bus. Masks may also be required at other venues.

Thursday: Evening reception at hotel. We'll set up around 5 p.m. and hand out maps at 6 p.m.

In an upgrade from previous tours, we'll be serving heavy hors d'oeuvres at the reception.

If you wish, you can still go to dinner on your own afterwards. Several restaurants are available at I-75 exit 169, two miles south of the hotel on Sheraton Drive or I-75.

Friday: Route of the Left Wing, including Eatonton, Cobb's Plantation, and Milledgeville. In the afternoon, we'll stop at Ocmulgee Mounds National Historical Park (NHP) to cover cavalry actions of July and November 1864. Dinner at Michael's on Mulberry.

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: Walking tour of Rose Hill Cemetery and downtown Macon sites relating to the town's significance as a manufacturing and supply center and Jefferson Davis' capture.

How much walking?

Friday will involve a walking tour of Milledgeville in the middle of the day. At Ocmulgee Mounds NHP in the afternoon, we'll walk from the parking lot to the location of Civil War earthworks, and we hope to have time for participants to explore at least some of the Native American mounds. Saturday will include a walking tour of Old Clinton early in the day. Sunday will include walking to cover part of Rose Hill Cemetery and a few blocks in downtown Macon.

Park Day is 9 April

American Battlefield Trust (ABT) sponsors an annual Park Day, during which volunteers can help with maintenance of historic sites. This year's event will be held on 9 April.

Historic site support groups or managers can register their site to participate on ABT's web site <https://www.battlefields.org/events/park-day>, or you can contact ABT's Connor Townsend at ctownsend@battlefields.org or 410 610 9226. Registration for volunteers is done through the site managers, so continue to watch the ABT web page to see which sites will be participating.

Old Clinton War Days return 30 April and 1 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 both Saturday and Sunday, gates open at 9 a.m. and reenactments begin at 2:05 p.m. Saturday's activities conclude with a memorial service at the Methodist Church Cemetery. Before the reenactments, tour the historic buildings, including the McCarthy-Pope House, the oldest house in town, which will have displays relating to the Griswold Pistol Factory and other relics. Food, including items using Civil War recipes, will be available; and crafts of the era will be demonstrated. Proceeds

(\$5 for adults, \$3 for ages 6-18, and free for ages 5 and under) are used to help preserve the historic district. Old Clinton is 12 miles northeast of Macon, just a block northwest of US 129. For more information and directions see <http://www.oldclinton.org/war-days-3/>.

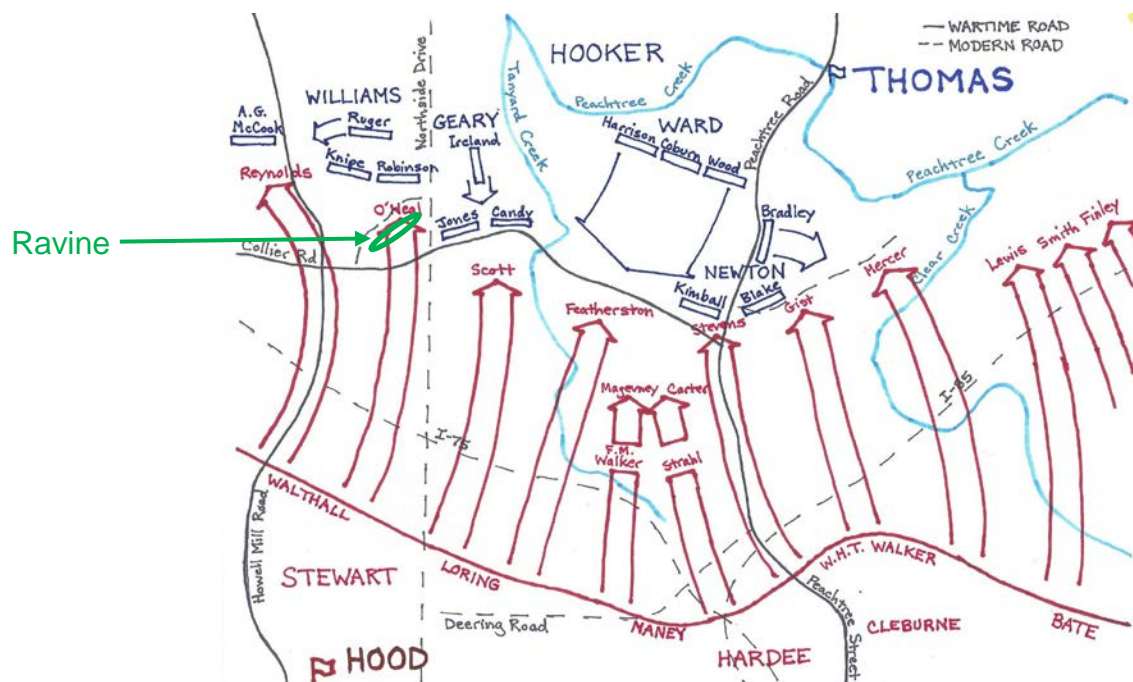
Battlefield landmark may be affected by Atlanta Beltline project

Georgia Battlefields Association (GBA) was contacted by a representative of Friends of Springlake Parks (FoSP <https://www.friendsofspringlakeparks.org/about>) to ask for help in applying for an American Battlefield Protection Program preservation planning grant. <https://www.nps.gov/subjects/battlefields/american-battlefield-protection-program-grants.htm>

GBA and FoSP representatives met 6 February at Springlake Park, which contains a ravine that is the largest remaining (and the only largely undisturbed) landmark from the 20 July 1864 Battle of Peachtree Creek. The ravine is mentioned in reports of the battle and on historical markers. https://georgiahistory.com/ghmi_marker_updated/reynolds-brigade-at-the-ravine/
https://georgiahistory.com/ghmi_marker_updated/oneals-brigade-at-the-ravine/
https://georgiahistory.com/ghmi_marker_updated/oneals-brigade/

The 1993 Civil War Sites Advisory Commission report characterized the Battle of Peachtree Creek as significant but indicated the condition of the battlefield was altered beyond recognition and assigned it to the Fragmented/Destroyed category. The battlefield was essentially lost over 100 years ago and is now covered with houses, apartments, shopping centers, restaurants, service stations, hospitals, busy streets, and I-75.

During the 6 February meeting, the FoSP representative indicated that one proposed route for the northwest section of the Atlanta Beltline would traverse the park and, based on alternative plans revealed at community input meetings, might include a 15 foot wide concrete path, sections of which would be on a bridge. Notice of community meetings was circulated to local residents, and despite GBA participating in selected Beltline planning meetings since 2006 (see [May 2010 newsletter](#)), we first heard of possible Northwest trail routes at the 6 February meeting with the FoSP representative. The comment period for the various proposed routes closed on 31 January. <https://nwbeltlinetrail.mysocialpinpoint.com/nwtrailstudy/map#/>
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GBA sent a letter of support for Friends of Springlake Parks to include in its grant application.



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