

# Fort Donelson

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## NARRATIVE

On February 11-16, 1862 combined Union army and naval forces of Brig. Gen. U.S. Grant and Flag Officer Andrew Foote, respectively, defeated the Confederate garrison at Fort Donelson on the Cumberland River commanded by Brig. Generals John Floyd and Simon Bolivar Buckner. The defeat opened up an advance for Federal forces into Middle Tennessee and elevated Grant's military notoriety.

## HISTORICAL THEMES

This engagement is one of 38 sites evaluated by the Civil War Sites Advisory Commission and not subject to a TCWPA Battlefield Assessment

## EXPLANATION OF ATTACHMENTS/VIDEO:

N/A

## LINKS FOR FURTHER INFORMATION:

<http://npshistory.com/publications/battlefield/cwsac/updates/tn.pdf>

[Fort Donelson Battle Facts and Summary | American Battlefield Trust \(battlefields.org\)](http://www.battlefields.org/fort-donelson-battle-facts-and-summary)

## COUNTY:

Stewart

## DATE:

2/11-16/1862

## GEO COORDINATES:

36.4841° N,

87.8531° W

## PRESERVATION

## OPPORTUNITY INDEX:

## CONFEDERATE UNITS:

Army of Central  
Kentucky

[Fort Donelson  
Confederate order of  
battle - Wikipedia](#)

## UNION UNITS:

District of Cairo  
Western Flotilla

[Fort Donelson Union  
order of battle -  
Wikipedia](#)

## LEGEND OF TERMS:

Historical themes: Topics and subject matter that characterize the battlefield including Control of Tennessee's Resources, Crucible for Leadership, Guerilla Warfare, Transformation in Warfare, Enslaved People, and Influence on Campaign. Sites are identified that exhibit themes at moderate to high levels, and some sites may contain one or more Historical Themes.

Preservation Opportunity Index (POI): A rating assigned for each battlefield to indicate relative opportunity and potential for successful site preservation. The Index is generated by a model that evaluates ratings assigned for site significance, condition, risk of loss, protection potential, and opportunities for interpretation. Based upon the POI values for each region in Tennessee (West, Middle, East), sites are indicated as having High, Medium, or Low opportunity.

Geo Coordinates: General/central location of the battlefield area per latitude and longitude coordinates utilized in Google Earth

## DO YOU HAVE INFORMATION ON A BATTLE SITE?

Please email us at [info@tcwpa.org](mailto:info@tcwpa.org) and we will reach out to you soon. If you have copies of documents or photos to share, you can include those. If you want to discuss by phone, we will schedule that too.

## HELP US COLLECT INFORMATION TO PRESERVE THESE BATTLEFIELDS

TCWPA's Statewide Preservation Plan team captains are recruiting volunteers to help gather information about many of the lesser-known sites with hopes of verifying the condition of each site and identifying opportunities for preservation and interpretation.

If you are interested in helping, please contact TCWPA at [info@tcwpa.org](mailto:info@tcwpa.org) .

TCWPA will not publish nor release any confidential information, or the name of the contributor, unless you request to be recognized.

Thank you!

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