

# Blue Springs

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## **NARRATIVE**

In October, 1863 the Union Army, Department of the Ohio, commanded by Maj. Gen. Ambrose Burnside advanced into East Tennessee as part of a campaign to secure saltworks in southwest Virginia and control transport and communications in that region. On October 10, 1863 Brig. Gen. Samuel Carter's Cavalry Division (XXIII Corps) engaged Confederate forces on the East Tennessee and Virginia railroad commanded by Brig. Gen. John Williams near Bull's Gap at Blue Springs, Tennessee. Later in the day, Brig. Gen. Edward Ferrero's 1st Division, IX Corps broke the Confederate line and advanced to the enemy's rear before being checked. The Confederates withdrew after dark, and the Federals took up the pursuit in the morning. Within days, Williams and his men had retired to Virginia.

## **COUNTY:**

Greene

## **DATE:**

10/10/1863

## **GEO COORDINATES:**

35.4429° N,  
84.5930° W

## **PRESERVATION**

## **OPPORTUNITY INDEX:**

## **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

## **CONFEDERATE UNITS:**

## **UNION UNITS:**

## **EXPLANATION OF ATTACHMENTS/VIDEO:**

## **LINKS FOR FURTHER INFORMATION:**

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

## 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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