

Chattanooga-Missionary Ridge

NARRATIVE

The Chattanooga Campaign in November, 1863 collectively included the engagements at Lookout Mountain and Missionary Ridge. Following successful capture of Orchard Knob and Lookout Mountain, General U.S. Grant (Military Division of the Mississippi) ordered Maj. Gen. George Thomas (Army of the Cumberland) on November 24 to assault the center of Gen. Braxton Bragg's (Army of Tennessee) position on Missionary Ridge while Maj. Gen. William T. Sherman attacked the Confederate right (Tunnel Hill) and Hooker engaged the Confederate line on the left. Sherman was temporarily halted by a Confederate counterattack on November 25 while Hooker gained the heights of Missionary Ridge at Rossville Gap. Thomas' attack was expected to stop short at Confederate rifle pits below Missionary Ridge, but momentum of the assault carried his force to the crest and overran 9000 Confederate defenders. Bragg's Army of Tennessee was compelled to retreat breaking their siege of Chattanooga.

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:

LINKS FOR FURTHER INFORMATION:

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

COUNTY: Hamilton

DATE:
11/23-25/1863

GEO COORDINATES:
35.0458° N,
85.3094° W

**PRESERVATION
OPPORTUNITY INDEX:**

CONFEDERATE UNITS:

UNION UNITS:

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 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 .

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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