

# Hoover's Gap

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## **NARRATIVE**

On June 23, 1863 in what would be the beginning of the Tullahoma campaign, Maj. Gen. Williams Rosecrans (Army of the Cumberland) feigned an attack on Shelbyville and advanced troops under Maj. Gen. George Thomas through gaps in the ridges south of Murfreesboro. On June 24 Col. John Wilder's "Lightning Brigade" forced the 3<sup>rd</sup> Kentucky cavalry from Hoover's Gap at Beech Grove. Thomas' troops subsequently encountered the brigades of Brig. Gen. Bushrod Johnson and Brig. Gen. William Bates (Army of Tennessee). Fighting continued through the 26<sup>th</sup> until the Confederates withdrew toward Tullahoma.

## **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:**

Bedford

## **DATE:**

6/24-26/1863

## **GEO COORDINATES:**

35.6856° N,  
87.3081° W

## **PRESERVATION**

## **OPPORTUNITY INDEX:**

## **CONFEDERATE UNITS:**

Army of Tennessee-  
Stewart's Division,  
Hardee's Corps

## **UNION UNITS:**

Army of the  
Cumberland-XIV  
Corps

## 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).

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Thank you!



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