

Create Some History of Your Own

Armed with this map, you'll find our nation's story unfolding before you. Use it as you travel rural byways through fields where thundering cavalry charges took place or downtowns where the enslaved became freedom seekers. Each place, each sign, will fuel your imagination.

While you're "on the Trails" off the

sites. You will experience Virginia as it is today. Passing by local wineries and breweries, you'll stumble across the state's best BBQ, live music, antiques, and vistas. You'll find places to hike, bike, and launch your kayak.



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As you travel be sure to check out community events like the

• June 10 Battle of Big Bethel, Va

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"Plan Your Trip" section of this map-guide. Stop by any Virginia Welcome Center or local visitor center for additional

to more than 1,500 sites across six states. For more civilwartrails.org.

Paintings by Thomas Waterman Wood – Courtesy The Met

A NEW NATION

lack men, women, and children fought for freedom long before the Civil War began. Countless families escaped the horrors of slavery on the Underground Railroad network. The conductors of that secret network left few written documents about the routes or safe houses, and more details of that experience are uncovered every day.

Soon after the war began, in May 1861, three enslaved men who had been laboring on Confederate fortifications escaped to Fort Monroe, Va. There, Union Gen. Benjamin Butler refused to return them to enslavement and declared them "contraband of war." Word of Butler's decision spread among the Black community, and Hampton became a refuge for tens of thousands of formerly enslaved people.

Shortly after the Emancipation Proclamation went into effect on January 1, 1863, the Federal Government authorized the enlistment of United States Colored Troops (USCT). Many men who had been formerly enslaved enrolled to fight. By war's end an estimated 200,000 Black men had served.

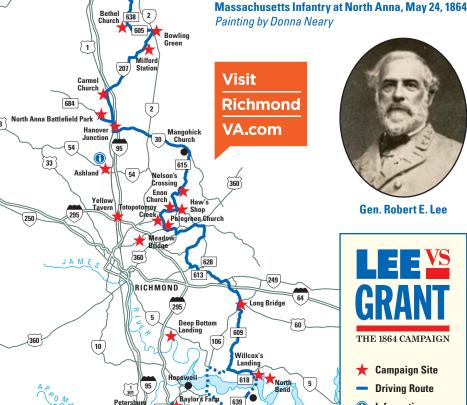
December 13 Battle of Fredericksburg, Va.

STAND IN THEIR FOOTSTEPS

hotographs taken during the Civil War are among the first widely published battlefield images. Photos brought the realities of war into homes of both the North and the South. Imagine standing at Deep Bottom Landing outside of Richmond watching the bridge being created just as a wartime photographer did.

Working in wagons, Civil War photographers poured a light-sensitive liquid called collodion over a glass or tin plate that was then carefully rushed in a light-proof container to the camera. The cap on the camera lens was uncovered for just a few seconds, exposing the sensitized plate to the image, and the plate was hustled back to the darkroom to be developed. These early pioneers of photography helped advance this art so that today you can effortlessly snap photos in seconds.





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Lt. Col. Charles L. Chandler rallying the 57th



• April 12 Shots fired at Fort Sumter, Charleston, S.C.

April 17 Virginia secedes

• July 21 First Battle of Manassas, Va.

March 9 Battle of Hampton Roads (Monitor vs. Virginia), Va.

March 23-June 9 Jackson's Shenandoah Valley Campaign, Va. April 4—June 25 Peninsula Campaign, Va.

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June 26-July 1 Seven Days' Battles, Va. August 8 Battle of Cedar Mountain, Va.

September 4—19 Antietam Campaign, Va., Md., W.Va.

August 28–30 Second Battle of Manassas, Va.

→ May 1—3 Battle of Chancellorsville, Va. • May 10 Death of Stonewall Jackson, Va.

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Wapping Heights

 June 9 Battle of Brandy Station, Va. June 10—July 14 Gettysburg Campaign, Va., Md., Pa. July 1-3 Battle of Gettysburg, Pa November 7 Battle of Rappahannock Station, Va.

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 May 4—June 20 Overland Campaign, Va. June 15 Siege of Petersburg, Va. begins • June 30 Battle of the Crater, Va.

June 22—30 Wilson-Kautz Raid, Va.

September 29 Battle of Chaffin's Farm and New Market Heights, Va.

Ogg Farm

April 2—3 Fall of Petersburg and Richmond, Va.; Lee's Retreat Begins, Va.

April 9 Robert E. Lee surrenders at Appomattox Court House, Va.

April 14 John Wilkes Booth assassinates

CROSSROADS OF CONFLICT

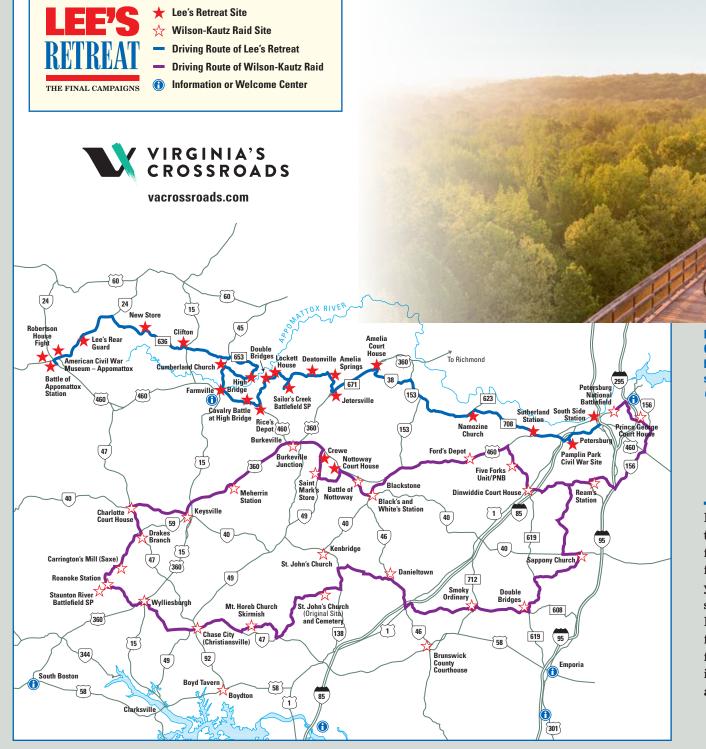
rirginia was the most fought-over state in the nation during the Civil War. From the first major battle, First Bull Run, to Robert E. Lee's surrender at Appomattox, more than 120 battles took place in the state during campaigns such as Jackson's Valley Campaign and the Overland Campaign. The state was torn apart, literally, when the western half voted to break away and form West Virginia.

Before the war, Virginia was at the heart of the struggle over slavery; nearly half a million African Americans were held in bondage here. During the war, many enslaved sought their freedom, working as contrabands, escaping to the North, and joining the United **States Colored Troops.**

When the guns fell silent, Virginia reflected the nation's difficult path to reconciliation and Reconstruction. Tragically, newly-freed African Americans faced bitter resistance as they tried to build new lives. You'll find all of these stories across Virginia as you travel the Civil War Trails.



Civil War battles will come alive before your eyes at living Courtesy Virginia Tourism Corporation



High Bridge Trail State Park was the scene of a dramatic Civil War battle in April 1865. Today, in addition to the bridge, the High Bridge trail is 32 miles long and ideally suited for hiking, bicycling, and horseback riding. Courtesy Virginia Tourism Corporation

HISTORIC HIKES

s you follow Civil War Trails across Virginia, you will quickly realize that history and hiking go hand in hand. From fortifications to rolling battlefields, to the rugged yet beautiful mountain ranges that form the Shenandoah Valley, you're never too far from the nearest trailhead. Be sure to pack your hiking boots and to leave extra time in your schedule to explore! A favorite hike is at High Bridge State Park. The trail is easily accessible from downtown Farmville on a bicycle or on foot from the Camp Paradise entrance. The bridge itself rises to 125 feet above the Appomattox River and was the scene of an intense battle in 1865.

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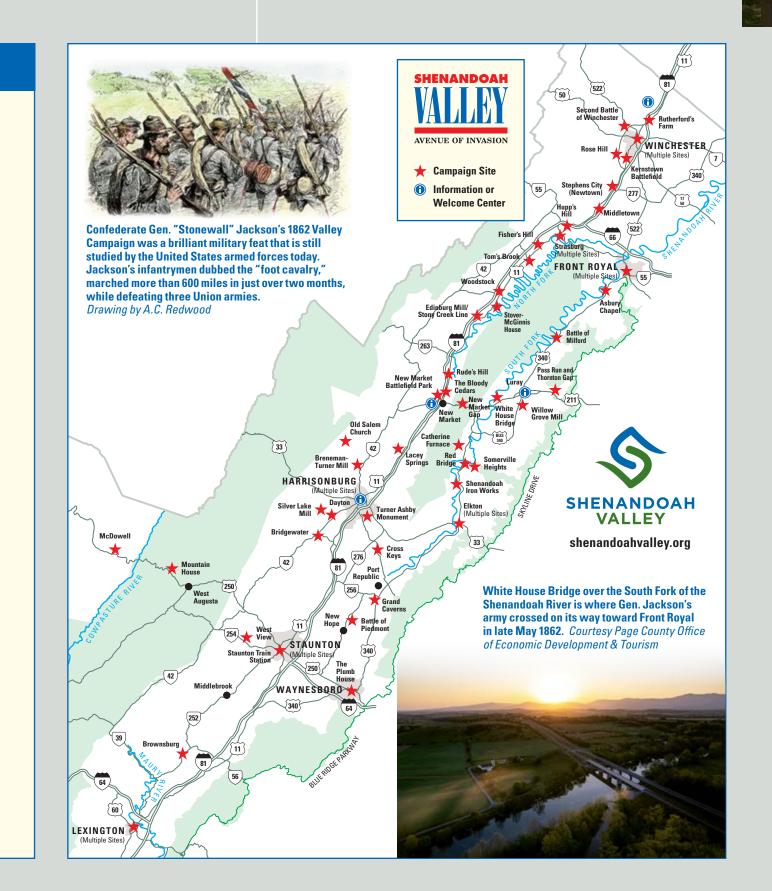
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