CIVIL WAR TRAILS

• Be a lifelong learner
• Ride within your limits
• Wear protective gear
• Get properly trained and licensed

Arkansas Trail: On April 18, 1864, the Union forces led by Freemont and the 2nd Missouri Cavalry engaged a Confederate force led by Confederate Gen. John S. Marmaduke. The battle, fought at the Arkansas/Louisiana border on Hwy. 132 to Columbia County Road 29/309 north to U.S. 64, was a decisive victory for the Union forces.

Arkansas Trail: From Camden, drive 20 miles west to Hwy. 9 through Princeton and Tulip to Hwy. 46 through Leola into Sheridan then Hwy. 179 to U.S. 79B to McNeil then U.S. 79 through Stevens into Camden then U.S. 79B to U.S. 79 through Bearden and Thornton into Camden. Continue to Hwy. 108 through Foreman to Poison Spring then U.S. 79 then U.S. 79B into Camden.

Arkansas Trail: For a monument to the Camden Expedition of 1864, drive 25 miles north to Hwy. 7 through Sparkman and Dalark into Arkadelphia then Hwy. 9 through Princeton and Tulip to Hwy. 46 through Leola into Sheridan then Hwy. 179 to U.S. 79B to McNeil then U.S. 79 through Stevens into Camden then U.S. 79B to U.S. 79 to Hwy. 9 through Princeton and Tulip to Hwy. 46 to Leola.

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From the Arkansas Delta to the Ozark Mountains and in every region in between, Arkansas was geostrategically situated. The Mississippi River and its tributaries made the Delta an important transportation network for trade and commerce. Little Rock, being the major port city at the confluence of the Arkansas and White Rivers, became a major supply center for the Union forces. The city’s strategic location on the Mississippi River and its role as a gateway to Missouri made it a target for both sides during the Civil War.

To learn more about Arkansas history and heritage, contact the agencies that oversee historic sites and cultural resources.

**Arkansas Department of Parks and Tourism**

Visit ArkansasHeritageTrails.com/Civil-War to learn more about these Civil War trails in Arkansas and ArkansasCivilWar150.com to learn about Arkansas’s plans for the Civil War Sesquicentennial Commission or the Arkansas Historic Preservation Program.

**To request a FREE Arkansas Vacation Planning Kit, which includes an Arkansas Civil War 150 planning guide and a Civil War tour planner, visit ArkansasHeritageTrails.com/Civil-War or call 501-324-9150.**

**Department of Arkansas Heritage**

Visit the Arkansas Heritage website at Arkansasheritage.com for information about events and programs throughout the state.

**Look for the Heritage Trails emblem on highway signs across the state.**

**Arkansas Civil War Sites**

- **Prairie Grove Battlefield State Park**
  - Start at the intersection of Hwy. 180 and Hwy. 72 at Prairie Grove, AR 72753 and head 8 miles north to Hwy. 33 and turn left.
  - Continue east on Hwy. 33 for 5 miles to Prairie Grove Battlefield State Park.
  - Prairie Grove was the site of the last major Civil War battle in the State of Arkansas. The site was named in honor of the Battle of Prairie Grove.
  - The area was designated a National Historic Landmark in 1962.
  - Museum, gift shop, and concessions available.
  - Follow Hwy. 33 to Hwy. 72.
  - Follow Hwy. 72 to Hwy. 121.
  - Follow Hwy. 121 to Hwy. 180.
  - Follow Hwy. 180 to Prairie Grove.

- **Little Rock Campaign**
  - Start at the intersection of Little Rock and Pine Bluff.
  - Follow Hwy. 180 to Little Rock.
  - Little Rock is the capital of the State of Arkansas and is located in the heart of the State.
  - Little Rock was a major supply center for the Union forces. The city’s location on the Arkansas River made it a strategic location for both sides.
  - The area was designated a National Historic Landmark in 1965.
  - Museum, gift shop, and concessions available.
  - Follow Hwy. 180 to Pine Bluff.

- **Pea Ridge Campaign**
  - Start at the intersection of Pea Ridge and Little Rock.
  - Follow Hwy. 180 to Pea Ridge.
  - Pea Ridge was the site of the Battle of Pea Ridge, which was the last major battle in the State of Arkansas. The site was named in honor of the Battle of Pea Ridge.
  - The area was designated a National Historic Landmark in 1965.
  - Museum, gift shop, and concessions available.
  - Follow Hwy. 180 to Little Rock.

- **Fire Island Campaign**
  - Start at the intersection of Fire Island and Little Rock.
  - Follow Hwy. 180 to Fire Island.
  - Fire Island was the site of the Battle of Fire Island, which was the last major battle in the State of Arkansas. The site was named in honor of the Battle of Fire Island.
  - The area was designated a National Historic Landmark in 1965.
  - Museum, gift shop, and concessions available.
  - Follow Hwy. 180 to Little Rock.

- **Red River Campaign**
  - Start at the intersection of Red River and Little Rock.
  - Follow Hwy. 180 to Red River.
  - Red River was the site of the Battle of Red River, which was the last major battle in the State of Arkansas. The site was named in honor of the Battle of Red River.
  - The area was designated a National Historic Landmark in 1965.
  - Museum, gift shop, and concessions available.
  - Follow Hwy. 180 to Little Rock.

**Prairie Grove Campaign**

On March 15, 1862, Confederate Gen. Earl Van Dorn led his army of the West north from the Pine Bluff area into the Ouachita River Valley intent on destroying a Union force under Gen. James McPherson’s command at Prairie Grove. Union forces under Gen. James McPherson were positioned on the west side of the Souix Mountains at Prairie Grove, Ark., just across the Ouachita River from Pine Bluff, Ark. The battle was a major engagement of the Civil War and resulted in a Union victory.

**Little Rock Campaign**