

Fort Negley Civil War Trail

Fort Negley
1100 Fort Negley Blvd.
Nashville, TN

<http://www.nashville.gov/parks/historic/fortnegley/>

General Information:

This should be considered a moderate hike. It is approximately 2.2 miles. Restrooms and water fountains are available outside of the Visitors Center. The Cost of this Hike is free and the Memories are Priceless. Enjoy!

Requirements:

- It is good to read every sign along the trail, even if there is no question asked.
- Stay on designated paths.
- Stay off of stonework.
- Remember to practice "Leave No Trace".
- Sturdy shoes are recommended.
- Restrooms and water fountains are available outside Visitors Center.
- On boardwalks – keep to the right for maximum distance and to stay with question order

Fort Negley Hike

Hike starts at the sign on the left as you approach the entrance. After you park, walk back towards the road, staying on the sidewalk. Read the sign on the right. Here is where your hike begins.

FN1.

- a. How many major forts did Nashville have?
- b. Which of the major forts was the largest and most complex fort?

Proceed towards the Visitors Center, staying on the sidewalk and then enter park through right gate.

FN2.

What made Tennessee's newly named capital a hub for commercial trade?

- a.
- b.

Now continue right at the fork in front of you.

FN3.

The evacuation of Nashville was known as:

** concrete arrow points to Edgefield where Confederate Army was encamped across the river*

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FN4.

- a. Andrew Johnson was Governor of Tennessee from ____ - ____?
- b. When was Andrew Johnson appointed the Military Governor of Tennessee?
- c. In 1864, he was elected Vice President and became our 17th President after what?

FN5.

- a. What was the fine for driving faster than a walk through The Nashville City Cemetery?
- b. Who welcomed the Union troops into Nashville in February 1862 with his personal flag “Old Glory” flying from the Capital building?

**this is historically where the flag began being referred to as “Old Glory”.*

FN6.

- a. Fort Negley is located on what Hill?
- b and c. How long did the construction of Fort Negley take and what was the cost?

Veer left at the fork – steep grade paved hill, go to large sign on right at top of hill

FN7.

What were the other major fortifications in addition to Fort Negley?

- a.
- b.
- c.
- d.

**note arrow supports sign and points South East*

Continue left up the hill – stop and read Visitor Responsibilities – remember a Scout is to “Leave No Trace”. Follow boardwalk to the right to the end.

FN8.

If Captain James Morton assumed an assault against Fort Negley what Pike would he travel along?

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FN9.

a. and b. What cannon was used in the 1864 artillery upgrade and how far could it travel?

a.

b.

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Continue left off boardwalk back to the pavement to the top of the hill and then work your way around going to the right.

FN10.

What was the last line of defense at Fort Negley?

Go up boardwalk on right.

FN11.

How many union fortifications can you see from this point? (refer to map for guidance, and sightings)

Go to far left boardwalk.

FN12.

Fort Negley's design can be traced back to which 17th century genius of French military engineer?

Go to Center boardwalk downhill and veer right and follow the boardwalk around.

FN13.

a. Following what Battle did Union Major General William S. Rosecrans, Commander of the Army of the Cumberland, order Fort Negley to guard Fort Morton in the distance against a "*coup de main*" (sudden attack)?

**Another Middle TN Civil War trail is available here*

b. The make shift quarters constructed here in the area between the outer and inner works where known as what?

FN14.

Fort Houston was renamed to what after the Battle of Kennesaw?

Leave the hill and veer left – take the gravel trail downhill.

FN15.

a. Who was this Fort named for or after?

b. What lingered at the base of St. Cloud Hill, after the Civil War ended, for refugees?

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Continue along trail to Visitors Center and explore at leisure.

FNVC16.

What interesting artifact did you personally see in the Visitors Center?

Thank you for exploring Middle Tennessee Civil War Trails and especially Fort Negley.

