

# Fort Granger Civil War Trail

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## General Information:

*This should be considered a moderate hike. It is approximately 7.7 miles. 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 in Pinkerton Park, and at other businesses along trail.

## -Fort Granger Hike

Enter Pinkerton Park at 405 Murfreesboro Road and park towards the back of the lot, near the pedestrian bridge. Fort Granger lies to the North of Pinkerton Park. You will begin the hike by entering the trail, following it to the Right. After passing under the pedestrian bridge you will see a gravel trail to the Left that will lead you to Ft. Granger.

Fort Granger F1. The largest fortification in this area was located on Figuers Bluff. What was it adjacent to?

\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_

Fort Granger Franklin Stronghold (Civil War Trail Sign) F2. How many Confederate spies were hung at Fort Granger?  
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At the top of the hill you will see the earthen works lie in front of you. You will veer Left towards the wooden pedestrian bridge. After you exit the wooden pedestrian bridge you will go Left to your next stop.

The Cavalier F3. a. What is a Cavalier?( N35 55.503 W86 51.608) \_\_\_\_\_

b. Whose 1st Ohio light artillery fired 163 rounds during the Battle of Franklin?  
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When you are finished, turn around and head Right to your next stop near the center of the clearing.

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Centerpiece of A Vital Union Stronghold

F4. Where did the soldiers camp?

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Proceed to the other side of the sign.

Fort Granger's History

F4a. Approximately how large was Fort Granger?( N35 55.530 W86 51.596)

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Powder Magazine and Cistern F4b. Granger? (N35 55.530 W86 51.596)

b1. Where did the bricks come from that lined the powder magazine at Fort

\_\_\_\_\_

b2. How many gallons of water did the cistern hold?

\_\_\_\_\_

Turn and veer Left towards your next sign, remaining on top of the earthen works.

The Fort's Inner Defenses

F5. What were the fort's 3 inner defenses?( N35 55.532 W86 51.625)

a. \_\_\_\_\_

b. \_\_\_\_\_

c. \_\_\_\_\_

The trail lies in front of you. You will veer to the Left and enter the trail, carefully going down the bank. Turn Right and go along the outside of the earthen works. At the top of the hill you will go Left for your next stop.

Fort Granger's "Sally Port"

F6. What river runs along the side of Fort Granger?( N35 55.566 W86 51.614)

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Now you will turn around and take the trail straight in front of you, remaining on the outside of the earthen works.

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Ditch and Outer Defenses F7. What was the maximum depth men with picks and shovels could dig and still throw out dirt? ( N35 55.554 W86 51.602)

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Continue on the inner trail to your exit. You will exit to your Left into the gravel parking lot. Walk towards the road and head Right towards Eddy Lane. At the stop sign, Eddy Lane, you will turn Left, walk facing traffic. Stay in the grassy area until you reach the sidewalk. Take a Left staying on the sidewalk on Liberty Pike. At the stop light you will take a Left onto Jct. 31/Franklin Road, remaining on the sidewalk. At the stop light on First Street, you will cross Franklin Road, staying on the Right side of the road, you will find your next stop behind Puckett's Boat House Grill.

Old Harpeth River Bridge F8. Whose army was blocked on November 30th, 1864?

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Turn around and head back to the light. You will go Right, remaining on Franklin Road/Main Street. Stay on the Right side of the road.

Old Factory Store F9. a. On December 12, 1862 U.S. Brigadier General David Stanley spared the factory store after taking what? ( N35 55.578 W86 52.011)

Front of sign \_\_\_\_\_

Old Factory Store F9. b. What did this landmark serve as after the Battle of Franklin? ( N35 55.578 W86 52.011) Back of Sign \_\_\_\_\_

At the stop light at Second Street, you will cross Main Street. Remain on the Left side of the road. Pass along the side of St. Phillips Catholic Church Community Center. You will find your next question on your Left.

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Masonic Temple F10. How was this building used during the Civil War?( N35 55.552 W86 52.037)  
an \_\_\_\_\_ and a \_\_\_\_\_

Now turn around and go back to Main Street. Cross Second Street, walking on the Left side of Main Street. You will find your next question on the Left.

McPhail House Union Headquarters Planning For Battle CWTS F11. By 2pm on November 30, 1864, Federal General John M. Schofield transferred his headquarters from this location to where?( N35 55.534 W86 52.070)  
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Now you will continue on the Left side of the road of Main Street walking towards the main square. Follow the circle around going clockwise. You will find your next stop on the Left.

Courthouse F12. a. What was this building used for during the civil war?( N35 55.491 W86 52.127)  
a. \_\_\_\_\_  
b. after the civil war?  
b. \_\_\_\_\_

You will leave the circle on 3rd Avenue North. You will remain on the Left side of the road. Third Avenue dead ends onto Margin Street. You will go Left, facing traffic. At the stop sign, you will go Right on to 4th Avenue North. Your next stop is on the Left.

Rest Haven Cemetery F13. Confederate Surgeon, Dr. Daniel B. Cliffe, is buried here along with his son-in-law,  
\_\_\_\_\_, USA.

Unknown Civil War Soldier F14. In 2009, the remains of the unknown Civil War soldier were unearthed. Among the remains what else was found?  
a. \_\_\_\_\_  
b. \_\_\_\_\_

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As you leave Rest Haven Cemetery, you will go back to the stop signs, turning Right onto N. Margin Street and then Right onto 5th Avenue N. At the light you will cross 5th staying on the Left side of Del Rio Road. You will enter the Cemetery.

After entering Toussaint L'Ouverture Cemetery you will find your next question on the Right.

Tombstone F15. Freeman Thomas was in Co. K of what \_\_\_\_\_?



Hike all the way to the back of the cemetery, staying on the drive as much as possible. At Section C you will go Left to the road that runs behind the building beside the cemetery. Turn Right at the road, this brings you out along the side of Sonic to 5th Avenue. Staying on the sidewalk as available on the Right side of the road. Then you will cross 5th Avenue Left towards the Starbucks then you will turn Right crossing Main Street at the light.

Presbyterian Church F.16 After the Battle of Franklin this structure was used as a (N35 55.433 W86 52.292)

\_\_\_\_\_ by \_\_\_\_\_

Now you will turn around and cross back over Main Street towards Starbucks. Then you will cross 5th Avenue and continue on the sidewalk until your next stop on the Right.

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St. Paul's Episcopal Church 3D51

F17. What ways was this building used for during the civil war?  
( N35 55.419 W86 52.341)

a. \_\_\_\_\_

b. \_\_\_\_\_

Continue walking along the sidewalk on the Right side of the road on West Main towards the stop light. Turn Left and cross West Main Street towards the Cumberland Presbyterian Church on 7th Avenue. Stay on the sidewalk to the corner 7th Avenue and Columbia Avenue. At the light you will cross 7th Avenue, staying on the right side of Columbia Avenue. Continue down Columbia to Fowlkes Street. Cross Columbia Avenue at the light to the Lotz House.

Lotz House Union Counterattack

F18. a. What was the Lotz House used as following the Battle of Franklin?  
( N35 55.071 W86 52.376) \_\_\_\_\_

Lotz House 3D69

F18. b. What brigade halted the Confederates?( N35 55.071 W86 52.376)

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Now turn around and cross Columbia Avenue at the Fowlkes Street light back towards the Carter House. After crossing Columbia Avenue you will go Left and continue on the Right side of the road of Columbia Avenue. Your next signs are on the Right.

Opdycke's Brigade

F19. a. Col. Emerson Opdycke's federal brigade attacked a portion of what Confederate divisions? \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_

The Carter House (CWTS) The Epicenter of the Battle of Franklin

F19. b1. What Union General had his headquarters at the Carter House?

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b2. Where did the Carter Family go? \_\_\_\_\_

Continue down Columbia Avenue, your next sign is inside the white picket fence.

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Carter House F20. Which Carter family member was mortally wounded?  
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Continue down Columbia Avenue, cross Granbury Street and pass the Middle College High School you will find your next signs on the Right.

Battle Ground Academy 3D49 F21. Who gave the dedication address for the school that now is known as Battle Ground Academy? (N35 54.825 W86 52.437)\_\_\_\_\_

Now turn back around and head towards Granbury Street. Take a Right across Columbia Avenue staying on the sidewalk turn Right onto Cleburne Street. Your next signs on the Right.

The Cotton Gin Assault F22. What state were the two pieces of artillery that inflicted horrific Confederate losses from? ( N35 54.924 W86 52.386) \_\_\_\_\_

Carter Gin House F23. How was the gin powered? (N35 54.930 W86 52.353)  
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Now turn around and go back to the crosswalk at the light and carefully cross Granbury Street to the left side then walk to General Cleburne's House on the Left side of Granbury Street.

Carter Gin House Bloody Ground CWTS F23a. The 104th Ohio Infantry, "Barking Dog Regiment", mascot was Harvey the War Dog. Where is his collar on display? ( N35 54.930 W86 52.353) \_\_\_\_\_

Continue down Granbury Street walking North on the Left side of the road away from Columbia Avenue facing traffic. You will cross Adams Street onto Stewart Street. Turn Right onto Lewisburg Avenue/431. Stay on the Right hand side of the road. Your next stop is just over the railroad tracks on the Right.

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Collins Farm Attack On The Union Left Into A Withering Fire CWTS

F24. Of the Union troops located here what state where they mostly from?

( N35 54.884 W86 51.987) \_\_\_\_\_

Collins Farm Attack On The Union Left F24. a. Who was wounded by a cannon shot?( N35 54.884 W86 51.987)

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Continue walking on the right side of the Lewisburg Road/431 and take the first Right onto Carnton Lane into Heath Place at Carnton. When you get to the end of Carnton Lane you will find your next sign Right.

Carnton Plantation F25. a. The Carnton Plantation served as what during the Civil War?

\_\_\_\_\_

b. After the Civil War? \_\_\_\_\_

Now continue on around the loop, walking on the right side of the loop. Your next two signs are just ahead of you.

McGavock Confederate Cemetery – Labor of Devotion (CWTS)

F26. The McGavock Confederate Cemetery is the largest private military cemetery in the United States. How many Southern Soldiers were interred here \_\_\_\_\_ and how many civilians? \_\_\_\_\_

Confederate Cemetery F26a. Who was the owner of Carnton Plantation that helped bury the bodies after the Battle of Franklin. \_\_\_\_\_

Now quietly and reverently enter the Cemetery. Your next sign is on the Right just inside the gate.



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McGavock Confederate Cemetery Inside Cemetery

F27. Each fallen soldier buried here was recorded in \_\_\_\_\_.

Continue following the loop around and take the spur to the Right to your next sign.

Confederate Eastern Flank – A Brutal Shelling (CWTS)

F28. How many rounds were fired during the course of the battle? \_\_\_\_\_

Now you will turn around and head back toward Lewisburg Avenue/431 through the residential area you through. As you leave Heath Place at Carnton neighborhood you will turn Left and walk facing traffic. Continue following Lewisburg Avenue/431 onto 5th Avenue S. Then carefully cross 5th Avenue onto Church Street. Stay on the Right side of Church Street on the sidewalk. Cross 3rd Avenue S then turn Right staying on the Left side of 3rd Avenue S/Murfreesboro Road on the sidewalk. This will lead you back to Pinkerton Park where your transportation awaits you.

Thank you for taking my hike. I hope you enjoyed it.