

NOLICHUCKY JACK TRAIL

P.O. BOX 38 • HIXSON, TN 37343

A Bicentennial Trail



General History:

During the Revolutionary War, North Carolina found itself threatened from the south by British advances during the early part of 1780. Frontiersmen rushed to the aid of North Carolina and were victorious over the British at King's Mountain. The invaluable aid of the frontiersmen turned the tide of war in that area for the time.

In late September 1781, George Washington took a daring gamble; he split his army. A small group was left on guard outside British-held New York City while he led 2,500 of his elite troops with some 4,000 French allies on a 400-mile forced march to Yorktown. There he trapped Cornwallis; and, after fourteen thunderous days, Cornwallis asked for a cessation of hostilities. Officially this led to the final surrender of the British on October 19, 1781, and resulted in freedom for the thirteen colonies.

Historically, Yorktown was the last battle of the Revolutionary War, or . . . ? In an out-of-the-way corner of frontierland, the stage was being set for the actual and final battle of our war for freedom in a place which today is called CHATTANOOGA, TENNESSEE.

Trail History:

In the 1770's, a Scottish trader and British agent, John McDonald, had set up a trading post near South Chickamauga Creek which was located in the shadow of the "Great Lookout"—as Lookout Mountain was then known. An off-shoot of the Cherokee nation which was led by Chief Dragging Canoe joined McDonald and set up villages in this area. When the frontiersmen returned home, they learned that British agents including McDonald were fomenting the Indians into resuming attacks on the white settlements. Led by Colonel Evan Shelby, a force of Virginia and North Carolina frontiersmen reached Chattanooga in the spring of 1779.

McDonald's trading post stocks were destroyed and even though this campaign was considered successful, the British and their Indian allies withdrew, regrouped, were restocked, and thereby could continue their attacks on the frontier settlements.

Chief Dragging Canoe and his Indian followers established new communities along the west slopes of Lookout Mountain. The mountain terrain and river afforded natural fortifications; and eventually, the "five lower towns" were developed by this Indian group. Using the vantage points on the slopes, the Chickamaugas were able to inflict severe damage to river traffic and the white settlements in the area. By mid-1782, North Carolina decided to attack and destroy the Chickamauga settlements known as the "five lower towns."

The North Carolina assembly approved a plan which included the following:

- 1 — All Indian males were to be killed.
- 2 — All Indian females were to be captured and sold.
- 3 — Supplies captured were to be divided among the soldiers.

In addition, the Governor asked that the expedition expenses be underwritten with "continental credit."

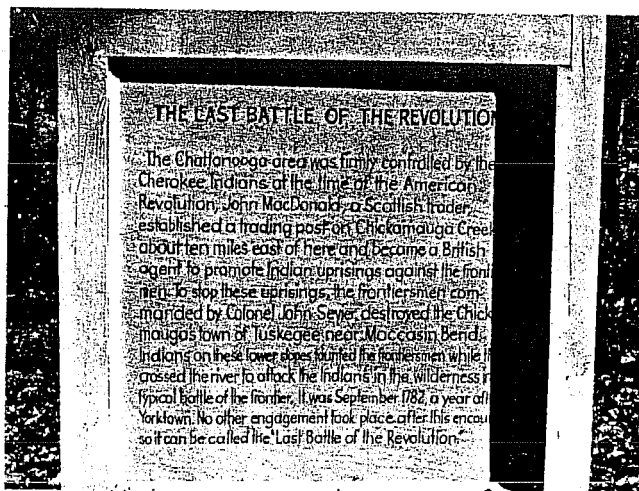
Colonel John Sevier, who was known as "NOLICHUCKY JACK," was selected to carry out this plan. In mid-September, Sevier with 250 men entered the land of the Chickamaugas. The Indian town of Settico . . . near Annicola Highway; Chickamauga . . . now the site of Eastgate Mall; and Tuskegee . . . now Moccasin Bend—were burned. As Tuskegee was razed, Indians across the river challenged Sevier and his forces. This challenge was accepted and on September 20, 1782, Sevier's men fought a typical Indian battle on the west slopes of Lookout Mountain in which the frontiersmen won a decisive victory.

This campaign fought after Yorktown and underwritten with Continental currency, thus achieved the position of being the last official conflict of the Revolutionary War. "No other engagement took place after this encounter so it can be called the 'last battle of the Revolution.' "

Trail Requirements:

1. Start from the "Reflection Riding" sign on Highway 148 and return to it.
2. Any scout or explorer can walk the trail to earn the trail award.
3. Hikers should be in complete scout uniform.
4. The trail can be hiked on two separate days. The *lower loop* is hiked in one day. The *upper loop* can be hiked on the second day. Recommend that you start and return from Craven's House.
5. One adult scouter must accompany each group of ten hikers or less.
6. Check with your council and observe local and national traveling requirements.
7. It is advisable to wear summer uniforms from May through October.
8. Mosquito repellent is desirable on the lower level of the trail.
9. Hiking groups other than scouts are also invited to hike this trail.
10. Make checks for awards payable to: **BLUE BEAVER TRAIL, INC.**

NOTE: The major portion of this trail is within the Chickamauga and Chattanooga National Military Park. The trail system is operated and maintained by the National Park Service.



EMERGENCY INFORMATION:

In case of an emergency, contact the Park Ranger at:

Day — Point Park — 821-7786
Day — Park Headquarters — 866-9241
Night — Ft. Oglethorpe P.D. — 866-2512

General Information:

1. This is a difficult trail and should be hiked by *experienced hikers only*.
2. Average time to complete the hike in one day is 8-9 hours.
3. This is copperhead and rattlesnake country. Stay on the trails. Be alert. One snakebite kit per hike group is recommended.
4. All groups must walk the trail observing safety precautions, courtesy, and displaying conduct that will favorably impress all persons along the trail.
5. Marking, defacing, or destroying any of the monuments, buildings, vegetation, or other property on the trail route will result in disqualification of the hiker or his group.
6. The trail can be hiked all year except during snow, ice, or flooding conditions.
7. Purchase of the trail award is optional.
8. Don't litter.
9. Emergency exit routes are shown on the trail map.

Overnight Facilities

Winter Quarters:

1. Commander
Tenn. Army National Guard
1801 Holtzclaw Ave.
Chattanooga, TN 37404
Phone: (615) 267-8566
2. Commanding Officer
Naval & Marine Corps Res.
12 Meadow St.
Chattanooga, TN 37405
Phone: (615) 267-2111

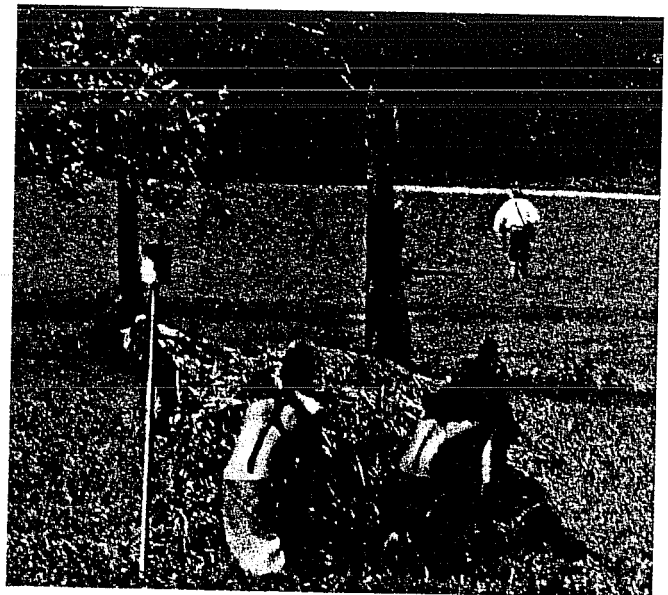
Summer Quarters:

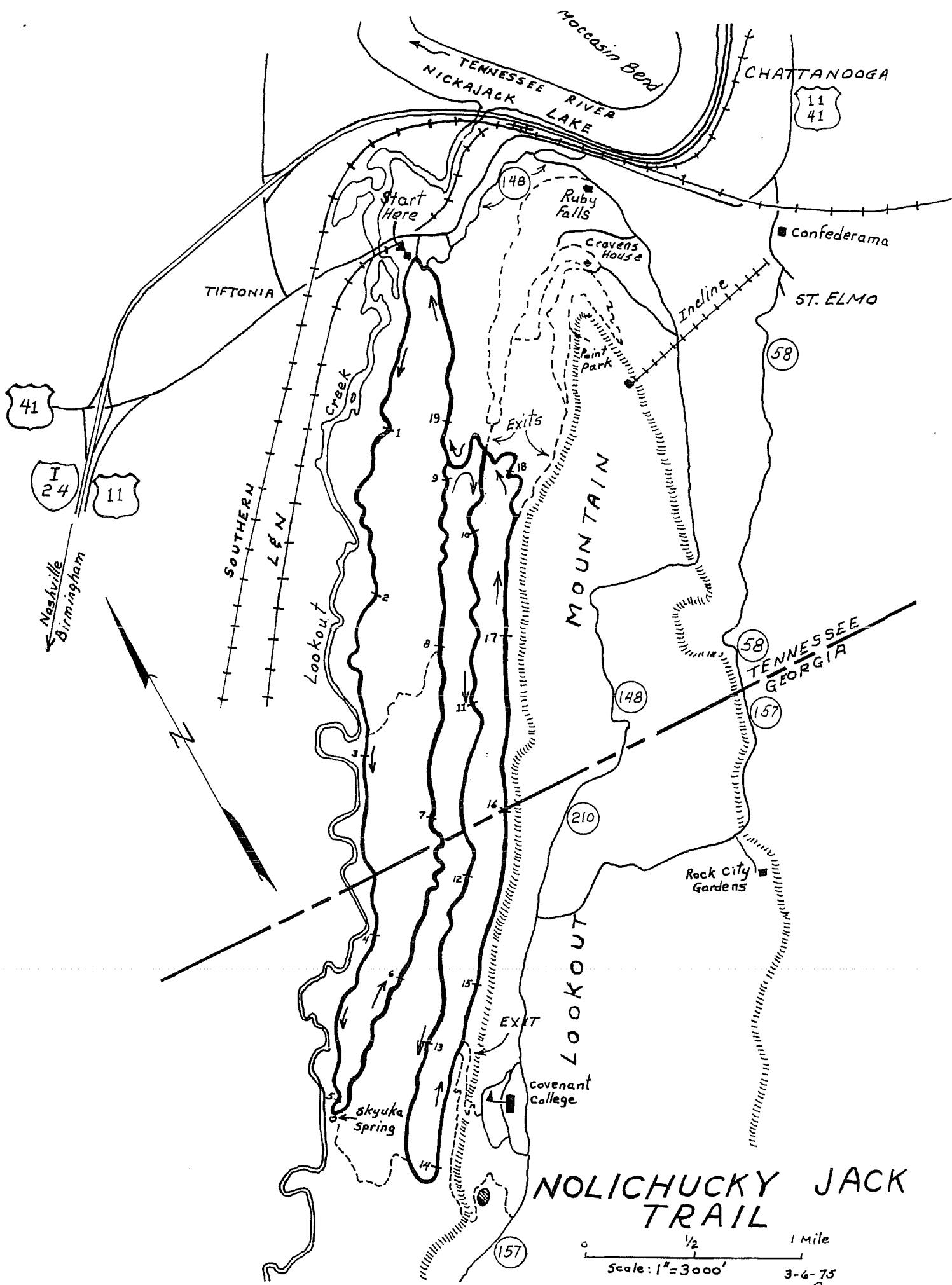
1. Chester Frost Park
2318 Gold Point Circle Rd.
Hixson, TN 37343
Phone: 842-0177
2. Harrison Bay State Park
8411 Harrison Bay Rd.
Harrison, TN 37341
Phone: 344-6214

NOTE: Camping facilities are also available at the start of the trail.

ADDITIONAL HIKING TRAILS IN THIS AREA

1. River Mont Cave Historic Trail
P.O. Box 122
Bridgeport, AL 35740
2. Chickamauga Trails
P.O. Box 488
Rossville, TN 30741
3. Blue Beaver Trail, Inc.
P.O. Box 38
Hixson, TN 37343
4. Chattanooga Historic Trail
P.O. Box 38
Hixson, TN 37343





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Scale: 1" = 3000'
 0 1/2 1 Mile
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Application for Awards

PLEASE PRINT:

Hike Leader _____

Street _____

City _____

State _____ Zip _____

Troop # _____

Council _____

Total Hikers _____

Date Hiked _____

Award Price:

Patch NJT \$ 2.00

Awards desired:

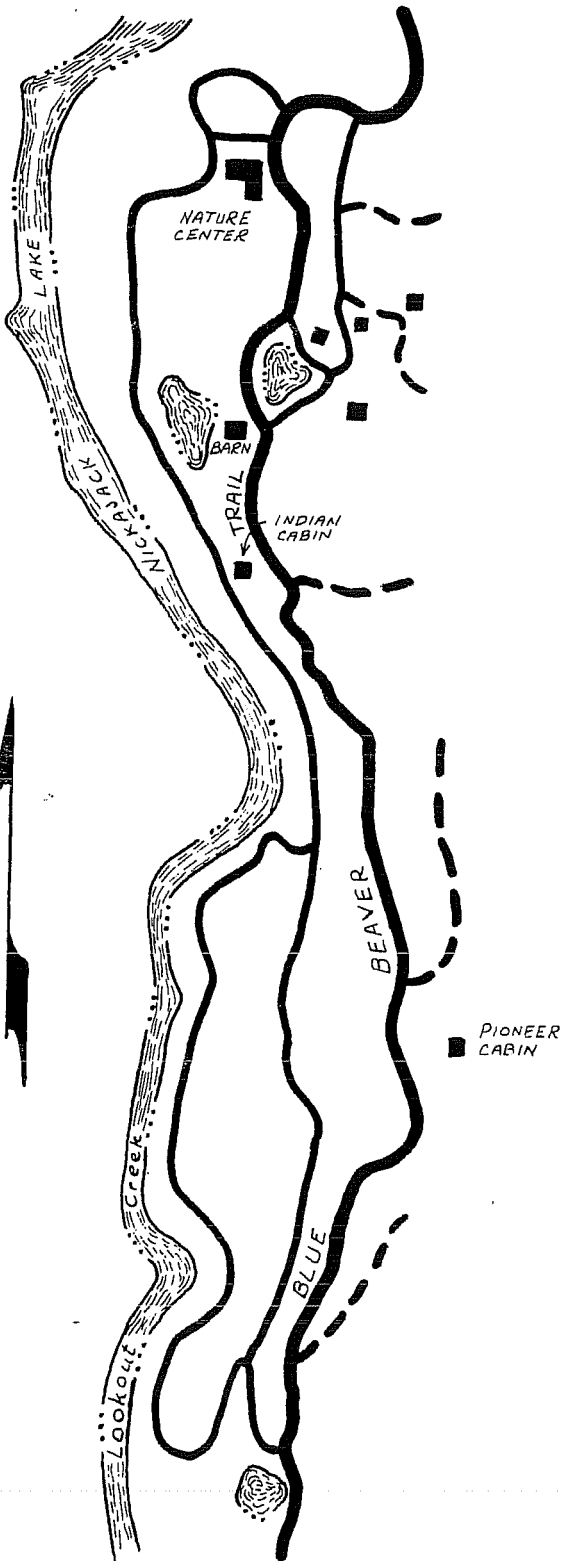
Patches @ \$1.00 = _____

Shipping costs = \$1.00

TOTAL _____

Make all checks payable to:

BLUE BEAVER TRAIL
 P.O. Box 38
 Hixson, TN 37343



REFLECTION RIDING



Chattanooga Nature Center
 Route #4 Garden Rd
 Chattanooga, TN 37409

Special rates are available to go through the Nature Center to scout hiking groups. Apply prior to your hike. Don't use restroom facilities at Nature Center.