



PARK PURPOSE

Park purpose is a clear statement of why Congress or the president established the park as a unit of the national park system. The purpose statement includes the reason(s) for which the park unit was set aside. It provides the most fundamental criteria against which the appropriateness of all planning recommendations, operational decisions, and actions are tested.

Statements of the park's purpose:

- are grounded in a thorough analysis of the park's legislation (or executive order) and legislative history, including studies completed prior to authorization;
- go beyond a restatement of the law to document shared assumptions about what the law means in terms specific to the park;
- may be changed only by Congress, although assumptions about how best to interpret establishing legislation and legislative history may be updated through the park's foundation statement or General Management Plan.

The Purpose of Chickamauga & Chattanooga National Military Park

The purpose of Chickamauga and Chattanooga National Military Park is to preserve, protect and interpret for the benefit of the public the nationally significant history, stories and resources associated with the Civil War campaign for Chattanooga including the battles of Chickamauga and Chattanooga; and the 12,000 years of American Indian presence on the Moccasin Bend Peninsula.