

MARYLAND CIVIL WAR TRAILS

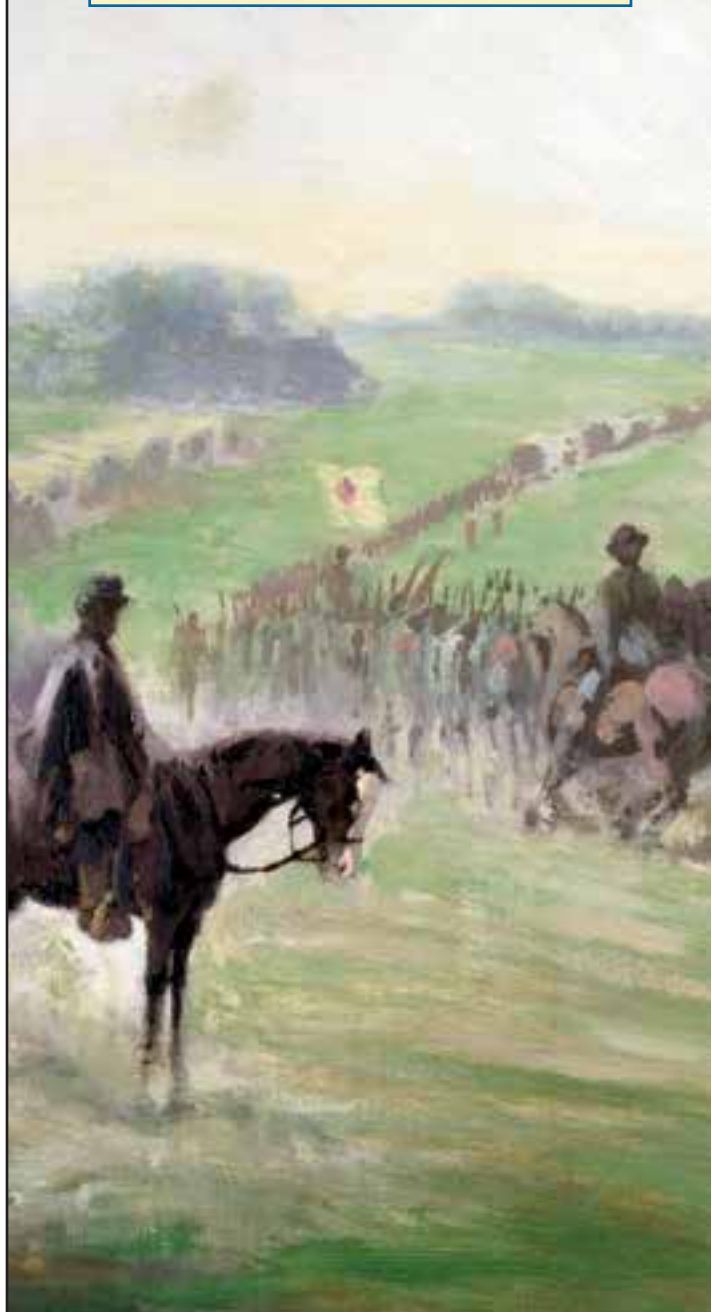
GETTYSBURG

INVASION & RETREAT

How to Use this Map-Guide

This guide depicts four scenic and historic driving tours that follow the routes taken by Union and Confederate armies during the June–July 1863 Gettysburg Campaign. Information contained here and along the Trail tells stories that have been hidden within the landscape for more than 160 years. Follow the bugle trailblazer signs to waysides that chronicle the day-to-day stories of soldiers who marched toward the Civil War's most epic battles. And discover the stories of civilians who, for a second time in nine months, watched their countryside get trampled by the boots of the “Blue and Gray.”

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Pursuit of Lee's army. Scene on the road near Emmitsburg – marching through the rain. – *Courtesy Library of Congress*



Biking through C&O Canal National Historical Park.



Follow these signs to more than 1,600 Civil War sites.



THE GETTYSBURG CAMPAIGN



Emboldened by his recent victories at Fredericksburg and Chancellorsville in May 1863, Confederate Gen. Robert E. Lee launched a second invasion into Union territory. Lee first invaded the North nine months earlier and retreated from Antietam. This time he intended to carry the war across the Mason and Dixon Line into Pennsylvania.

What lay ahead was the fateful Battle of Gettysburg, the farthest the Confederate army ventured into the North—its “high water mark.” The Gettysburg Campaign took thirty-five days, with most of the advance and retreat occurring in Maryland.

The Shenandoah Valley in Virginia and the Cumberland Valley in Maryland became Lee’s avenue of invasion. The first battle of the campaign occurred on June 9, 1863, at Brandy Station, Virginia, on the Orange & Alexandria Railroad. Confederate Gen. J.E.B. Stuart’s cavalry held the battlefield at the end of the day.

By June 15, Lee’s army had cleared its path with a victory at the Second Battle

of Winchester.

The Confederates splashed northward across the Potomac River at Blackford’s Ford and at Williamsport, then marched through Western Maryland towns like Hagerstown and Smithsburg. The bulk of the 75,000 Confederates had entered Pennsylvania by June 25.

Meanwhile, the U.S. Army searched desperately for the Confederates. The Blue Ridge Mountains effectively screened Lee’s movements. The Union marched northward along the east side of the mountain range. The Confederates were on its western side.

Finally, on June 24, the Union began crossing the Potomac at Edward’s Ferry to concentrate at Frederick, Maryland. Then they moved north toward Emmitsburg and

east into Carroll County on a dual mission to confront the invaders and protect Baltimore and Washington, D.C., along the “Pipe Creek Line.”

Stuart had separated from Lee and led a cavalry raid to capture desperately needed resources. He moved east of the main Union Army and seized 125 wagons and 400 prisoners near Rockville. But his raid through central Maryland



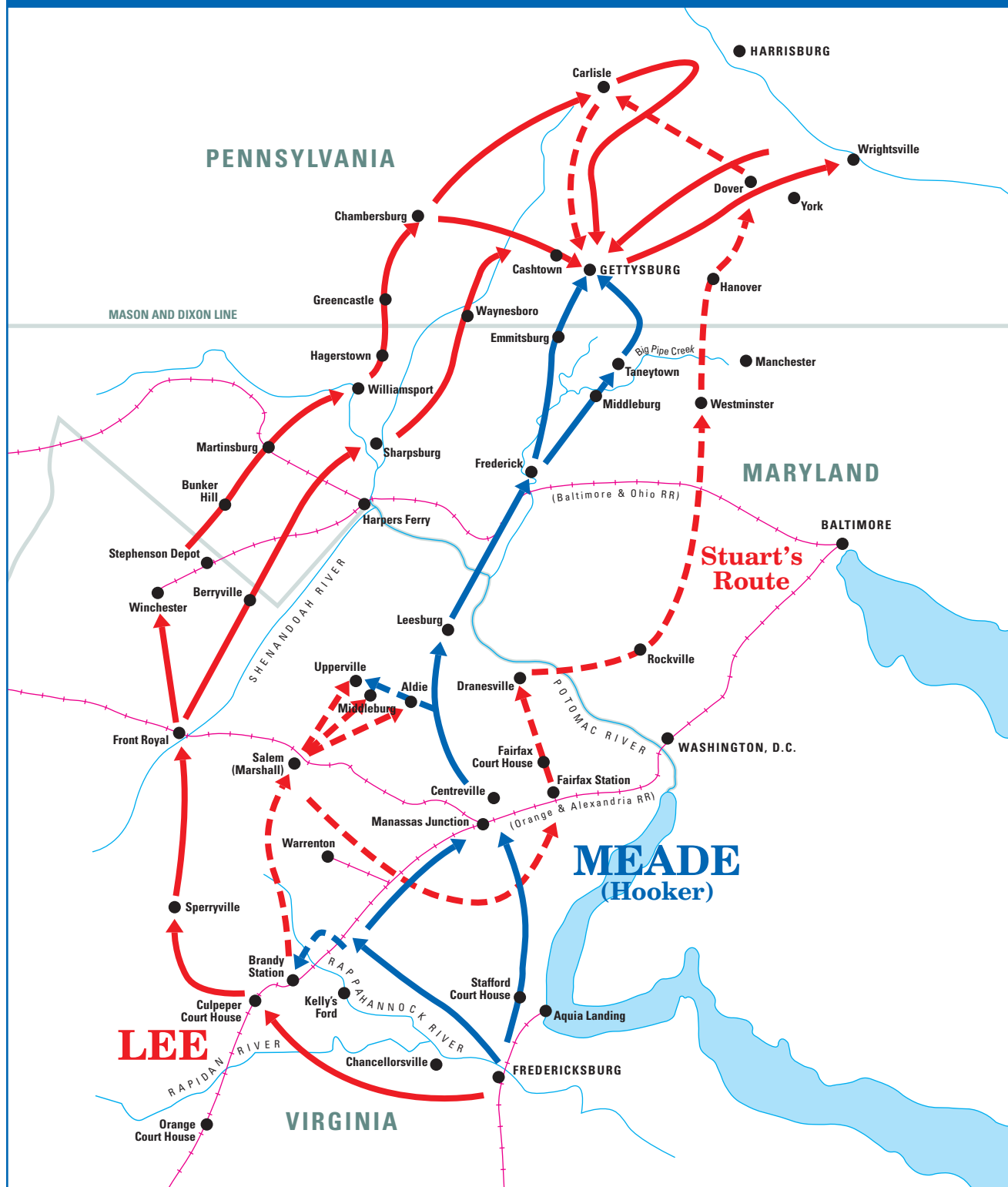
Gen. Robert E. Lee

The Confederate cavalry crossing the Potomac River, June 11, 1863.





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deprived Lee of his army's "eyes and ears" during much of the campaign.

The advancing Confederate Army of Northern Virginia met and clashed with the Union's Army of the Potomac at the crossroads town of Gettysburg, just above the Pennsylvania line, on July 1. Lee's troops were unprepared for the ferocity and strength of the Union forces under the newly named Potomac Army commander, Gen. George G. Meade.

By the third day of fighting, Lee ordered an attack by fewer than 15,000 troops on the Union Army's center at Cemetery Ridge. The assault, known as "Pickett's Charge," managed to pierce the Union lines but eventually failed.

Suffering thousands of Confederate casualties, Lee was forced to withdraw his battered army on July 4 and retreat toward Virginia. A flooded Potomac River prevented immediate escape, and for nearly one week, the pursuing Union Army trapped the Confederates at Williamsport and Falling Waters. The Gettysburg Campaign ended on July 14 when Lee finally crossed the river.

"Cannons on the Square" by Ron Lesser.



WHO'S IN COMMAND



Gen. Joseph Hooker



Gen. George Meade

Union Gen. Joseph Hooker, commander of the Army of the Potomac, was furious. He demanded that Washington authorize him to abandon Maryland Heights and relocate the 10,000 men, who were guarding the mountain fortress at Harpers Ferry, to join the main army in Frederick, Md. After the War Department refused, Hooker offered his resignation on June 27, 1863.

It was a bad time to pick a fight with the Lincoln administration, since Gen. Robert E. Lee had invaded the North after thrashing Hooker at Chancellorsville, Va. Lincoln accepted Hooker's resignation and replaced him with Gen. George G. Meade. A courier delivered the order to Meade at 3 A.M. on Sunday, June 28, near Frederick. Meade had not campaigned for the job but had earned the position on merit. "I am moving at once against Lee," he wrote to his wife. "[A] battle will decide the fate for our country and our cause." When the Union and Confederate armies collided unexpectedly at Gettysburg, just four days later, Meade delivered Lincoln the fateful victory he so desired.

WHERE'S STUART

As the Army of Northern Virginia invaded Northern soil in June 1863, Confederate Gen. James Ewell Brown "J.E.B." Stuart and his cavalry corps served as Gen. Robert E. Lee's "eyes and ears." Lee directed him to protect his right flank, avoid protracted engagements with the Union, and capture provisions while gathering information.

Stuart disrupted Union communication and supply lines, alarming Washington, D.C. and Baltimore.

He also lost contact with Lee, rendering him blind and deaf to the whereabouts of the Union and frustrating him as the military situation changed.

Lee's infantry stumbled into Union Gen. George G. Meade's Army of the Potomac at Gettysburg early on July 1, 1863, where Stuart's absence further limited Lee's options. Delayed by a captured Union wagon train and various engagements, Stuart did not reach Gettysburg until late on July 2. Union Gen. David M. Gregg's cavalry thwarted his attack the next day. Criticism of Stuart's performance began after the battle and has continued ever since.



Gen. J.E.B. Stuart

★ SIGNALING ★

Communications are extremely important in wartime, both for locating and predicting the movements of the enemy and for keeping track of friendly forces. Many advances were made in military communications during the Civil War, the first war in which the telegraph was used extensively. The U.S. Signal Corps, established in 1860, was the first corps of officers and men whose sole mission was communication. Maj. Albert J. Myer, who had developed a flag-signaling system called "wigwagging," commanded the corps. At night, torches were used instead of flags. Either method could only be used when the visibility was good. Wigwag signal stations were placed on high ground with unobstructed views and moved when the army moved.

A student of Myer's, Edwin Porter Alexander, went south and founded the Confederate Signal Corps. Both sides used Myer's system during battles as well as during campaigns. Capt. Lemuel Norton was U.S. Chief Signal Officer during the Gettysburg campaign, and Col. William Norris headed the Confederate Signal Corps.

Civil War signal station.





INVADED AGAIN



During the Civil War, Marylanders struggled to maintain normalcy despite the suspension of some civil rights by the Federal government and repeated military invasions by the Confederates, which created havoc for local residents. While families and neighbors were often divided by loyalties, many Marylanders were united by compassion.

At the start of the war, U.S. troops were immediately deployed to occupy areas sympathetic to the South. Some places were under martial law, leading to arrests for many reasons, including “disloyalty.” Meanwhile, Confederates under Gen. J.E.B. Stuart arrested Union supporters.

Mollie Dawson’s father, who lived in Rockville, was one example. A Union supporter, he was arrested to prevent him from transmitting crucial information. Taunted in school for her family’s allegiance, Mollie and her siblings worried that their father would continue to face Confederate arrest. Members of her family fought on both sides, creating division and confusion, even among her family.



Mollie Dawson

Courtesy Mary Dawson Gray, Pearless Rockville



Lt. Oliver Wendell Holmes, Jr.

Courtesy of the Historical Society of Frederick County



The only known photographs of Confederate troops marching under arms were taken at the intersection of Patrick and Market Streets in Frederick in September 1862.

Union and Confederate forces occupied communities to secure strategic roads and lines of communication. Soldiers disrupted everyday life, sometimes getting into altercations with civilians and stealing livestock. Virginia Moore of Bethesda recalled an intoxicated soldier stealing her chicken: “Had we reported him our lives would not have been safe.”

In this climate of confusion and mistrust, some families provided meals to Union officers camped nearby to protect their livestock and crops from marauding soldiers. Families also prepared and sold meals to supplement their incomes.

Marylanders did not suffer the shortages and privations of the South, but constant troop movements destroyed roads, crops, fences, woodlots, and structures. Local citizens faced curfews, carried passes to cross Union picket lines, and endured unreliable newspaper accounts and rumors. Men 18–45 years old were subject to the draft. When faced with arrest from either government, however, political opponents often stepped forward to defend neighbors.

★ LONG MARCHES ★

As you drive this tour in your climate-controlled vehicle, consider the plight of the Civil War infantryman who trudged the same route, putting one sore foot in front of the other in all types of weather, while wearing ill-fitting army shoes and toting 60 pounds of equipment.

The typical marching day would last from dawn into the afternoon at a rate of two and a half miles per hour. A division of the Army of the Potomac numbered between 3,000 and 5,000 men, included wagons carrying food and ammunition, and could stretch out along four miles of road.

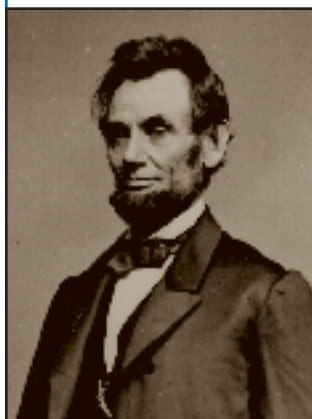
During the Gettysburg Campaign, however, soldiers sometimes marched more than 30 miles at a time. After a miserable hike of 35 miles on June 24, 1863, Pvt. Alex Haley of the 17th Maine Infantry complained, "Ye gods! ... I could stand no more of this." But the next day he got up and hoofed it for six more miles, testifying to the amazing resilience of the American soldier.

Union troops marching through Middletown on the National Road.



LINCOLN SPEAKS AT GETTYSBURG

When President Abraham Lincoln learned of Union victories at Vicksburg and Gettysburg in July 1863, he told a crowd it was providential that they had occurred around the nation's birthday. "Gentlemen," he added, "this

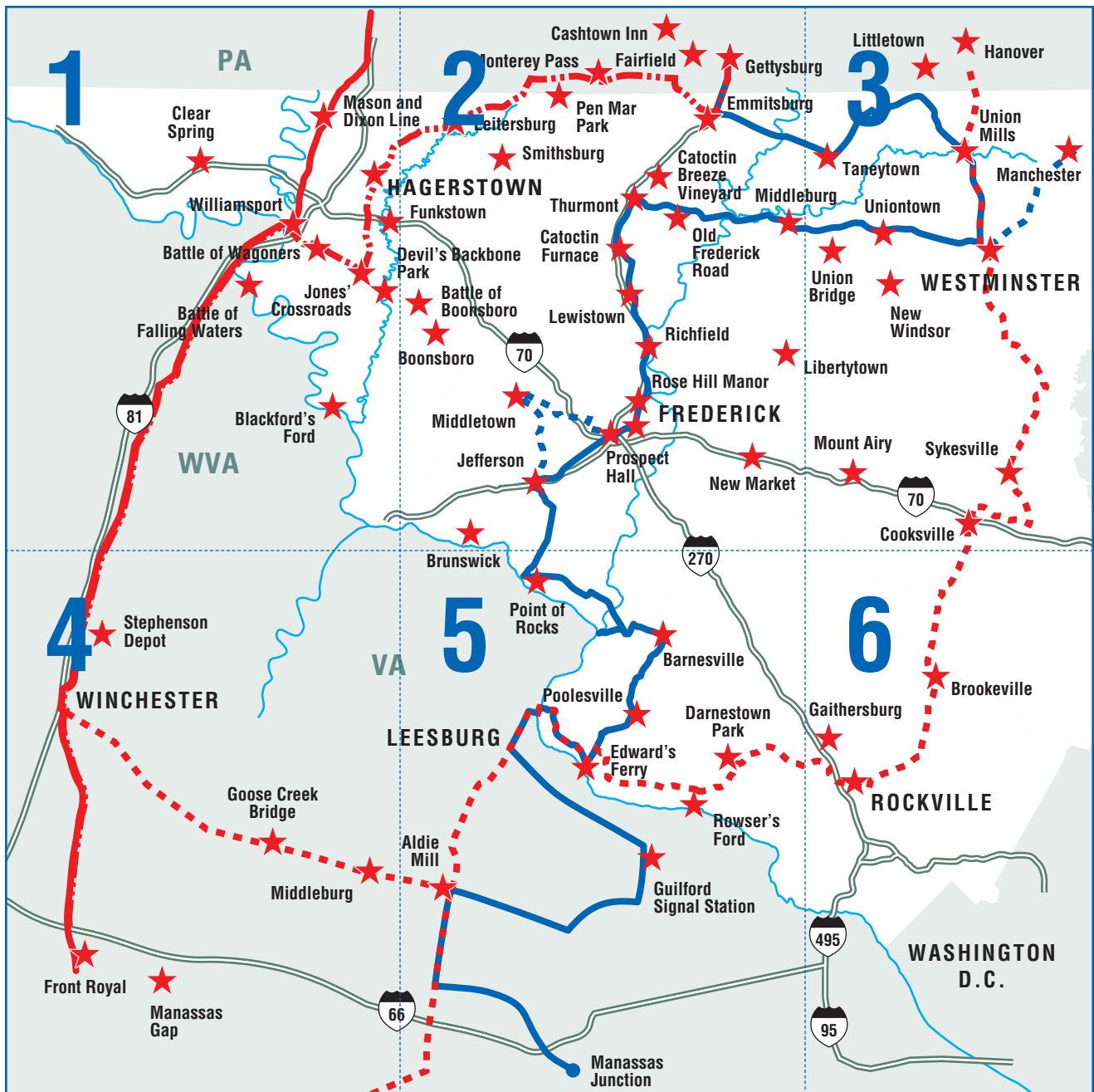


Abraham Lincoln

is a glorious theme, and the occasion for a speech, but I am not prepared to make one worthy of the occasion." He found his occasion that fall at the dedication of the cemetery at Gettysburg. By the time Lincoln left Washington, D.C. by train

on November 18, he had substantially completed his speech, adding the final touches in Gettysburg.

At the ceremony on November 19, Lincoln followed a widely praised two-hour oration by Edward Everett, the principal speaker. Lincoln delivered his 272-word speech in a few minutes and sat down, his brevity surprising the crowd, and scattered applause leaving him uncertain whether it had been "worthy of the occasion" after all. His supporters called it "thrilling" and his enemies thought it "silly." Subsequent generations, however, have proclaimed the speech—the Gettysburg Address—immortal.



★ CONFEDERATE ADVANCE ★

- ★ **Middleburg** – Confederate cavalry delayed the Union push here again on June 19, 1863.
- ★ **Stephenson Depot** – Fighting here on June 14, 1863 cleared the way for the Confederate advance into Pennsylvania.
- ★ **Williamsport** – Confederate army's invasion began here on June 15, 1863, and its "Wagon Train of Misery" retreated through here after Gettysburg.
- ★ **Crossing the Mason and Dixon Line** – Soldiers from both armies passed by this historic intersection multiple times throughout the war.
- ★ **Gaithersburg (Summit Hall Farm)** – Confederate cavalry arrived here on June 28, 1863, intent on arresting Union supporters.
- ★ **Darnestown Park** – Confederate cavalry entered town on June 27, 1863.
- ★ **Cashtown Inn** – Stand where Confederate soldiers once marched on to battle at Gettysburg.

J.E.B. STUART'S CAVALRY TOUR

- ★ **Aldie Mill** – On June 17, 1863 the first of several days of fighting broke out here as Union forces pushed west looking for the main Confederate army.
- ★ **Goose Creek Bridge** – Fighting here on June 21, 1863 centered around the bridge.
- ★ **Rowser's Ford (Seneca)** – On the night of June 27–28, 1863, Confederate Gen. J.E.B. Stuart's 5,000 cavalymen crossed into Maryland here.
- ★ **Rockville** – Gen. Stuart occupied the town on June 28, 1863, and found both Confederate sympathizers and loyal Unionists.
- ★ **Brookeville** – On June 29, 1863, Gen. Stuart paroled almost 400 prisoners here.
- ★ **Cooksville** – Union troops saved vital artillery during the Confederate cavalry attack on June 19, 1863.
- ★ **Sykesville** – On June 29, 1863, Confederate cavalry hatched a plan to capture Union Gen. Joseph Hooker near here. It failed.
- ★ **Westminster** – Gen. Stuart's cavalry clashed with the Union's 1st Delaware Cavalry on June 29, 1863.
- ★ **Union Mills** – Gen. Stuart breakfasted here at the William Shriver house on June 30 with Union infantry on his heels.

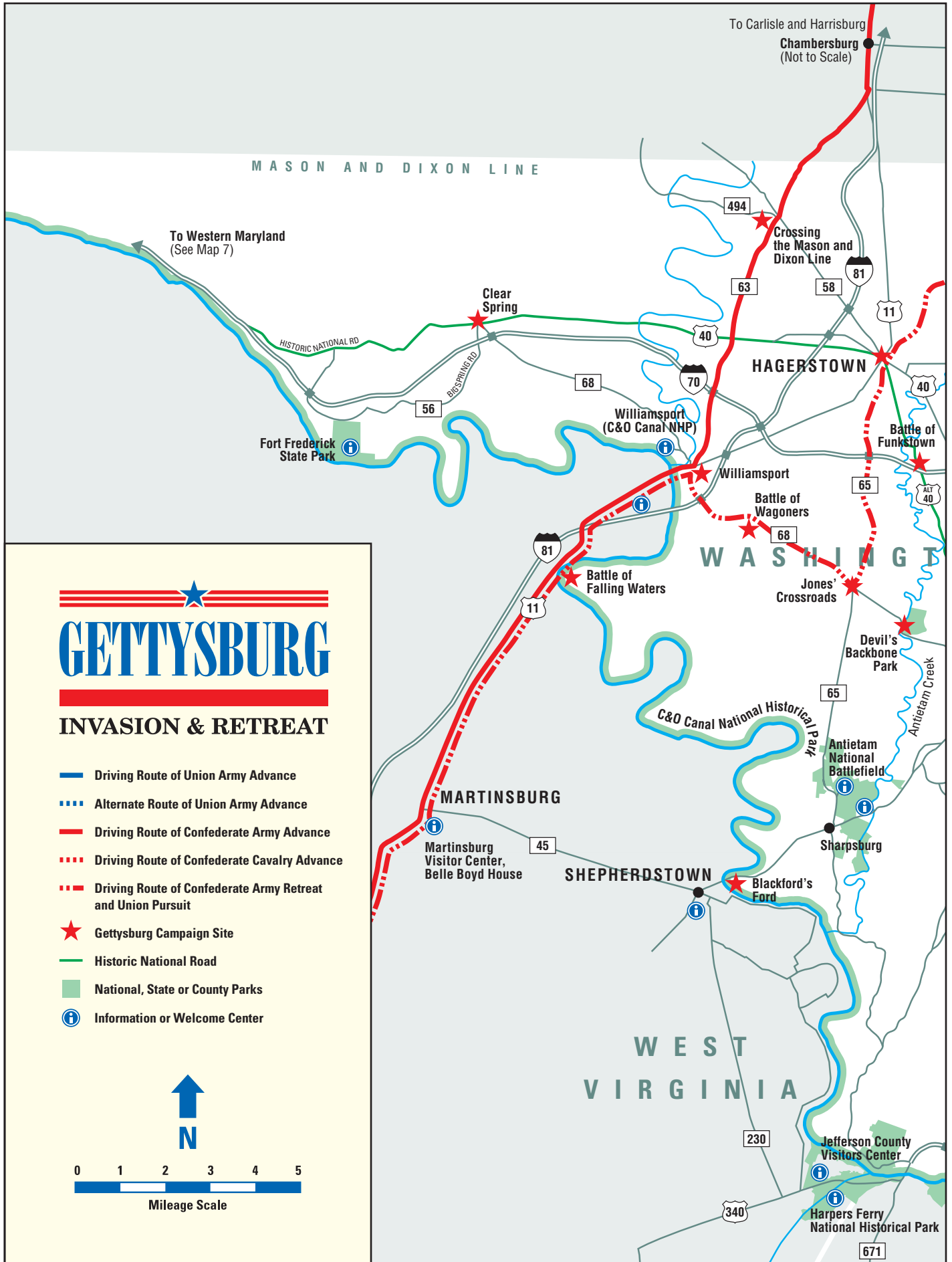
★ UNION ADVANCE ★

- ★ **Guilford Signal Station** – A vital link in the Union communication chain between the Army of the Potomac and Washington, D.C.
- ★ **Edward's Ferry** – Most of the Union army, pursuing Gen. Robert E. Lee's army, crossed the Potomac River here June 24–25, 1863.
- ★ **Poolesville** – From here Gen. Hooker wired Gen. Henry Halleck in Washington, D.C. concerning supplies to be sent to Frederick.
- ★ **Barnesville** – Three Union infantry corps marched through this town, June 26–28, 1863.
- ★ **Point of Rocks** – This was a major crossing point between Confederate Virginia and Unionist Western Maryland.
- ★ **Jefferson** – In late June 1863, many pro-Union residents welcomed the Union army with cheers and flowers.
- ★ **Middletown** – The Union army marched through the town on its way north, and their cavalry passed through after the Battle at Gettysburg.
- ★ **Prospect Hall** – On June 28, 1863, Union Gen. George Meade replaced Gen. Hooker as Commander of the Army of the Potomac.
- ★ **Frederick** – Troops from both sides occupied the town at different times in 1862, 1863 and 1864.
- ★ **Rose Hill Manor** – Home of Maryland's first governor. The Union army's large artillery reserve camped here in late June 1863.
- ★ **Richfield** – On June 28, 1863, Gen. Meade promoted three young cavalry officers up four ranks to general.
- ★ **Lewistown** – Union troops marched through here on June 28, 1863, en route to Gettysburg. On July 7, 1863 they passed through town again — pursuing the Confederates.
- ★ **Catoctin Furnace** – Union and Confederate troops marched by the ironworks, which continued to operate throughout the campaign.
- ★ **Thurmont** – Union infantry passed by here on June 29, 1863, on the way to Gettysburg and pursued Confederate cavalry after the battle.

- ★ **Catoctin Breeze Vineyard** – The vineyard is where Union soldiers marched on their way to Gettysburg.
- ★ **Old Frederick Road (Loy's Station)** – A Union corps marched through here pursuing the Confederate army both before and after the battle.
- ★ **Middleburg** – Site of the Union army's left flank on Pipe Creek between June 28 and July 1, 1863.
- ★ **Uniontown** – A New York soldier described the town as "patriotic, but paralyzed just now by the nearness of the rebel army."
- ★ **New Windsor** – Union soldiers who marched through here commented on the beauty of this town and surrounding countryside.
- ★ **Union Bridge** – Thousands of wounded Union soldiers passed through the town after the Battle of Gettysburg.
- ★ **Libertytown** – On June 29, 1863, Union troops marched through the town while being serenaded by the division's glee club.
- ★ **New Market** – A wing of the Union army marched through here on June 29–30, 1863.
- ★ **Mount Airy (Pine Grove Chapel)** – On June 29, 1863 Union cavalry and infantry marched through town chasing after the Confederate army.
- ★ **Manchester** – Site of Union army's right flank on Pipe Creek between June 28 and July 1, 1863.
- ★ **Union Mills** – Confederate cavalry camped here the night of June 29, 1863, followed closely by Union infantry.
- ★ **Taneytown** – Location of Gen. Meade's headquarters in the days before the battle.
- ★ **Seton Shrine** – A Union supply depot and home of the Catholic Daughters of Charity, who helped tend to wounded soldiers.
- ★ **Gettysburg** – The battle that occurred here on July 1–3, 1863, cost approximately 50,000 men killed, wounded or missing.
- ★ **Hanover** – Intense fighting took place in and around the streets of town here on June 30, 1863.
- ★ **Fairfield** – Located near the Mason and Dixon Line, the town was visited twice by the armies.

★ CONFEDERATE RETREAT ★ & UNION PURSUIT

- ★ **Littlestown** – After the Battle of Gettysburg, hundreds of wounded were brought here.
- ★ **Monterey Pass** – Large rearguard action on July 4, 1863.
- ★ **Pen Mar Park** – Confederates occupied Monterey Pass, a gap in South Mountain, to clear the roads for the army's retreat.
- ★ **Leitersburg** – Union cavalry attacked retreating Confederates after a long, miserable march through the mud and rain.
- ★ **Smithburg** – On July 5, 1863, Gen. Stuart's retreating cavalry fought an artillery duel with Union cavalry.
- ★ **Hagerstown** – After two cavalry engagements with retreating Confederates, Union troops finally occupied the town on July 12, 1863.
- ★ **Jones' Crossroads** – The entrenched armies faced each other here on July 12, 1863.
- ★ **Devil's Backbone Park (Council of War)** – Gen. Meade gathered his generals on July 12, 1863 to decide whether to attack retreating Confederate defenses near Williamsport.
- ★ **Battle of Wagoners** – On July 6, 1863, Confederate Gen. John D. Imboden organized his drivers and wounded to protect the Confederate wagon train during an attack.
- ★ **Clear Spring** – On July 10, 1862 a large cavalry action took place here.
- ★ **Battle of Boonsboro** – Site of July 8, 1863 cavalry battle.
- ★ **Blackford's Ford** – This strategic ford across the Potomac River was used many times by both armies during the war.
- ★ **Battle of Funkstown** – On July 10, 1863 Gen. Stuart's cavalry held off Union forces, enabling the Confederates to protect their avenue of retreat.
- ★ **Battle of Falling Waters** – Confederates fought here to protect their retreat across the Potomac River on July 14, 1863.
- ★ **Brunswick** – Union troops pursuing the Confederate army crossed the Potomac River here.
- ★ **Front Royal (Bel Air)** – The Buck family entertained Gen. Lee at their home, Bel Air, July 22, 1863.
- ★ **Manassas Gap** – The last battle of the Gettysburg Campaign was fought here on July 23, 1863.

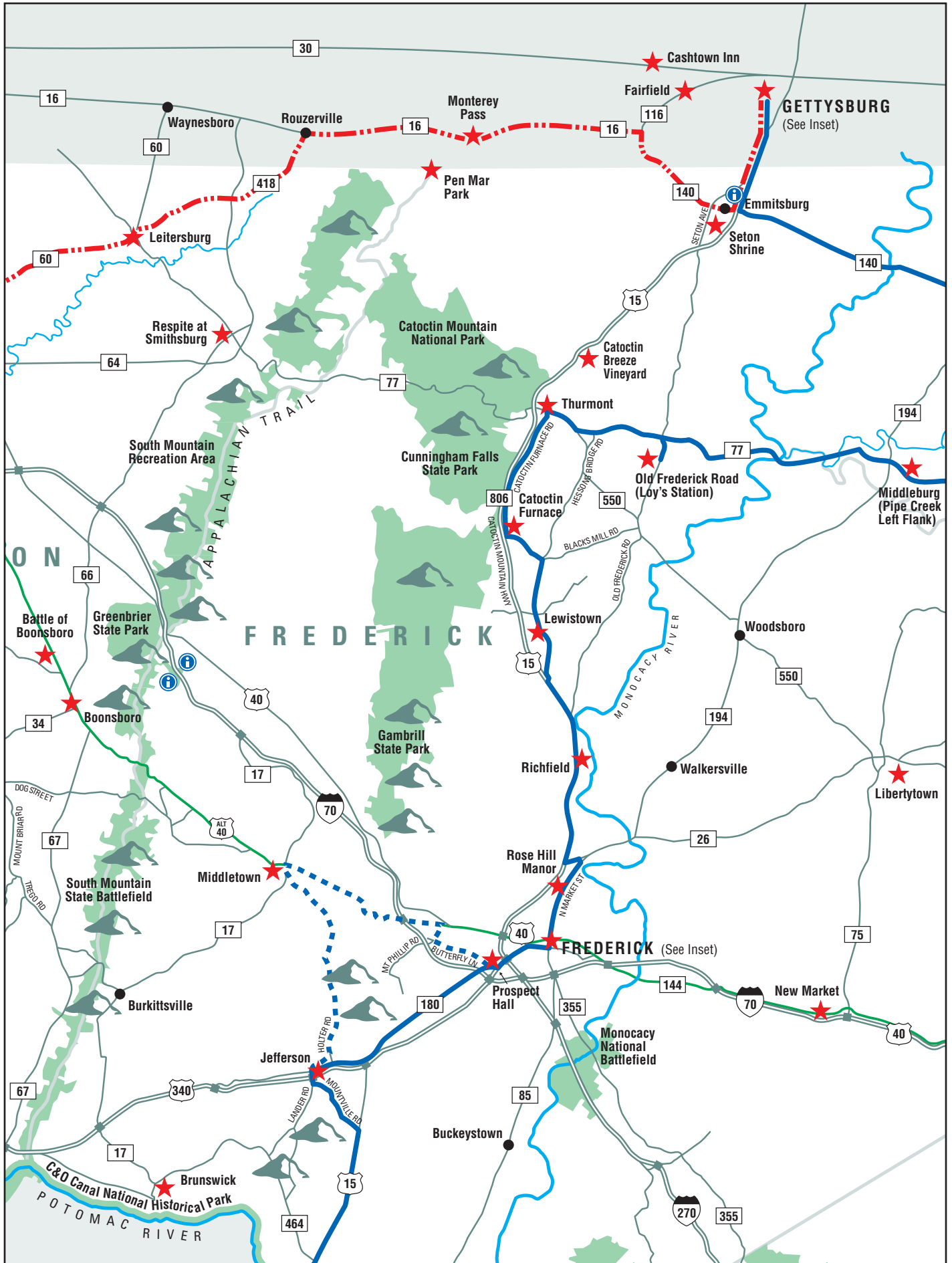


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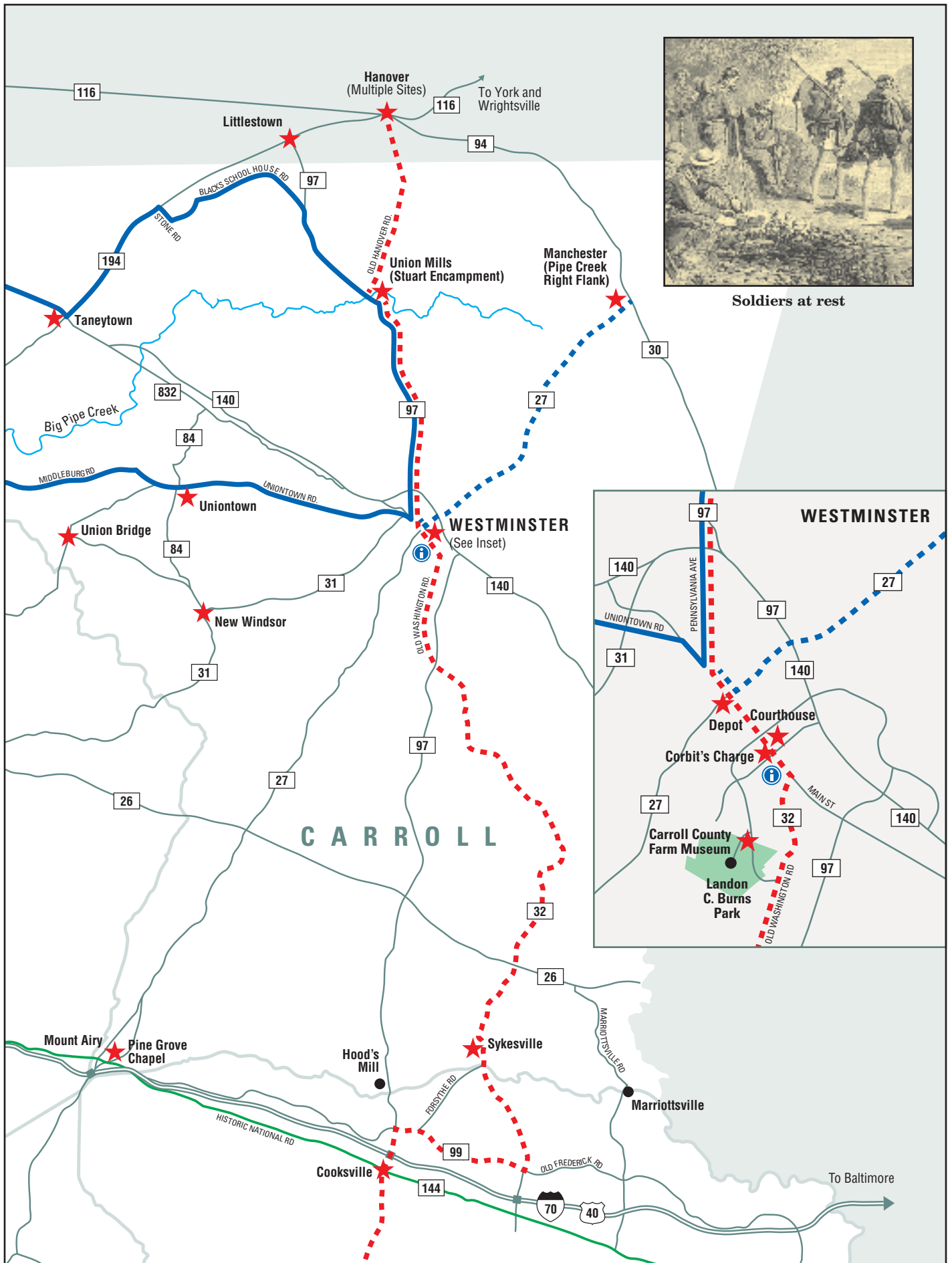
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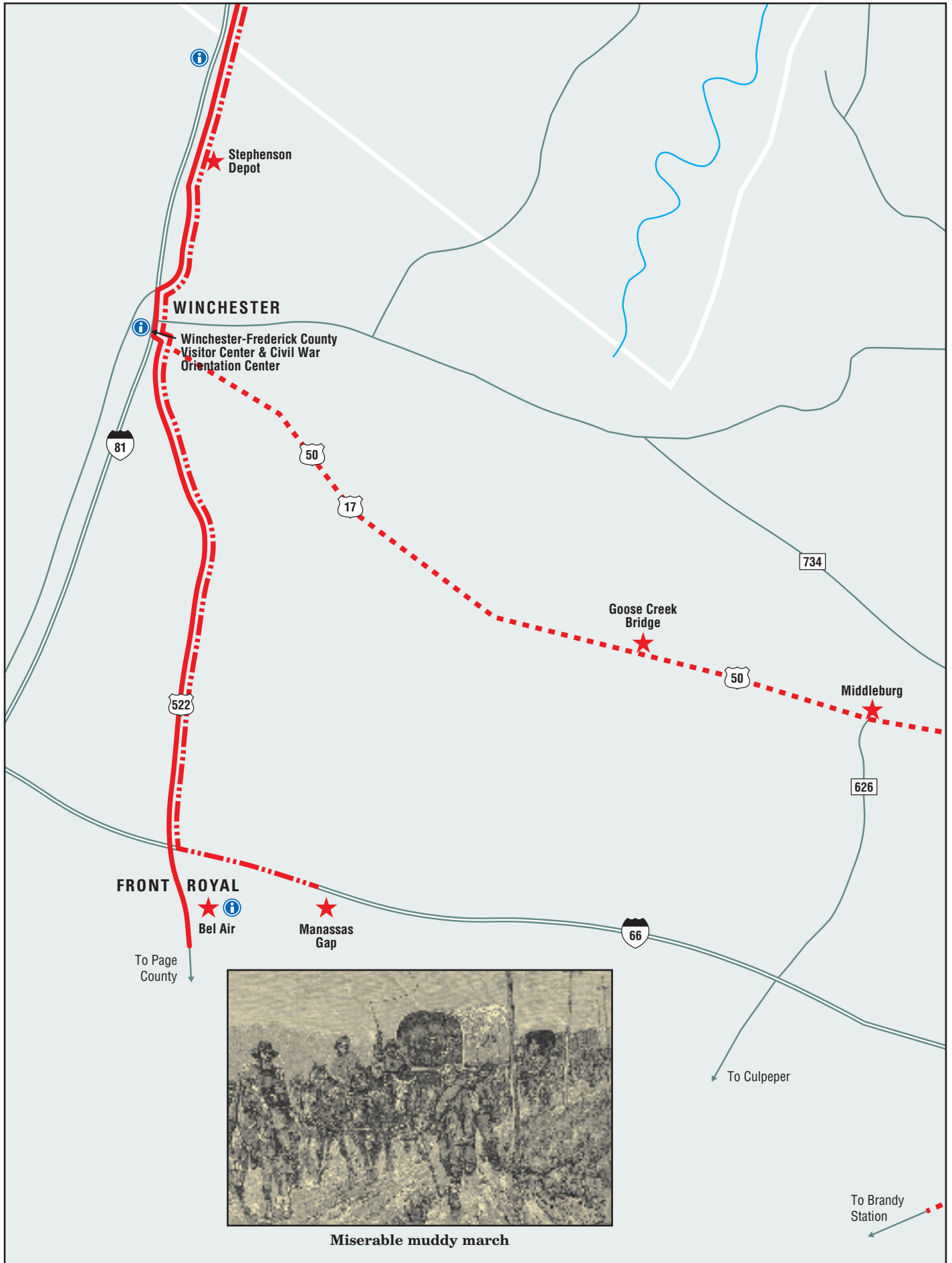
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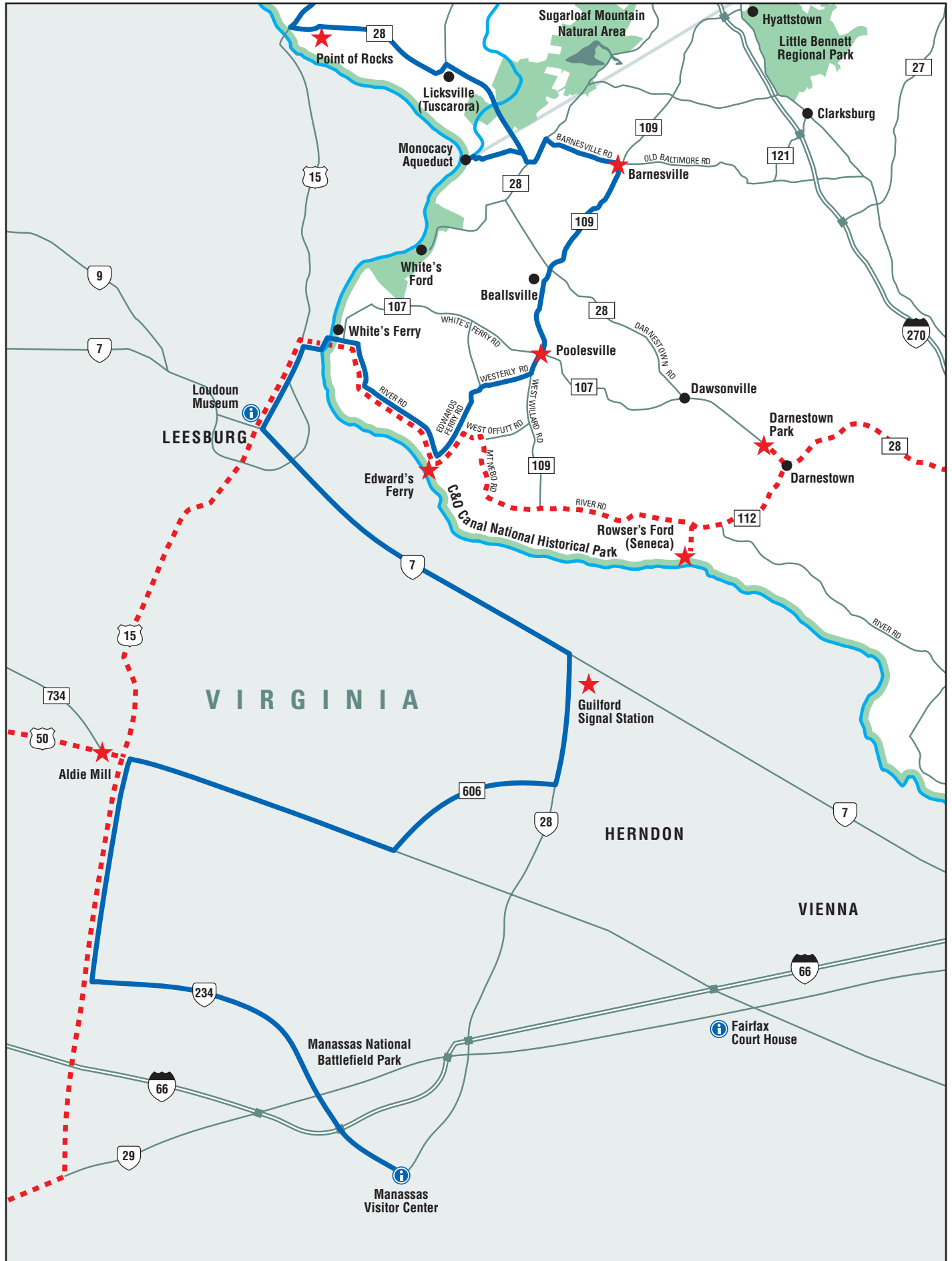
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WASHINGTON, D.C.



As armies marched to and from Gettysburg, farms were devastated, fences destroyed, timber cut, ditches dug and crops ravaged, leaving a scene of destruction behind.

Detail of painting "Serious Work Ahead" by
Civil War Artist Dale Gallon, gallon.com, 717-334-0430.

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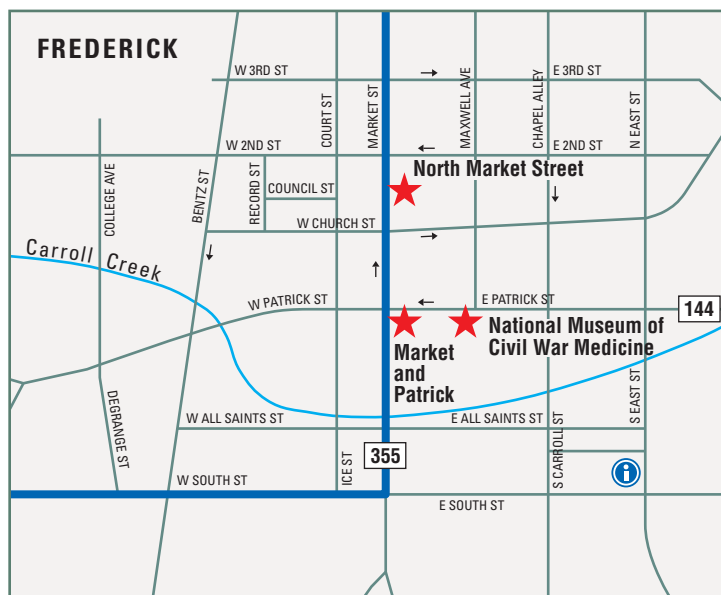
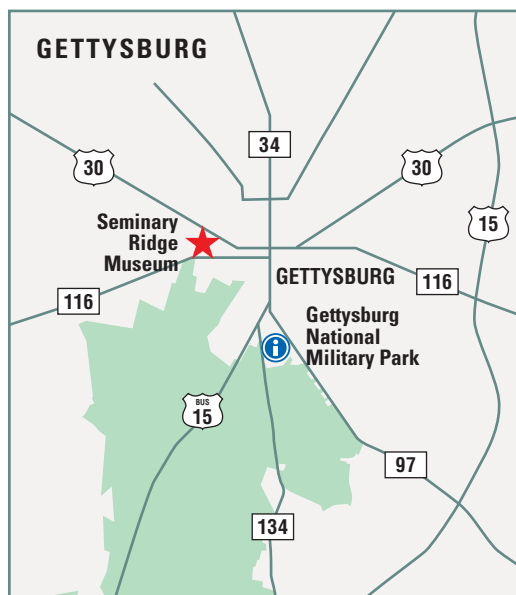
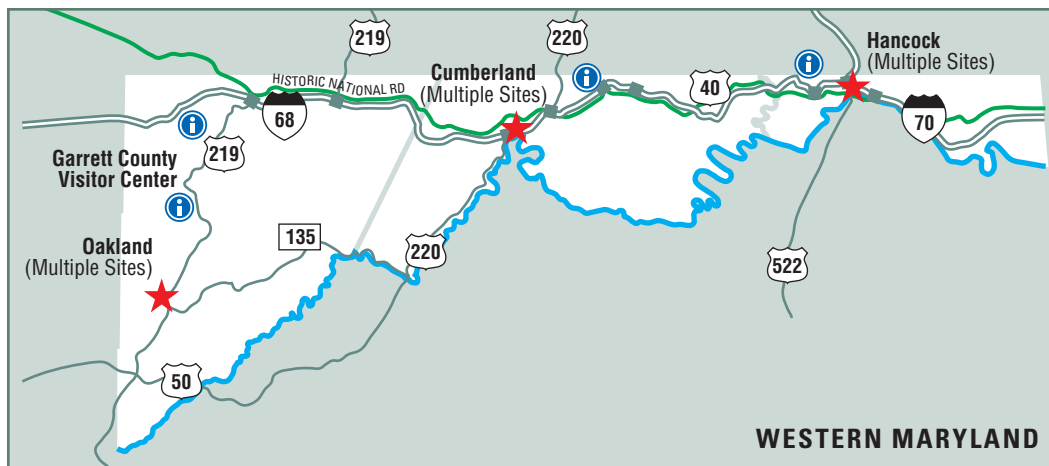
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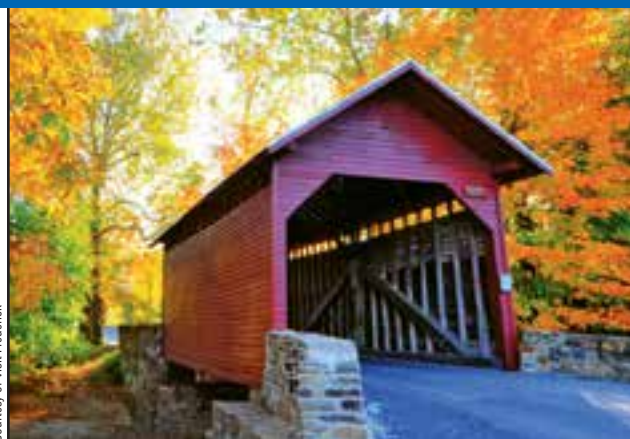
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War Correspondents Arch at Gathland State Park

★ MEDICINE ★

Biting on a bullet during surgery and amputating limbs because doctors didn't know how to do anything else are but two of the many myths about Civil War medical care. In fact, medical science made great strides despite ignorance of the germ theory of infection and the many deaths from infection and disease. To see displays about these medical advances, such as the triage system, visit the National Museum of Civil War Medicine in Frederick.

Despite the advances, thousands of wounded soldiers suffered greatly. Churches and other buildings served as hospitals, and six hundred sisters from a dozen religious communities served as nurses. The Daughters of Charity of Emmitsburg were among the first to arrive at Gettysburg after the battle and aid the wounded. Meanwhile, the wagon train carrying 10,000 wounded Confederates stretched seventeen miles as the army made the agonizing fifty-mile retreat to Virginia.



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