

CIVIL WAR TRAILS

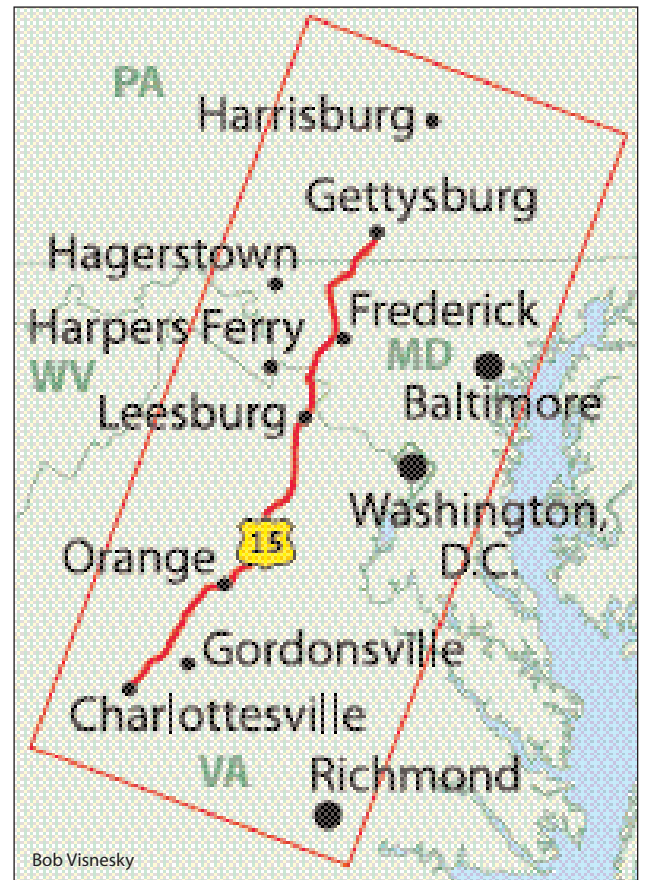
Traveling Through 400 Years of History

The Journey Through Hallowed Ground covers a 180-mile corridor in four states.

The land has been trod since the days of the Susquehannock and Iroquois Indians. It has seen bloodshed and triumph, and been home to presidents, generals, farmers, and tradesmen. It has been called the place “where America happened.” Now, with its designation as a National Scenic Byway and a National Heritage Area, you can experience the Journey Through Hallowed Ground as never before.

the late historian C. Vann Woodward, “soaked up more of the blood, sweat, and tears of American history than any other part of the country.”

The historic destinations in the region include the homes of nine U.S. presidents, 73 National Historic Districts, 12 National Park units, the largest collection of Civil War sites in the country, as well as sites from the French and Indian War, the Revolutionary War, and the War of 1812. The historic



Park Rangers lead tours of the Soldiers' Cemetery, site of the Gettysburg Address. Gettysburg is the northern end of the Journey Through Hallowed Ground.

The Journey Through Hallowed Ground stretches 180 miles along Route 15/20 from Gettysburg, Pennsylvania, to Monticello in Charlottesville, Virginia, passing through a scenic and historically rich landscape that has, according to

towns along the route are vibrant with restaurants, shops, and galleries, making them delightful stops along the journey.

“We like to say that you can travel 400 years on one tank of gas,” says Cate Magennis Wyatt, president of the JTHG Partnership. “One minute you can be visiting a presidential home from 200 years ago, and then you can bound around the corner and you’re in a great art gallery or a jazz club.”

six themes: Colonial, Civil War, Presidential Sites, African-American Heritage, Prominent Homes, and Historic Buildings. Maps of the Journey and brochures about the region are available at visitor centers all along the 180-mile route.

You can make the Journey in whole or in parts, on multiple day trips or a grand tour, with overnights at charming bed and breakfasts, some of them historic in their own right.

“One of the best things about the Journey is that it can be experienced at your own pace and your own taste,” says Tamra Talmadge-Anderson, of the Virginia Tourism Corporation. History buffs, of course, will find much to interest them, she adds,

Planning a Journey

The ways to experience the Journey are just as varied. Explore it county by county or by theme. The Partnership’s website offers a downloadable map and touring information for each of the ten counties. In addition, there are itineraries based on

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