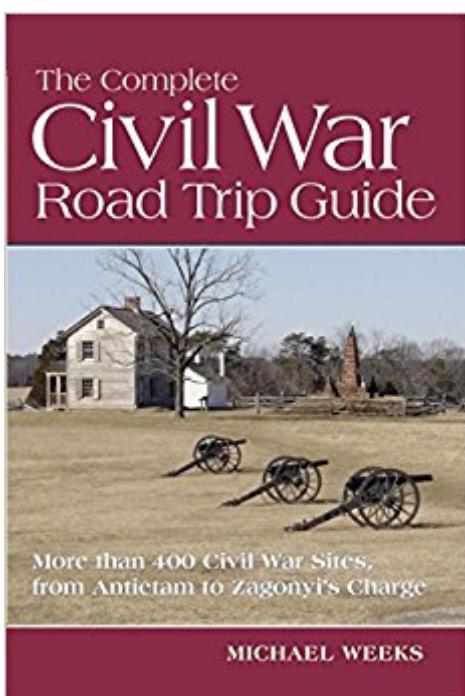


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# The Complete Civil War Road Trip Guide: 10 Weekend Tours And More Than 400 Sites, From Antietam To Zagonyi's Charge



## Synopsis

The Complete Civil War Road Trip Guide is the definitive guidebook for Civil War tourists, from the novice historian to the die-hard Civil War buff. The book outlines ten suggested itineraries for short road trips that cover every major battle of the war that will enable a traveler to experience this definitive period of American history. For those who can't resist trying to see it all, the book contains complete information on and reviews of almost 450 historical sites across the United States related to the Civil War, including all 384 of the principal battlefields listed by the Civil War Sites Advisory Commission, as well as lodging and other travel information. The Complete Civil War Road Trip Guide will enable the historical traveler of any level to experience the Civil War like no other book has done. 50 black & white

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## Customer Reviews

Michael Weeks is an amateur historian with a passion for the road. He has driven tens of thousands of miles across America in order to experience first-hand the amazing stories and experiences that U.S. history has to offer. Michael lives in the South Loop area of Chicago, Illinois with his wife, Charlotte, and works as an occupational health and safety consultant. He is a graduate of Purdue University. His books include The Complete Civil War Road Trip Guide and Civil War Road Trip: A Guide to Northern Virginia, Maryland & Pennsylvania, Vol. I and II.

While I bought this as a gift for a friend, I would not hesitate to buy it again. It is written in a very

creative way, where you can use it as a guide while in the car seeking your next stop, or you can relax in an armchair and read up on battlegrounds, monuments, and civil war history. Most books of this kind tend to follow one path or the other. The guide has 10 weekend tours, gives places to stay (generally historically relevant B&Bs), has way more pictures than you would expect, gives site details, biographical information about certain historical figures, and more-- it is written in a very approachable manner, so it would be of interest to those who have only a basic knowledge of the civil war (the guide does not assume you are an expert, instead seeks to give you a well-rounded understanding of what you will be visiting). This is perfect for a civil war buff, any lover of american history, or those who enjoy road trips. If you know someone who loves all three, this is a must-have! Highly recommended.

After 20 years of thinking about it\*\* my father and I are finally going on our Civil War Road Trip. We're leaving by car (from Vancouver, WA) at the end of May 2014 & plan to be gone for about a month. This book (as well as Week's Civil War Road Trip Vols 1 & 2) was very helpful in planning our trip (I say "we" but it's really my father doing the planning, as he's the historian and the true Civil War enthusiast). Here's our plan:-Endless drive across middle America of which I'll skip the details (probably spent bickering about who should be doing the driving--he's 77 with some cataracts, while I'm an easily distracted driver, or so I've been told--by him).-Shiloh to Chatenooga TN via Savannah at US 64 east tp I-24-Chatanooga to Atlanta GA via I-75, I-16 at Macon to Savannah side jaunt at Macon to Andersonville via I-75 and US 26, return via US 26, state 46 eastward to I-15 at milepost 75)-Savannah to Charleston SC via I-95, then north to Richmond VA, Civil War main battlefields, Petersburg, Appomatox, Cold Harbor and others in Grants 1864 campaign, then north and northwest to earlier battlefields of 1862-1863, e.g.-Fredericksburg, Chancellorsville, 1st and 2nd Manassas to the Shenandoah Valley (1862), then Harpers Ferry and Antietam MD, Gettysburg PA. Finally, a potpourri at-Washington DC, to Mt Vernon, Monticello, Arlington whatever, maybe even to congress of the US-Return I-70 west thru PA to Indianapolis, then I-74 west to I-90 and Madison, WI, westward on same to Black Hills SD, thence I-94 at Billings MT and take your choice thereafter Dad would like to skip Savannah, GA altogether ("I just don't know what it's particular importance is -- historically speaking") but I've read *Midnight in the Garden of Good and Evil* twice, so I'm putting my foot down. And we're hitting Billings, Montana because as a young man, my father was nuts, & spent his summer's jumping out of planes in the area (as a smokejumper). Anyway, I am really looking forward to getting on the road and I'll definitely be taking this book along for the ride.\*\*I first wanted to take this trip at 17, when I was sure the future would be filled with endless amounts of

money -- not to mention a distinct lack of Student Loan bills -- & vacation time. Har har

These two volumes of the Road Trip are very handy references if you have the opportunity to visit civil War sites. The author tells you what you are looking at when viewing the ground in today's setting. That will be extremely helpful as we visit what sites we can in these anniversary years of the events. I have use for both volumes as the first trip we'll take involves the Western theater from New Orleans to Memphis and then next year the Eastern theater in Virginia. The concise descriptions of history give you a quick reference and will lay the foundation for more in depth reading if you so choose.

I am a total Civil War nut and was really looking forward to this book. Just a bit disappointed; was hoping for a bit more detail on sights. I understand that the Civil War happened in 10,000 places and makes a "Road Trip" to see locations challenging, but this just feels disappointing to me. Just not enough detail for the most-important locations. But it's better than none at all. So, yes, I can recommend it. You'll just want to supplement.

great, great stuff

I would highly recommend Michael's book to the Civil War novice or to the hard-core buff! He writes about a particular venue, explains some of the historical background and gives you addresses and websites to assist on your trip. I have used this book on numerous trips to battlefields and Civil War related sites. My son and I recently visited the Spring Hill, Franklin and Nashville, Tennessee battlefields. We took along a great map, website print-outs and Michael's book. We had a blast! Keep up the great work, Michael!

This book is a perfect resource for planning a Civil War road trip. Weeks provides extensive historical information about each site, explains what you can expect to get from a visit to each site, and includes addresses and contact info (even for historical markers). He also provides some suggestions and recommendations for where to stay, particularly for interesting bed and breakfasts. The book includes a number of ways to search for what you're looking for—by state, by area (e.g., lower Mississippi River), or by battle. It's been my go-to resource as we plan our first road trip this spring.

Planning some trips now - this is a great help.

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