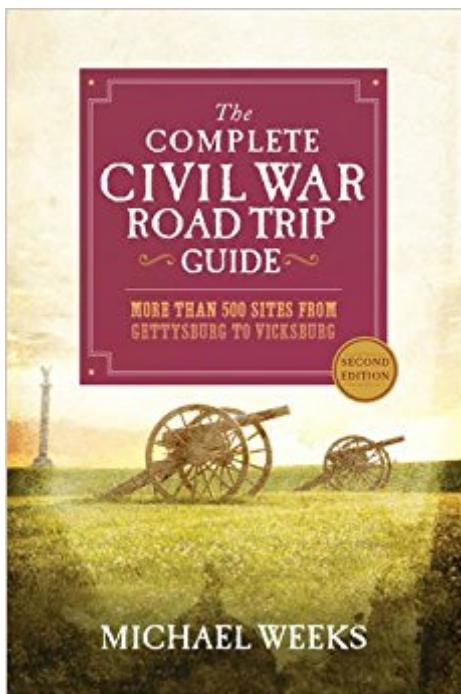


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# The Complete Civil War Road Trip Guide: More Than 500 Sites From Gettysburg To Vicksburg (Second Edition)



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The definitive guidebook for Civil War tourists, from the novice historian to the die-hard buff For those who can't resist trying to see it all, this indispensable book contains 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. Every entry includes an in-depth overview of the history of the battle and its importance to the war, the must-see places at each site, as well as lodging and other travel information. Outlining ten suggested itineraries for short road trips that cover every major battle of the war, The Complete Civil War Road Trip Guide enables historical travelers of any level to experience the Civil War as no other book has done.

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## Customer Reviews

The very best parts of this book are the first 20 pages that contain the Preface and the "How to Use This Book" sections - there, Weeks gives sincere and thoughtful reasons on why Americans should visit the nation's national and state battlefields and parks, and some good advice on how to plan visits, etc. The book is divided into several geographical sections, which is a good choice. The book is more inclusive than the Civil War Trust's guide to the "Civil War Discovery Trail" and other similar nationwide guides, but to call it "Complete" as the title does, goes a bit too far. One wonders if he did limit the book to only those sites he has personally visited (and at more than 500, that's very impressive), but a few examples will show where the book comes up short: Missouri - he does

highlight several great sites, including the essential Wilson's Creek battlefield near Springfield, but also includes "Clark's Mill," with "no markers or memorials." He doesn't include the important site of the Centralia Massacre or the Springfield National Cemetery (I think it's important to visit national cemeteries associated with the war), or that Missouri has two good established Civil War trails - Gray Ghost and U. S. Grant - which will lead travelers to many interesting and relevant sites. Galveston (TX) - I was very pleased to see him list Galveston as must-see - I agree. But again he missed some important relevant sites on the island: the "Dignified Resignation" memorial and the wealth of Civil War personalities to be found at rest in the island's Broadway cemeteries.

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