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U.S. Grant Trail Guide to Civil War Sites in Kentucky and Missouri Published

The "Confluence Segment" of the U.S. Grant Trail features points of interest from Hannibal, Missouri to Paducah, Kentucky that witnessed Ulysses Grant's rise to fame.

A joint project of communities in Kentucky and Missouri, the Paducah Visitors Bureau facilitated local partnership with the Kentucky Humanities Council, Missouri Humanities Council and Missouri Civil War Heritage Foundation to develop the guide.

"Working with Missouri's Civil War Heritage Foundation on the U.S. Grant Trail allows us to expand the story of western Kentucky's involvement in the War Between the States through U.S. Grant and his quest to control the western rivers," said Mary Hammond, Executive Director of the Paducah Visitors Bureau. "The trail guides connects the venues across our region which present a variety of ways to experience this heritage."

"Through this project, we are literally putting the heritage of southeast Missouri and western Kentucky on the map by molding the theme of the Civil War with the personality of U.S. Grant," said Greg Wolk, Executive Director of Missouri's Civil War Heritage Foundation.

Wolk's organization has championed the effort to develop a series of trails in Missouri and recognized the need to partner with western Kentucky to tell the southeast Missouri story on this third segment in the Grant Trail.

"The U.S. Grant trail is an exciting way to begin exploring western Kentucky's rich history and culture. Not only will you learn about a pivotal time in the region's, and our country's, history, your exploration will lead to many other unexpected delights," said Ben Chandler, Kentucky Humanities Council. "I am proud of Paducah CVB for having the foresight to bring the U.S. Grant trail to Paducah!"

The trail map is available locally at the Paducah Visitors Bureau and Whitehaven Welcome Center and online at www.Paducah.travel.

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