

The Battle of Rivers Bridge

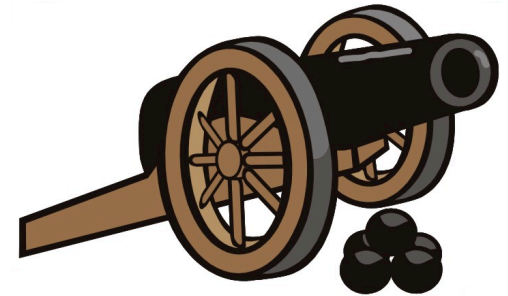
2-3 February 1865

Advancing into South Carolina in the waning days of the Civil War, General William Tecumseh Sherman's Union troops clashed with Confederate soldiers defending the Salkehatchie River at a place called Rivers Bridge. The greatly outnumbered Southerners held the crossing for two days before they were forced out of their breastworks. The battle of Rivers Bridge was the only major resistance encountered by Sherman's army on its destructive march through the state.

In 1876 the Confederates killed at Rivers Bridge were reburied in a common grave not far from the battlefield, beginning a tradition of memorializing the battle that continues to this day. That tradition led to the preservation of the battle site as a South Carolina state park. *

*taken directly from Rivers Bridge State Park
Visitors Guide, authors, J. Tracy Power and
Daniel J. Bell, 1992

FRIENDS



of
Rivers
Bridge

*Dedicated to the
preservation
of Rivers Bridge
State Historic Site*

Who are the Friends?

The Friends of Rivers Bridge is a nonprofit organization established in 2004 and is dedicated to the support and preservation of Rivers Bridge State Historic Site (RBSHS). Our guiding purpose is to support the mission of RBSHS by promoting appreciation of these hallowed grounds through:

- enhancing educational opportunities
- promoting heritage tourism
- holding fundraisers

What do we do?

The Friends are working on several projects. This is just the beginning of a long list of things we plan to do to benefit Rivers Bridge State Historic Site and preserve this nation's history for future generations.

Accomplishments

- Memorial Grounds Azalea project
- Promotional tables at local festivals/events
- Monthly newsletter
- Website

Future Projects/Goals

- Memorial Grounds preservation/beautification project
- Memorial Grounds interpretive wayside panels
- Framing of reproduction 47th GA infantry flag
- Increase Site visitors

Rivers Bridge State Historic Site

Thursday-Monday
9am – 6pm

closed Tuesday & Wednesday

Reserve Facilities

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For more information about the
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Friends of Rivers Bridge Member Survey and Application

Name: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Email: _____

I would like to receive my newsletter:

Snail mail Email

Choose a Membership Level:

Private (\$5)

Corporal (\$10)

Sergeant (\$15)

Lieutenant (\$20)

Check this box if you would like to be a voting member of the Board of Directors (requires a Corporal Level or Higher Membership)

I have an interest in these areas (you may check more than one):

Public Programming/Special Events

Education and Interpretation

Grants, Membership, Development

Resource Management

Historical Research and Writing

Other

By joining today you have made an investment in this organization. You will also receive a monthly newsletter.

Funds belong to the Friends and not the South Carolina State Park Service.

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