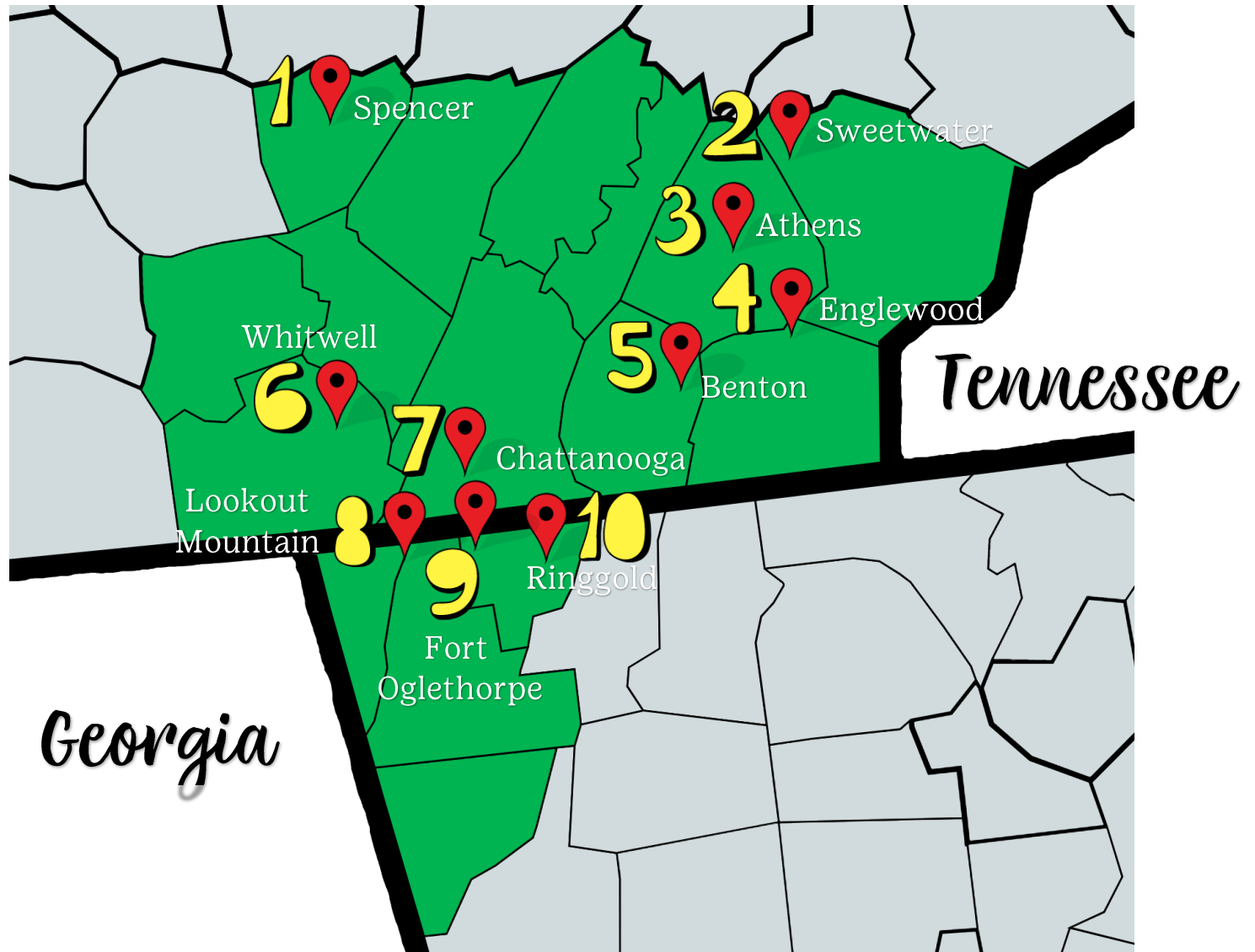


Tennessee Valley & North Georgia

# Women's History Tour

In honor of Women's History Month, take some time to explore the women's history of our Council's very own region. From World War II heroines to Cherokee warriors to creative entrepreneurs, you'll find them all in the Tennessee Valley. Use the map to guide your adventure—and see who else you can find along the way! Visit\* 5 of the 10 places—or more—on the map below, then send us your report for a great new patch!



*\*While visiting in person is the best way to experience these places, we understand that's not always possible. You can also visit via Google! Go to [earth.google.com](http://earth.google.com) and search for the place you want to visit. If you do go in person, know that some of these locations may be open only on certain days, during certain weather, or by appointment only. Review your visiting options ahead of time for the best experience.*

- Date visited:  **1. Burritt Memorial Library, 427 College St. Spencer, TN 38585.** The Burritt Memorial Library sits on the site of the former Burritt College, the first co-ed college (that is, the first college to educate both boys AND girls) in Tennessee and one of the first in the South. Head through the old stone archway to the library and see what else you can find about this historic school.
- Date visited:  **2. Sweetwater Visitor Center, 305 E. Walnut St. Sweetwater, TN 37874.** Start at the Visitor Center and take the Historic Sites Walking Tour through Sweetwater, learning about all the great women along the way. From Circle Park to the Carriage House to the Post Office, women have been leaving their mark on Sweetwater since the 1800's.
- Date visited:  **3. McMinn County Living Heritage Museum, 522 W. Madison Ave. Athens, TN 37303.** Founded by Muriel Mayfield and Mintie Willson in 1982, the Living Heritage Museum is still a women-led nonprofit that seeks to collect, preserve, and protect the unique history of McMinn County as an educational resource. Plan a visit and experience the history for yourself!
- Date visited:  **4. Englewood Textile Museum, 109 S Niota Rd, Englewood, TN 37329.** Stop by the Englewood Textile Museum to learn all about the region's textile mills and the women who worked in them. Make sure to talk to the museum's volunteers to learn even more about textile arts!
- Date visited:  **5. Nancy Ward Gravesite, Highway 411, Benton, TN 37307.** Warrior, chief, ambassador—Nancy Ward was all these things. At only 17, she earned the Cherokee title *Ghigau* or “Beloved Woman” for her bravery on the battlefield and quickly earned honored places in the Cherokee governing systems. Visit her gravesite then go to the Polk County Chamber of Commerce to discover more.
- Date visited:  **6. Children’s Holocaust Museum, 1 Butterfly Lane, Whitwell, TN 37397.** In 1998, eighth grade Whitwell Middle School students were engaged in a study about the Holocaust. Six million Jews were killed during the Holocaust, but that number is hard to understand, so they asked their teacher, Sandra Roberts, and principal, Linda Hooper, if they could begin a collection (of paperclips!) to help them understand how many six million actually is. The women agreed and the result is miraculous. Visit the Museum and learn about the Paperclip Project.
- Date visited:  **7. Bessie Smith Cultural Center, Chattanooga, TN 37403.** One of the biggest African American stars and blues singers of her time, Bessie Smith was born in Chattanooga and got her start performing around town. A powerful singer, her talents were recognized worldwide, and she was crowned “Empress of the Blues.” Visit the Bessie Smith Cultural Center to learn more about African American history, culture, and art!
- Date visited:  **8. Rock City Gardens, 1400 Patten Rd. Lookout Mountain, GA 30750.** The now famous Rock City would never have existed without Freida Carter. While her husband was trying to build a golf community on Lookout Mountain, she was building a world-class rock garden with hiking trails, wildflowers, and even gnomes and fairies. Visit Rock City Gardens and see the fruits of her work, still going strong 90 years later!
- Date visited:  **9. Chickamauga and Chattanooga National Military Park, 3370 Lafayette Rd. Fort Oglethorpe, GA 30742.** 1942, the US military created the Third Women's Army Corp (WAC) Training Center, one of the largest training sites for female military personnel during World War II. During the war, 50,000 women trained in Fort O, including members of the 6888th Postal Battalion—the only all-Black WAC deployed overseas. Visit McDonald Field and Snodgrass-Savannah Road in the battlefield to see where these women trained to serve our country.
- Date visited:  **10. Ringgold Wedding Chapel, 7683 Nashville St., Ringgold, GA 30736.** Country music legend and Girl Scout member Dolly Parton is an East Tennessee icon, but her story extends down to northwest Georgia too! Stop by the Ringgold Wedding Chapel to see where she married her husband, Carl Dean, in 1966 and learn more about Dolly’s amazing country career.

Tell us about it! Fill out and send us this page, and we'll get you your Women's History patch! You can:

- Snail mail it to GSCSA c/o Women's History Tour, 1100 Woodland Ave. Johnson City, TN 37601;
- Scan and email it to [LSalinas@GirlScoutCSA.org](mailto:LSalinas@GirlScoutCSA.org) (put "Women's History" in the subject;) OR
- Drop it off in person at your local Girl Scout Leadership Center.

## *Tour Info:*

### **Circle the places you visited.**

Burritt Memorial Library    Sweetwater    McMinn Heritage Museum    Englewood Textile Museum    Nancy Ward Gravesite  
Children's Holocaust Museum    Bessie Smith Cultural Center    Rock City    Chickamauga Military Park    Ringgold Wedding Chapel

### **Which was your favorite place to visit on this tour? Why was it your favorite?**

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