To Tallulah To Natchez

To provide additional artillery support for infantry manning this sector of the siege lines, men of the 2nd Illinois Artillery dismantled a 32-pounder cannon and, aided by Gen. Thomas Ransom’s infantry, dragged the guns over rough terrain to an earthen entrenchment just 100 yards beyond the Confederate position. The guns were reassembled and returned to action.

Third Louisiana Redan

On May 19, Gen. William T. Sherman launched an infantry attack against the Stockade Redan (Tour Stop 10). The Federals went hand-to-hand with heavy losses. Three days later, as part of a general Union effort to break through Confederate lines, Union soldiers attacked the Redan again. This attack also failed.

Vicksburg National Cemetery

Of the nearly 17,000 Union soldiers buried here, about 13,000 are uninterred. Established in 1863, the cemetery is also the final resting place for veterans of the Spanish-American War, World Wars I and II, and the Korean Conflict. It was closed to burials in 1981. Many Confederates died during the siege are buried in Vicksburg’s Cedar Hill Cemetery.

For Safety’s Sake

Whether driving, hiking, jogging, or bicycling, be alert to potential hazards while visiting the battlefield. Avoid navigating steep slopes, and watch for fire ants, poison ivy, and poisonous snakes. Severe thunderstorms can develop quickly at any time of year; be prepared to seek shelter. Report all accidents to park rangers, who are here to help you.