

Farragut History Walk



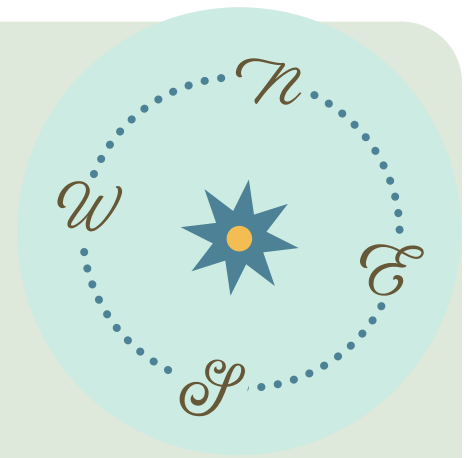
Welcome to Farragut! Enjoy a stroll through town to enjoy four educational sites: a heritage trail with interpretive signage at Founders Park, the Campbell Station Inn and Mayor Ralph McGill Plaza, the Farragut Museum/Admiral Farragut Plaza and Pleasant Forest Cemetery. Park at Founders Park (405 N. Campbell Station Road), the Farragut Community Center (139 Jamestowne Blvd.) or Farragut Town Hall (11408 Municipal Center Drive) to enjoy the Farragut History Walk.



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FOUNDERS PARK

Eleven signs located throughout the park provide insight into the people, places and events that make this area significant to our country's history.

CAMPBELL STATION INN

The Inn served as a favorite stopping place for families, hunters and stock drivers passing through Knoxville. Recognized as one of the earliest Inns in Tennessee, the 200-year-old Campbell Station Inn has been an integral part of the Concord-Farragut history. The property was originally acquired by Col. David Campbell in the 1780s as a land grant of 500 acres for his service in the Revolutionary War. During the Civil War battle of Campbell's Station, the home sheltered both Union and Confederate wounded. Four signs at the surrounding Mayor Ralph McGill Plaza detail the rich history of the site.

FARRAGUT MUSEUM

This treasure chest of artifacts and photographs tell the history of the Farragut and Concord communities. One of the highlights is the Admiral David Glasgow Farragut collection. Admiral Farragut was born in this area on July 5, 1801 and was the first commissioned admiral of the United States Navy. He is best known for saying, "Damn the torpedoes, full speed ahead," during the Battle of Mobile Bay on Aug. 5, 1864.

ADMIRAL FARRAGUT PLAZA

Dedicated in 2010, the plaza features a bronze statue of Admiral David Farragut, Civil War-era cannons on loan from the U.S. Naval Yard and historical markers with information about Farragut's life.

CIVIL WAR TRAILS HISTORICAL MARKER

Located on the grounds of Farragut Town Hall, a Civil War Trails marker commemorates the Battle of Campbell Station, which was fought on surrounding land on Nov. 16, 1863. Although opposing forces first confronted each other briefly at Loudon, it was just the start of the race to Knoxville. Under General Burnside, the Union troops arrived first with barely enough time to set up defenses on the high ground near the present day intersection of Concord Road and Kingston Pike. After six hours of heavy fighting, the Confederates failed to break through the Union defenses. Union troops, successful in their mission to delay the Confederates' offensive, continued to Knoxville to join forces in the successful defense of the city.

PLEASANT FOREST CEMETERY

This historic cemetery is one of the oldest in this part of the state. Many of the early pioneer settlers of this community – noble men and women who endured the trials and hardships of pioneer life – are buried within its grounds. Notable among those buried in Pleasant Forest are Archibald Roane, Second Governor of Tennessee; and Lieutenant Thomas Boyd, Revolutionary War veteran who was with George Washington at Valley Forge in 1777.