



BATTLE OF WESTPORT

OCTOBER 21-23, 1864

Largest Civil War Battle
Fought West of the Mississippi
SELF-GUIDED AUTOMOBILE
TOUR

VISIT 25 HISTORICAL

MARKERS ON 32 MILE TOUR

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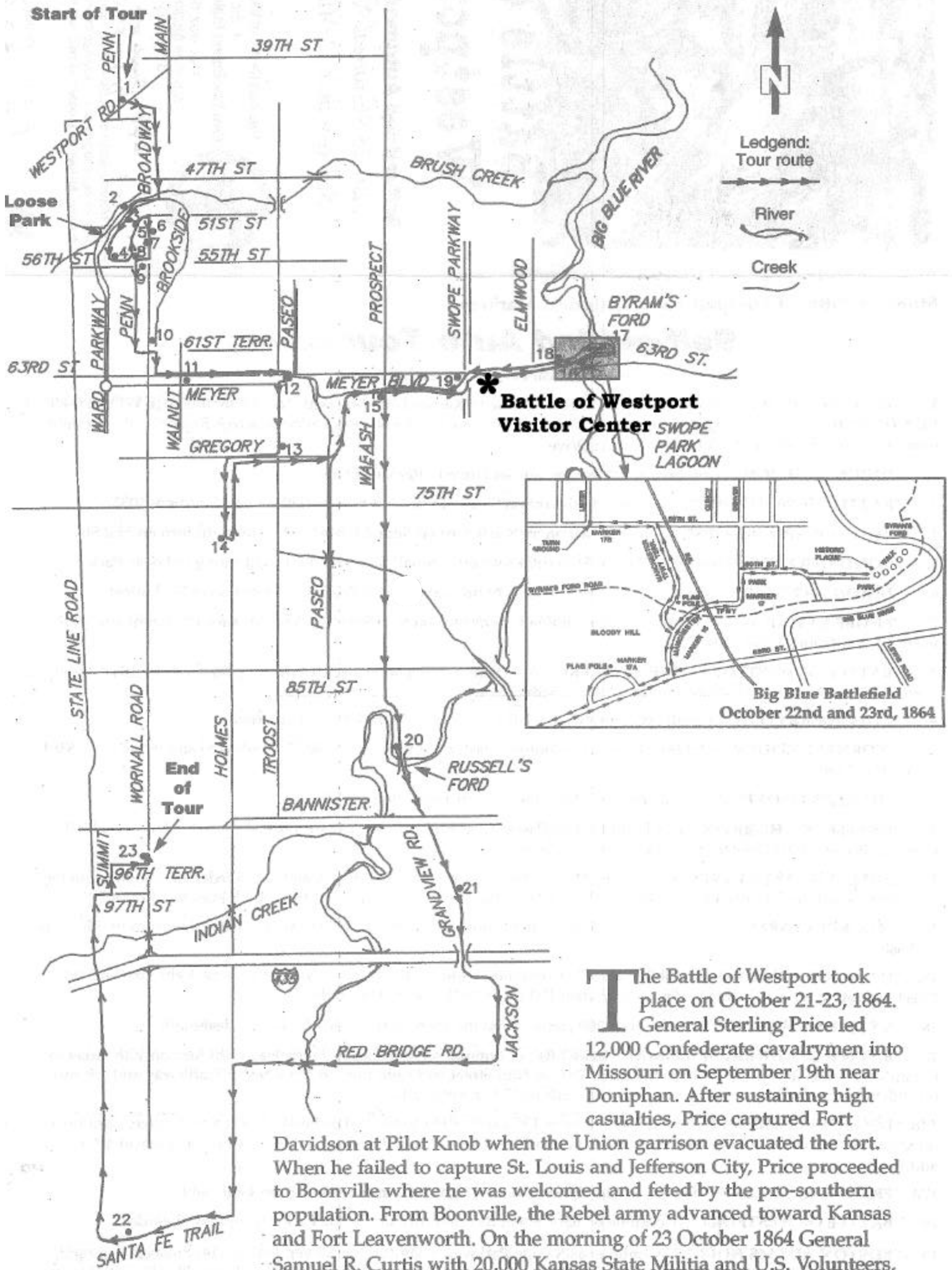
MONNETT BATTLE OF WESTPORT FUND HISTORICAL MARKERS

Self-guided Auto Tour (32 miles)

1. **“ACTION BEFORE WESTPORT – PRICE’S RAID”** The tour starts at Westport Road and Pennsylvania Avenue in the Westport District of Kansas City, Missouri. Go east, turn right on Broadway, continue on J.C. Nichols Parkway across Brush Creek, right turn on Ward Parkway, then left on Sunset Drive.
2. **“UNION POSITION”** Continue southwest on Sunset Dr. to Rockwell Lane.
3. **“BATTLE OF WESTPORT”** Continue southwest on Sunset Dr., left turn at 55th St. to 1032 W. 55th St.
4. **“BENT & WARD HOUSES”** Continue east on 55th, turn left on Summit, bear right, turn right at 51st St.
5. **“CONFEDERATE POSITION”** East on 51st, right turn on Wornall Road and turn at first right into Loose Park.
6. **“UNION ARTILLERY”** Continue on Park Drive, right turn on Wornall Rd to intersection of 53rd St.
7. **“McGEE’S CHARGE”** Continue on Wornall Rd, right turn on 55th St to Pennsylvania. Park and walk north 100 yards into Loose Park to markers and artillery.
8. **“BATTLE OF WESTPORT (Map Marker)”** Also a display of 8 narrative markers and Parrott cannon. South on Pennsylvania to 56th St.
9. **“COLLINS BATTERY”** South on Pennsylvania, left turn on 61st St. Terrace to Wornall Rd.
10. **“WORNALL HOUSE”** Continue East, turn right on Brookside Blvd, then left turn on 63rd St to Walnut.
11. **“HINKLE’S GROVE”** Continue east on 63rd St to Paseo Blvd.
12. **“BATTLE OF THE BIG BLUE”** Turn right on Paseo, then right on Meyer Blvd, turn left on Troost, turn left into entrance of Forest Hills Cemetery to marker inside entrance.
13. **“SHELBY’S LAST STAND”** Proceed east on Central, turn right at Ravine to the Confederate Monument. Return to the cemetery entrance and turn left onto Troost, turn right at Gregory Blvd, turn left on Holmes to 7850 Holmes.
14. **“MOCKBEE FARM”** Return north on Holmes, turn right on Gregory, turn left on Paseo, then right on Meyer Blvd to Wabash.
15. **“HARRISONVILLE ROAD”** Continue on Meyer Blvd, over US 71 (Watkins Dr.), continue on Meyer Blvd, cross over Swope Parkway, proceed through the main entrance into Swope Park to 6601 Swope Parkway.
- ***BATTLE OF WESTPORT VISITOR CENTER** 6601 Swope Parkway. Exhibits and displays of the Battle created and maintained by the Monnett Battle of Westport Fund. Return to park entrance and turn right on Swope Parkway, turn right on 63rd St, turn left on Manchester Trafficway, go 150 yards to marker 16 on right (south).
16. **“BATTLE OF WESTPORT”** Cross railroad and continue 100 yards to marker 17 (map marker).
17. **“BATTLE OF THE BIG BLUE (Map Marker)”** Continue on Manchester, turn right on 60th St, proceed to National Register monument and park. Walk to Byram’s Ford site. Return to 60th, turn right on Manchester, turn left at 59th, crossing the railroad, 100 yards to marker 17B on the left (south).
- 17B. **“LOG HOUSE AND DEFENSE LINE”** Return east on 59th St, turn right on Manchester Trafficway Terrace, continue to 63rd St, turn right on 63rd St to next immediate right, turn into 4800 E. 63rd St. to artillery and marker and park.
- 17A. **“PRATT’S ARTILLERY”** Return to 63rd St, proceed 100 yards, turn right at Elmwood to marker 18.
18. **“BATTLE OF WESTPORT”** Return to 63rd St and turn right, turn left on Swope Parkway, proceed 75 yards to marker 19 on right (west).
19. **“BOSTON ADAMS HOUSE”** Continue on Swope Parkway, turn right on Meyer Blvd, turn left on Prospect, cross over Hickman Mills Dr and continue on Prospect/Grandview Rd, across bridge over Big Blue River to marker 20.
20. **“RUSSELL’S FORD”** Continue on Grandview Road, across Blue River Road, to 98th Terr.; marker 21 is 25 yards to the left.
21. **“NEW SANTA FE ROAD”** Continue on Grandview Rd, turn right on Jackson, then turn right on Red Bridge Road, turn left on Holmes, turn right on to Santa Fe Trail and proceed to near State Line.
22. **“NEW SANTA FE”** Continue west on Santa Fe Trail, turn right on State Line Road, proceed to 97th St, turn right on 97th, turn left on Summit and turn right on 96th Terrace to Wornall Rd.
23. **“THOMAS FARMHOUSE”** End of Tour

Tour Map

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The Battle of Westport took place on October 21-23, 1864. General Sterling Price led 12,000 Confederate cavalymen into Missouri on September 19th near Doniphan. After sustaining high casualties, Price captured Fort Davidson at Pilot Knob when the Union garrison evacuated the fort.

When he failed to capture St. Louis and Jefferson City, Price proceeded to Boonville where he was welcomed and feted by the pro-southern population. From Boonville, the Rebel army advanced toward Kansas and Fort Leavenworth. On the morning of 23 October 1864 General Samuel R. Curtis with 20,000 Kansas State Militia and U.S. Volunteers, comprising the Army of the Border met Price's Army of Missouri in what is now the Loose Park area. Union General Alfred E. Pleasonton, who had been chasing Price across Missouri with 7,000 cavalry, caught up with Price, and by routing Rebel General John S. Marmaduke at Byram's Ford, hit Price's right flank and rear. The defeated Confederates retreated south on the old Military Road. This tour covers the fighting on the 22nd, and 23rd, west of the Big Blue River.