

POND SPRING

The General Joe Wheeler Home



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Celebrate General Joe Wheeler's Birthday

Saturday, September 10

10:00 am

Pond Spring: The General Joe Wheeler Home, Hillsboro, Alabama

The Alabama Historical Commission is honoring General Joe Wheeler's birthday at his home in North Alabama on Saturday, September 10.

Visitors to Pond Spring, the General Joe Wheeler Home, will be able to sample cake made from a family recipe said to be the General's favorite.

Fees: Entrance to the grounds, to view the re-enactment, the concert, and, cake (while it lasts) and Pepsi products are FREE. Admission to the Wheeler House is \$8 adults, \$5 seniors/college students/military, \$3 children 6-18, and free for children under 6. Tours will be offered from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm.

The annual celebration begins at 10:00 am. The public can explore the grounds from 10:00 am- 3:00 pm. Come see re-enactors firing a working Civil War cannon and cavalry officers performing drills; watch folk artists such as a blacksmith demonstrate their skills; enjoy a pit-fire cooking demonstration; view handmade quilts based on designs from the 1860s; and learn about bees and their ecosystem from representatives from the Tennessee Valley Beekeepers Association.

Lunch will be available for purchase from Copperhead Road Barbeque & Such, a local food truck. At 12:00 pm the grounds will be filled with live music featuring country music performer Wade Oliver on the front porch of the museum.

Wheeler was a legendary Confederate general, a U.S. congressman, and a Spanish American War general. Following the Civil War, Wheeler became a national symbol for reunification and reconciliation. His 1870s home is the center point of the 50-acre historic site owned by the Alabama Historical Commission. The collection contains around 10,000 objects, furnishings, clothing, and papers associated with the family.

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[Pond Spring](#) is owned and operated by the [Alabama Historical Commission](#) and is located in Lawrence County in Hillsboro, three miles east of Courtland, on Alabama Highway 20 (US Alt. 72).

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