



The Battle of Pea Ridge marked the successful end of a campaign to secure the upper reaches of the Missouri and Mississippi Rivers, and to keep the State of Missouri under Federal control.

The Union Army of the Southwest – 10,500 troops under the command of Brig. General Samuel R. Curtis – fought March 7 and 8, 1862, against Major General Earl Van Dorn's 16,000-man Confederate Army of the West, including three regiments of Cherokees.

The battle occurred on two separate battlefields: Leetown and Elkhorn Tavern. Leetown was a decisive Union Victory, and resulted in the deaths of two Confederate Generals and the capture of the ranking Division Commander. Elkhorn Tavern ended when the Confederate forces retreated under heavy Union artillery bombardment.

Prairie Grove Battlefield State Park is located in the heart of Northwest Arkansas' Ozark Mountains. The state historic site offers visitors a unique view of the Civil War and its effect upon the people of the Ozarks.

people of the O201Ks. The park preserves an important 130-acre section of the battlefield where over 20,000 Confederate and Union soldiers clashed on December 7, 1862. More than 2,500 troops were killed, wounded, or missing as both armies vied for military control of Northwest Arkansas.

Prairie Grove also offers a recreated village depicting the hill country heritage of the area from the pre-Civil War era to post-war reconstruction.

reconstruction. The park is located southwest of Fayetteville, Arkansas, on U.S. 62.



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