



OVTA Mission Statement

The Overmountain Victory Trail Association will protect, preserve and interpret the route of the Overmountain Men to the Battle of Kings Mountain.

2019 March Schedule

This is tentative and will be updated as the information changes. Updated 9/22/2019

Following is a day-by-day schedule of the reenactment including a short description of each day's walk, logistics and planned activities. Last minute changes to the schedule will likely occur so please be patient when that happens.

Trail walking information is a separate document and can be found on the OVTA website.

PRE-MARCH EVENTS

Sunday, September 22

10:00am-3:00pm	Washington Co Regiment Muster	Sycamore Shoals State Park	Elizabethton, TN
2:00pm	John Brody wreath laying	Brody Cemetery	Saltville, VA
4:00pm	William Campbell grave	Aspenvale Cemetery	Marion, VA
5:00pm	Choates Ford River crossing and public program		Bluff City, TN
6:30pm	Francis Asbury (Rev George Cobb)	Acuff Chapel	Blountville, TN

Washington Co Regiment Muster:

Address: Sycamore Shoals State Park, 1651 West Elk Avenue, Elizabethton, TN

Directions: The park is located on US 19E (West Elk Avenue) as you enter Elizabethton from the west.

GPS Coordinates: 36.343125 / - 82.25112

Contact: Chad Bogart 423-543-5808

Address: Broady Cemetery, 30291-30437 Rich Valley Rd, Meadowview, VA

Directions: I81, exit 24 Highway 80 toward Meadowview .3 mile, left on Highway 80/Glenbrook Ave .6 mile, right on Highway 80/Lindell Rd 4.8 mile, right on Rich Valley Rd 4.4 mile, turn left 449 ft, then slight left 469 ft Or, I81N to exit 29, Glade Spring, turn left off exit, go about .6 miles bare right on VA91/Monte Vista Dr, continue about 8 miles to Saltville, go through downtown Saltville, remain on VA91/Main St, in 1 mile turn left onto Battleground Av, Battleground Av will deadend on Broady Cemetery Rd

GPS Coordinates: 36.8381613/ -81.8398409

Alternate route: Take exit 35 and turn onto Highway 107 from the exit ramp going toward Chilhowie. Drive straight, north from Chilhowie to Saltville, on Highway 107. Travel approximately 8 miles. At the first traffic light, turn right onto Highway 91 North. Go about a mile and turn left onto Battleground Avenue. You will pass the Saltville Rescue Squad. At the dead-end of Battleground Avenue, proceed down the dirt lane labeled Broady Cemetery.

Address: Aspenvale Cemetery, 303 Seven Mile Rd, Marion, VA

Directions: I81, VA exit 39, turn south on US 11, follow US 11 and Seven Mile Rd to destination (303 Seven Mile Rd, private home). A sign points the way to a gravel path that goes up a steep hill and ends at a driveway of the private residence. Just short of the house you can pull off into the grass to see the cemetery. Fifteen minutes should be enough, for it is not very big. Campbell family plot is located behind the Preston family plot, both contained within the stone wall. William Campbell's grave is marked with a large, modern grave stone made from a slab of granite

From Broady Cemetery- from Battleground Av turn right on VA91, about 1 mile turn left on VA107 toward Chilhowie, go 8 miles into Chilhowie, turn left on VA11, in few miles bare left on Seven Mile Ford, watch for signs for Aspenvale Cemetery on left, turn left and follow driveway up the hill.

Choates Ford River Crossing and public program: OVTA will tell the story after the river crossing. May be one of the last times to cross this river. The dam should be repaired next year or two. Crossing is dependent on TVA not generating from South Holston Dam at the time.

Address: Choates Ford, 4175 Bluff City Hwy, Bluff City, TN

Directions: Meet at the Bluff City Riverside Pavilion. Choates Ford, Intersection of Bluff City Hwy/Rt 390 and Bridge Street/Holston Drive. Either Walk or carpool from the Pavilion to the crossing site on the far side of the river. A program will be held immediately after the crossing on the island of B&B Campground.

GPS Coordinates: N 36.47617 W 82.26314

Contact: Tom Vaughn, 423-366-8639

Acuff Chapel Rev George Cobb will portray Francis Asbury. Acuff Chapel is the first Methodist Episcopal Church to be erected on Tennessee soil. Bishop Asbury preached here often. The chapel was named for Timothy Acuff, who gave the land on which it was erected. Micijah Adams, Tennessee, PVT. Shelby's Regt., Revolutionary War is buried here.

Directions: From Interstate 81, take exit 69 (Highway 394), drive south 1 mile to the intersection with Highway 126 in Blountville, TN. Turn right (west) on Route 126 and travel 2.2 miles. Look for the historical marker and the church on the right.

GPS Coordinates: 36.534824, -82.359589

Contact: David Doan, 423-366-8091

Monday, September 23

Rocky Mount School Day

Encamp: **Actual:** Abingdon Muster grounds- Col Campbell

Col Campbell Leaves Muster Grounds

Tuesday, September 24

8:30pm	Leave Abingdon Muster Grounds Breakfast Weaver Cemetery Bluff City School Day	Abingdon Muster Grounds Pemberton Oak, Bristol, TN Bristol, TN
7:00pm	Rocky Mount Public Program Morganton Rev War Days- "Living History" School Day Wilkes program- School Program	Rocky Mount State Historic Site

Walk the trail: Choates Ford Trail, Bluff City. See Walk the Trail information on the OVTA website.

Daily Support: Lunch on your own. Rocky Mount will provide evening meal. Showers, hot water, restrooms at Rocky Mount. Stores and gasoline nearby.

Camping: Rocky Mount Historic Site. Marchers may pitch a tent, sleep in their vehicles in the parking lot or find a local motel.

Encamp: Rocky Mount **Actual:** Ft Womack

Breakfast: As you come from Muster Grounds stop at Pemberton Oak for breakfast with the Vaughans. Or just meet at Pemberton Oak

Address: Pemberton Oak, 1152 Pemberton Road, Bristol, TN

Directions: Cold Spring Church Road to Hwy 44. Turn Right. At the Stop Sign at Darter's Store, turn right on Hwy 421 toward Bristol. In about 100 yards Turn Left onto Pemberton Rd

GPS Coordinates: N 36.56354 W 82.07283

Contact: Tom Vaughn, 423-366-8639

Weaver Cemetery: Five Revolutionary War Patriots: William Carr, Rev. Joseph Rhea, Sr. (militia chaplain), Joseph Rhea Jr., Matthew Rhea, and William Rutledge

Address: Weaver Cemetery, 132 Peoples Road at Weaver Pike, Bristol, TN

GPS Coordinates: 36.524829865 / -82.185409

Contact: Tom Vaughn, 423-366-8639

Rocky Mount Public Program: OVTA will do the program. Rocky Mount will provide the evening meal.

Address: Rocky Mount State Historic Site, 500 Hyder Road, Piney Flats, TN. Phone number (423) 538-7396.

Directions: Rocky Mount Historic Site is located on Hyder Road just off US 11E about 5 miles north of Johnson City, Tennessee. There are several directional signs that lead you to the site. There is a large entrance sign on Highway 11E just before you turn onto Hyder Road. The park entrance is about 100 feet up Hyder Road from US 11E.

GPS Coordinates: N 36.40765 W 82.33778

Contact: Sam Wegner 504-444-2888

The Gathering

Wednesday, September 25

Leave Rocky Mount

Elizabethton City School Day

2:00pm

Watauga River crossing with public program to follow

Wilkes program- School Day

Walk the trail: Rocky Mount trail. See Walk the Trail information on OVTA website.

Walk the trail: Sycamore Shoals trails. See Walk the Trail information at the end of the detailed schedule.

Daily Support: Breakfast and lunch on your own. Supper (about 5:30 pm) provided by the Julius Dugger Chapter and the John Carter Chapter of the DAR in the Sycamore Shoals visitor's center. Showers and restrooms available in the museum basement. Laundry, gasoline, and a wide variety of stores including Wal-Mart are close by.

Camping: Sleep in vehicles or pitch a tent.

Encamp: Sycamore Shoals **Actual:** Sycamore Shoals

The March Begins

Thursday, September 26

8:00am

Rev Doak Sermon

Sycamore Shoals

Elizabethton, TN

Carter County Schools Day

6:00pm

Roan Mountain public program

Roan Mountain State Park

Roan Mountain, TN

Morganton Rev War Days- "Living History" School Day

Wilkes program- School Day

Daily Support: Breakfast on your own. Lunch provided. Supper at Roan Mountain State Park at 4 pm.

Encamp: Riverside School (option anyone who wishes may camp at Roan Mountain State Park)

Actual: Shelving Rock/Resting Grounds

Roan Mountain public program:

Address: 1015 Hwy 143 Roan Mountain, TN

Contact: Park 423-547-3900

Friday, September 27

	Leave Riverside School	
	Sibelco/Unimin School Day	
9:00am	Walk Yellow Mountain	Meet at Roan Mountain Community Park
4:00pm	Grassy Creek Trail Dedication	Grassy Creek Golf Course, Spruce Pine, NC
6:00pm	Apple Orchard public program and meal	Spruce Pine, NC

Walking the Trail: Walk from Sibelco/Unimin parking lot to field next to Robert Sevier's gravesite. Very close to OVT trail. Yellow Mountain hike option (see below)

Daily Support: Breakfast at school and lunch provided by Sibelco/Unimin. Supper at Apple Orchard. Hot shower at the Blue Ridge Maintenance facility, restrooms, laundry, stores and gas nearby. Sleep in vehicles or inside the maintenance building at the Mineral Museum or Apple Orchard.

There will be a van to pick up the Yellow Mountain hikers to return them to their vehicles.

Encamp: Apple Orchard or Mineral Museum **Actual:** Roaring Creek

Yellow Mountain hike: Bob Hardin will be the guide. Meet at Roan Mountain Community Park. Carpool from Roan Mountain Community Park to Hampton Creek Cove Trailhead. Hike from the Hampton Creek Cove Wildlife Trail Head up and over Yellow Mountain (about a 2500 foot elevation climb). This is approximately 5 miles. Pickup will be provided.

Address: Roan Mountain Community Park: 146 Carter Street, Roan Mountain, TN 37687

Directions: South on Highway 19E from Elizabethton

GPS Coordinates: 36.200176, -82.074684

Contact: Bob Hardin 423-612-0242

Grassy Creek trail dedication

Address: Grassy Creek Golf Course, 2360 Swiss Pine Lake Dr, Spruce Pine, NC

Contact: 828- 765-7436

Address: Apple Orchard at Altapass, 1025 Orchard Road, Spruce Pine, NC, 828-765-3437

Directions: From the Mineral Museum at the Blue Ridge Parkway, North to the Apple Orchard

GPS Coordinates: N 35.87552 W 82.02476

Contact: Bill Carson Apple Orchard - 828-765-9531

Address: Mineral Museum, Blue Ridge Parkway Maintenance, 79 Parkway Maintenance Road, Spruce Pine, NC
Phone number (828) 765-2761

Directions: The Mineral Museum is located some 5 miles south of Spruce Pine at the intersection of the Blue Ridge Parkway (mile 330.9, elevation 2,819) and highway 226.

GPS Coordinates: N 35.85396 W 82.05105

Contact: Conrad Shirk, NPS, Mineral Museum/Programs/Maintenance Facility: 828-765-1228

Saturday, September 28

11:00am or 12 noon	Catawba River crossing	Greenlee Ford behind Judges Restaurant
	Commemorative Crossing of the Catawba public program	Judges Restaurant
12:30pm	Lunch with the public	Judges Restaurant

Daily Support:

Encamp: Morganton Catawba Meadows Greenway **Actual:** Grassy Creek

Commemorative Crossing of the Catawba public program Cross the river followed with public program. OVTA will do a short presentation on OVT history/ how OVTA started and a Mourning of Arms for their wreath laying ceremony. Following the program, OVTA will have **lunch with the public** in the dining room in Judges Restaurant answering

question about Kings Mountain and OVTA. Program guest speaker will be Morganton City Manager Sally Sandy. There may be some pre-crossing programming and there will be a brief program immediately following the crossing but there will not be programming in the afternoon after 1:30 PM.

Address: Freedom High School, 511 Independence Boulevard, Morganton, NC

Address: Judge’s Restaurant, 128 Greenlee Ford Rd, Morganton, NC

GPS Coordinates: N 35.73956 W 81.71850

Sunday, September 29

11:00am Church service Quaker Meadows Presbyterian Church Morganton, NC

1:00pm-5:00pm Living History public day Charles McDowell House Morganton, NC

6:00pm Public program Historical Carson House Marion, NC

Daily Support: Breakfast on your own, lunch at Quaker Meadows Presbyterian Church, supper Historical Carson House (5 pm)

Encamp: Marion or Carson House **Actual:** North Cove & Turkey Cove

Church:

Address: Quaker Meadows Presbyterian Church, 2698 Highway 181 NC Highway 181, Morganton, NC 2

Living History public day

Address: Charles McDowell House, 119 St. Mary’s Church Road, Morganton, NC

Contact:

Historical Carson House: 2 or 3 or so may go help with this program.

Address: Carson House, 1805 US-70, Marion, NC

Directions: US 221 to Hwy 70W, 1.5 miles on right.

GPS Coordinates: N 35.69181 W 82.05784

Contact: Martha Jordan, Executive Director of the Carson House. Work Phone: 828-724-4948

Monday, September 30

Open day or go to Carson House your choice
School Day

Daily Support: Breakfast on your own, lunch and supper at Carson House

Encamp: Morganton **Actual:** Quaker Meadows

Tuesday, October 1

“Open Day”

6:00pm Dysertsville public program Dysertsville Community Center
Laundry, side trips- Fort Defiance, Biggerstaff Hanging Tree, Lake James OVNHT, etc.

Daily Support: Open day, Breakfast and lunch on your own. Supper at Dysertsville

Encamp: Scout Camp Bud Schiele (Belk Lodge). Catawba Meadows Greenway **Actual:** Bedford Hills

Dyserville Community Center will be open around 4.

Address: Dysertsville Community Center, 118 Vein Mountain Rd, Nebo, NC

Contact: Linda Yutzy 828-652-7056

Wednesday, October 2

6:30am Convoy to Gilbertown

7:15am DAR Breakfast Scout Cabin

Rutherford Co School Day

5:30 pm Brittan Church Cemetery grave dedication with SAR/SR

Daily Support: Lunch provided at Gilberttown. Evening meal on your own (group meal). Restrooms. small country store and gas nearby

Encamp: Scout Camp Bud Schiele (Belk Lodge). (May use Camp Bud Schiele for cleanup, then encamp parking lot Pleasant Hills Baptist Church) **Actual:** Bedford Hills

Breakfast: 6:30am Convoy to Gilberttown for breakfast (abt 15 min)

Address: Scout Cabin, 271 N Toms St, Rutherfordton, NC

Address: Britain Church, 3456 Us Hwy 64 Rutherfordton, NC

Address: Camp Bud Schiele, 668 Boy Scout Road, Rutherfordton, NC

Thursday, October 3

7:15am	Breakfast	Pleasant Hill Church
	Polk Co School Day	
6:30pm	Evening meal & program	Gray's Chapel/Alexander's Ford
	Wilkes Surry program	
1:00pm-4:00pm	NC Outlander Homecoming	Leatherwood Mountains Resort, Ferguson, NC
	Fort Defiance School Day	

Daily Support: Breakfast at Pleasant Hill Church, lunch provided at School Day

Encamp: Gray's Chapel (Alexanders Ford) **Actual:** Marlins Knob

Breakfast:

Address: Pleasant Hill Baptist Church, 563 Pleasant Hill Church Rd, Rutherfordton, NC
(30 min from Scout camp, 10 min to Gray Chapel)

GPS Coordinates:

Address: Gray's Chapel, 500 Gray's Chapel Church Rd, Rutherfordton, NC

Directions: Gray's Chapel, Follow highway 108 south (west) from Rutherfordton. Turn left onto Simms/Sandpit road. When Simms/Sandpit Road crosses Pleasant Hill Road, its name changes to Grays Road. Follow Gray's road south 2.6 miles to the inter-section with County Line Road. Turn left. The chapel is located about ¼ mile on the right.

GPS Coordinates: N 35.31420, W82.03846

Contact: Linda Sheehan Cell: 828-429-0312

NC Outlander Homecoming: This group is very interested in the campaign Kings Mountain history as they follow the TV series Outlander which is a Novel work that features the immigration by Scots Family to North Carolina during the Regulator years through the Revolution. Although the Outlander is a novel, it does seem to excite its participants about the Southern Campaign and the Kings Mountain story!

Wilkes/Surry Chapter will set up at the cabin at Leatherwood for the "Fraziers Ridge Homecoming" participants. Will do storytelling and small group interpretation as folks arrive at the site (NC Outlander participants - approx 130 -150 people).

Address: Leatherwood Mountains Resort, 512 Meadow Rd, Ferguson, NC 28624

Contact: RG Absher, 336-902-1760

Friday, October 4

Cherokee Co School Day
Wilkes Surry program
Fort Defiance School Day

Daily Support:

Encamp: Cherokee Co History and Arts Museum **Actual:** Gilberttown

Address: Cherokee Co History and Arts Museum, 301 College Dr, I-85 SC Exit 92, Gaffney, SC

Directions: I-85, Exit 90, South on Rt 105, to Left on Granard St, to Right on College (follow signs toward Limestone College)

GPS Coordinates: N 35.06737 W 81.64895

Address: Gaffney Visitors Center,

Contact: LeighAnn Snuggs (864) 487-6244

Saturday, October 5

Alternate events:

Gaffney – Possible hike the new OVNHT/Carolina Thread Trail at Lake Welchel (about 5minutes from Gaffney)
Walnut Grove (Optional)

Daily Support:

Encamp: Cherokee Museum

Actual: Alexanders Ford

Address: Gaffney Visitors Center & Art Gallery, 210 W Frederick Street, Gaffney SC

Sunday, October 6

5:00pm Gaffney – Optional church service Walnut Grove, SC (Optional)
The Night before Kings Mountain program Cowpens National Battlefield

Daily Support: Supper provided by City of Gaffney after program at the pavilion. Other meals on your own.

Encamp: Cowpens **Actual:** Cowpens

Address: Gaffney Visitors Center & Art Gallery, 210 W Frederick Street, Gaffney SC

The Night before Kings Mountain program: -

Cowpens National Battlefield- Evening program only.

Address: Cowpens National Battlefield, 4001 Chesnee Hwy (Hwy 11), Gaffney, SC (864) 461-2828

Directions: Cowpens is located on highway 11 about 5 miles east of Chesnee, SC

GPS Coordinates: 35.136863°, -81.818496°

Contact: Ben Richardson, 864-490-0865

Monday, October 7

10:00am Wreath Laying Ceremony at Kings Mountain National Military Park. Walk to the monument atop King's Mountain for the Mourning of Arms ceremony to those who fell in the Battle.

2:15pm Meet at the Visitor's Center to prepare for March finale

3:00pm Walk into the amphitheater at Kings Mountain NMP for traditional ceremony.

Daily Support: Breakfast on your own, lunch provided by several DAR's at Antioch Church

Encamp: Home **Actual:** Kings Mountain

Address: Kings Mountain, 2625 Park Rd, I-85 NC Exit 2, Blacksburg, SC. (864) 936-7921

Directions: I-85 northbound to Exit 2, right 4 miles to visitor's center

GPS Coordinates: N 35.14087 W 81.37625

Address: Antioch Church, 811 State Road, Blacksburg, SC