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.

2020 March Detailed Schedule

Updated 9/13/2020.

Due to the covid-19, this schedule is subject to change at any time, even after the day begins. This schedule is prepared according to the latest information on the updated date in this document. There will not be any school system programs. Probably some home school programs.

The March will observe all covid-19 rules and regulations including face masks and social distancing.

There will be video recording along the trail. Some locations may have some online presentations.

David Doan  Grand Marshall  423-366-8091
Tom Vaughn  Trail Marshall  423-366-8639
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Detailed Schedule
PRE-MARCH EVENTS

Friday, September 11

2:00pm  TNSSAR three patriot Grave Marking  Cherokee Baptist Church Cemetery  Jonesborough, TN
6:00pm  TNSSAR District 1 Dinner  Depot Room at Food City  Johnson City, TN

Three patriot Grave Marking: Kings Mountain and Watauga Chapters, TNSSAR will host a three patriot Grave Marking at Cherokee Baptist Church. Cemetery Tennessee State Color Guard Commander John Clines will lead the Color Guard.
TNSSAR District 1 Dinner: Great food, great conversation, great program with Hon. Mark Norris, President, TNSSAR speaking. Please register for the dinner

Dinner seating is limited because of the current Covid restrictions. No one will be permitted in without a dinner reservation. Everyone is requested to observe all social distancing and personal protective equipment regulations

Address: Cherokee Baptist Church Cemetery, 143 Mayberry Rd, Jonesborough, TN 37659

Address: Depot Room in Food City Market, 920 N State of Franklin Rd, Johnson City, TN 37604
Contact: Dave Carr (423) 360-6090, for reservations for both events
**Saturday, September 12**

10:am The Gathering Sycamore Shoals State Park Elizabethton, TN

The SAR Gathering will be in the Liberty! Outdoor Amphitheatre where there is adequate space to social distance. *Please register to present a wreath with the form below.* This Gathering will be a memorial to Ronnie Lail.

**Address:** Sycamore Shoals State Park, 1651 West Elk Avenue, Elizabethton, TN, 423-543-5808

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

**GPS Coordinates:** N 36.34337 W 82.25087

**Contact:** Dave Carr (423) 360-6090, for reservations.

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**Sunday, September 13**

1:30pm Bell Ringing Constitution Day Oak Hill School Jonesborough, TN

**Bell Ringing Constitution Day:**

**Address:** Oak Hill School, 212 E. Sabin St, Jonesborough, TN

**Directions:** Go past Jonesborough Visitor Center on Boone St, turn right on Sabin Dr, Sabin Dr will make 2 right turns, go past the Library to parking lot on right, Church is at the end of parking lot

**GPS Coordinates:** N 36.29658 W 82.47209

**Contact:**

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**Sunday, September 20**

2:00pm John Brody wreath laying Brody Cemetery Saltville, VA

4:00pm William Campbell grave Aspenvale Cemetery Marion, VA

The VA Chapter of Overmountain Victory Trail Association hosting a Patriotic Wreath Laying Service for Gen. Wm Campbell and John Broady. This event will be a private ceremony involving the groups that wish to participate. This is to observe social distancing for the event.

**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.

**Contact:** Joella Johnson Barbour 276/ 475-8023

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

**Directions:** I81, VA exit 39, turn south on US 11, follow US 11and 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.

**Contact:** Joella Johnson Barbour 276/ 475-8023
**Eastern Leg (Wilkes/Surry)**

September 22, 23, 24 virtual presentations, send emails to teachers with logon information

**Contact:** Jennifer Furr 336-667-3171, Mary Bohlen 704-880-1712, RRG Absher 336-902-1760

**Monday, September 21**

9:00am-12noon  Homeschool Day  Alison Meredith  216 Robin Rd, Bristol, TN

**Address:** 216 Robin Rd, Bristol, TN

**Wednesday, September 23**

10:00am  Abingdon Muster Grounds, possible public program  Col Arthur Campbell homesite  Marion, VA

5:00pm  John Gullion wedding & volley fire  Marion, VA  (covered dish meal)

**Daily Support:** Breakfast and lunch on your own. Evening meal covered dish. Tent, camper, or vehicle at Tom Vaughn, rest room is available

**Encamp:** Tom Vaughn (Pemberton Oak)

**Address:** Muster Grounds, 1780 Muster Place, Abingdon, VA. Phone Abingdon Muster Grounds 276-525-1050

**Directions** to The Muster Ground, Take exit 14 off I-81. Turn right and travel pass McDonalds about 1/2 mile to Highway 11. Turn right onto Highway 11. Go approximately .75 miles to Colonial Road and turn right. There is a sign for the city of Abingdon at this intersection. Follow Colonial road about 1/3 mile. The Muster Ground is on the right. **Parking** for the Muster Grounds: go pass Muster Grounds to first road to right (794, Stone Mill Rd), turn right and go to the first road (Hurt St) and turn right, parking is on left past the last house just before the street turns left.

**GPS Coordinates:** Lat 36°42'15.44"N Long   81°59'35.51"W

**Address:** Arthur Campbell home, 1121 N Main St, Marion, VA (private property)

**Directions:** I81 to exit 47, turn to US 11, turn left onto US 11 for 1.2 mi to Marion. At intersection of North Main Street (U.S. 11) and Park Boulevard (State Highway 16), on the right when traveling south on North Main Street. Close to McDonalds.

**GPS Coordinates:** 36° 50.655’ N, 81° 30.106’

**Address:** John’s wedding, 672 Porter Valley Road, Marion, VA  24354

**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

**Col William Campbell Leaves Muster Grounds**

**Thursday, September 24**

9:00am  Breakfast  Pemberton Oak

Tour Fort Shelby, Shelby gravesite

12:00 noon  Homeschool Day  Rocky Mount State Historic Site, Piney Flats, TN

6:00pm  Rocky Mount public program  Rocky Mount State Historic Site, Piney Flats, TN

**Daily Support:** Breakfast at Tom Vaughn, lunch on your own, evening meal at Rocky Mount

**Encamp:** Rocky Mount  **Actual:** Ft Womack (William Campbell’s men)

**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 crossing the river.

GPS Coordinates: N 36.47617 W 82.26314

Contact: Tom Vaughn, 423-366-8639

Address: Rocky Mount State Historic Site, 200 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: Cody Boring 706-455-4302

The Gathering

Friday, September 25

9:00am Leave from Rocky Mount
Chotes Ford river crossing & public program Bluff City, TN
Ridgewood BBQ lunch?
2:00pm Watauga River crossing (no public program)
5:00pm Evening meal DAR at the pavilions
7:00pm-8:30pm Lantern tours Sycamore Shoals

Daily Support: Breakfast & lunch on your own, DAR evening meal,
Encamp: Sycamore Shoals Actual: Sycamore Shoals

Rocky Mount address above on Thursday the 25th
Address: Sycamore Shoals State Park, 1651 West Elk Avenue, Elizabethton, TN, 423-543-5808
Directions: The park is located on US 19E (West Elk Avenue) as you enter Elizabethton from the west.

GPS Coordinates: N 36.34337 W 82.25087
Contact: Park Staff (423) 543-5808

The March Begins

Saturday, September 26

9:00am Hike Yellow Mountain meet at Roan Mountain Community park
10:00am-4:00pm Washington Co Militia Muster (not advertised) Sycamore Shoals Elizabethton, TN
Follow opening Rev Doak sermon
11:00am Hampton Creek trailhead (maybe walk part of trail) & Yellow Mountain Gap
3:00pm Yellow Mountain Gap van pickup
4:00pm Pictures at Roan Mountain Community Park
7:00pm Roan Mountain Park Program Roan Mt State Park pavilion Roan Mountain, TN

Daily Support: Meet at Sycamore Shoals to go to Hampton Creek trailhead, breakfast & lunch on your own, evening meal at Roan Mountain Community Center
Encamp: Roan Mountain Community Park Actual: Shelving Rock/Resting Grounds

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
Yellow Mt van pickup Erik Anderson 423-297-7905

Address: Sycamore Shoals State Park, 1651 West Elk Avenue, Elizabethton, TN, 423-543-5808
Directions: The park is located on US 19E (West Elk Avenue) as you enter Elizabethton from the west.
GPS Coordinates: N36.34337 W82.25087
Contact: Park Staff (423) 543-5808

Address: Roan Mountain State Park, 1015 Hwy 143 Roan Mountain, TN
Contact: Park 423-547-3900

Sunday, September 27

10:00am-3:00pm Washington Co Muster Sycamore Shoals Elizabethton, TN
Church Service Sibelco, Sevier grave? Hefner Gap, Gillespie Gap, Linville Falls
3:00pm Public program Spruce Pine amphitheater Spruce Pine, NC

Daily Support: Breakfast & lunch on your own, evening meal at Apple Orchard (time?)
Encamp: Apple Orchard Actual: Roaring Creek

Address: Apple Orchard at Altabase, 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: N35.87552 W82.02476
Contact: Bill Carson Apple Orchard 828-765-9531

Monday, September 28

River crossing, Bear Creek video, White Plantation, McDowell House
Daily Support: Breakfast, lunch & supper on your own
Encamp: Carson House Actual: Grassy Creek (Spruce Pine)

Address: Carson House, 1805 US-70, Marion, NC
Directions: US 221 to Hwy 70W, 1.5 miles on right.
GPS Coordinates: N35.69181 W82.05784
Contact: Martha Jordan, Executive Director of the Carson House. Work Phone: 828-724-4948

Tuesday, September 29

9:00 am Breakfast at Tom Johnson Paddy Creek
12noon-2:00pm Homeschool program Carson House Marion, NC
3:30 pm Ronnie Lail gravesite & volley Marion, NC
5:00 pm DAR meal Carson House
7:00 pm Carson House public program Marion, NC

Daily Support: Breakfast at Tom Johnson on your own, lunch on your own, DAR evening meal, can camp Monday &/or Tuesday at Carson House
Encamp: Carson House Actual: North Cove & Turkey Cove

Address: Carson House, 1805 US-70, Marion, NC
Contact: Martha Jordan, Executive Director of the Carson House. Work Phone: 828-724-4948

Ronnie Lail gravesite:
**Wednesday, September 30**

9:00 am Breakfast at Tom Johnson
Follow historic trail to Charles McDowell house, Fort Defiance, Linville Gorge

**Daily Support:** Breakfast at Tom Johnson on your own,

**Encamp:** Catawba Meadows Park  
**Actual:** Quaker Meadows

**Address:** Catawba Meadows Park, 701 Sanford Dr, Morganton, NC

**Thursday, October 1**

9:00 am Breakfast  
Catawba River crossing (actual date) Judges Restaurant  
Morganton, NC

6:00 pm Laundry

6:00 pm Public program  
South Mountain State Park  
(Dysartsville no public program or meal)

**Daily Support:** Meals on your own  
**Encamp:** Scout Camp- Belk Shelter  
**Actual:** Bedford Hills (Dysartsville)

**Address:** Judge’s Restaurant, 128 Greenlee Ford Rd, Morganton, NC, (828) 433-5798

**Directions:**

**GPS Coordinates:** N 35.73956 W 81.71850

**Address:** South Mountain State Park, 3001 S Mountain Park, Connelly Springs, NC, (828) 433-4772

**Address:** Camp Bud Schiele, 668 Boy Scout Road, Rutherfordton, NC, Belk Shelter- cross railroad tracks, turn left on first left (Eagle Pass), building near the small lake with bunks in the back. Small kitchen, large porch.

**Friday, October 2**

9:30 am Visit OVTA circle  
Kiwanis Park  
Rutherford, NC

Trinity Christian School program

Lunch at local BBQ restaurant

After lunch Biggerstaff

Program for local youth from Chivous’ Church and another Church  
Chivous’ place

Evening meal at Chivous Bradley

**Daily Support:** Breakfast on own, lunch provided by Foothills Chapter, evening meal at Chivous  
**Encamp:** BSA Camp Bud Schiele- Belk Lodge or Chivous  
**Actual:** Bedford Hills (Dysartsville)

**Contact:** Chivous Bradley, cbradley@bellsouth.net, 828-289-5689

**Address:** Kiwanis Park, Green St, Rutherford, NC

**Directions:** North end of Main St between East 7th Street and Green Street. Parking is available on Green Street

**Address:** Chivous Bradley, 264 Dark Conner Rd, Rutherfordton, NC

**Address:** Camp Bud Schiele, 668 Boy Scout Road, Rutherfordton, NC, Belk Shelter- cross railroad tracks, turn left on first left (Eagle Pass), building near the small lake with bunks in the back. Small kitchen, large porch.

**Saturday, October 3**

Breakfast  
Chivous

Denard's (now Poor's) Ford  
Chivous’ part of great road, where ferg made decision to go to km

Walnut Grove?
Daily Support: Breakfast at Chivous, lunch & evening meal on your own
Encamp: TBA       Actual: Cane Creek/Marlins Knob

Denard's (now Poor's) Ford is where Ferguson crossed back over the River on Oct 2 after being unsuccessful in his search for the Georgians. He spent the night with Andrew Poor (or Power as the Loyalists called him) and issued his call to arms before heading to Kings Mountain.

Address: Walnut Grove Plantation, 1200 Otts Shoals Rd, Roebuck, SC

Sunday, October 4

Church service
Walnut Grove

Daily Support: Rest
Encamp:       Actual: Gilbertown

Monday, October 5

Winery, Grays Chapel public program, Alexanders Ford

Daily Support: Grays Chapel evening meal
Encamp: Grays Chapel Church       Actual: Alexanders Ford

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 Grays 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

Tuesday, October 6

Cowpens? Working on The Night Before Kings Mountain program probably in Gaffney

Daily Support: Meals on your own.
Encamp: Kings Mountain State Park       Actual: Cowpens

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: Will Caldwell

Address: Kings Mountain State Park, 1277 Park Rd, Blacksburg, SC

Wednesday, October 7

10:00am     Read names on monument with some history  Kings Mountain National Military Park
3:00pm     Walk into the amphitheater for traditional ceremony  Kings Mountain National Military Park

Daily Support: Meals on your own
Encamp: Home       Actual: Kings Mountain

Address: Kings Mountain National Military Park, 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
Contact:
Saturday, October 24

Hart Square

Address: Hart Square, 5455 Hope Rd, Vale, NC (828) 545-0383