



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.

2022 March Detailed Schedule

Revised 9/11/2022

Every person participating on the March must sign the OVTA Liability Waiver and Code of Conduct Form and attend a safety briefing.

Anyone firing a firelock must have the OVTA Blackpowder training.

Anyone firing a firelock at Cowpens and Kings Mountain NP must have taken the NPS Blackpowder training.

Meals on your own unless listed on daily schedule.

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.

The OVTA is being called on to participate in many more community celebrations and school programming venues than in the past. As a result, much of the traditional road walking activities have been adjusted to meet those demands. With another year of covid, the march will be crazy with many changes. There will be a lot of short clip video recording along the trail each. So please be patient.

Trail walking information is a separate document and can be found on the OVTA website. The trail information is a work in progress and needs a lot of updating. Information for the updates is being collected.

This year's March Officers are:

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Marion Marshall	John Garrou		
Morganton Marshall	Bryant Lindsey		

PRE-MARCH EVENTS

Friday, September 9

11:00am Grave marking (4 patriots) Old Harmony Cemetery, Greeneville, TN
6:00pm TN SAR 1st. District meeting Gen Morgan Convention Center Ballroom, Greeneville, TN

Grave marking. Park at the State of Franklin building on College St. The parking lot at the Cemetery is the Police Station parking so we are limited to just the vehicles hauling the equipment. The General Morgan lot and overflow on Church St is also an option.

TN SAR 1st District meeting at The General Morgan, buffet meal, cost \$35 per person, Tom Vaughn- program, Warren Dockter- guest speaker

Address: Old Harmony Cemetery, E Church St, Greeneville, TN

Address: Gen Morgan Inn, 111 N Main St, Greeneville, TN, 423-787-1000

Contact: Treasurer Joe Chambers (drjoec1@earthlink.net) for reservation

Saturday, September 10

10:00am SAR Gathering Sycamore Shoals State Park Elizabethton, TN

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

Sunday, September 11

1:00pm Jonesborough Bell Ringing Oak Hill School, Jonesborough, TN

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

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

Contact:

Monday, September 12

9:00am Bristol Home Schoolers

Contact: Dan King

Sunday, September 18

2:00pm Brody gravesite Broady Cemetery
4:00pm Campbell gravesite Aspenvale Cemetery

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

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

Monday, September 19

9:00am-2:00pm Abingdon Call to Arms Abingdon Muster Grounds, VA

Abingdon Call to Arms School Day: Washington, Smith, Russell County, and other Virginia/Tennessee schools. Expecting 250-300 children each day. OVTA is managing this event and members may be asked to participate on an as-needed basis.

Walk the trail: Muster Grounds trail. See Walk the Trail information on the OVTA website.

Daily Support: Showers in visitor's center. Stores, gas, laundry & restaurants nearby.

Camping: Sleep in your vehicle, set up your own tent or local motels.

Address: Muster Grounds, 1780 Muster Place, Abingdon. Phone for Abingdon Muster Grounds 276-525-1050
Directions to The Muster Ground, Take exit 15 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.

Contact: Leigh Ann Hunter 276-525-1050

Tuesday, September 20

9:00am-2:00pm Abingdon Call to Arms Abingdon Muster Grounds, VA

See Monday schedule for event details.

Wednesday, September 21

9:00am-2:00pm Abingdon Call to Arms Abingdon Muster Grounds, VA

See Monday schedule for event details.

Thursday, September 22

8:30am-11:30am Sullivan East Middle School Overmountain Heritage Day Bluff City, TN

Address: Sullivan East Middle School 4500 Weaver Pike, Bluff City, TN

Contact: Ambre Torbett, 423-943-2560

Friday, September 23

7:00pm Open day
Rocky Mount public program Rocky Mount State Historic Site, TN

Encamp: Rocky Mount

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

Daily Support: Rocky Mount will provide evening meal at 6 pm. Showers, hot water, restrooms at Rocky Mount. Stores and gasoline nearby.

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.

Contact: Cody Boring 706-455-4302, Rocky Mount 423-538-7396

Col Campbell leaves Muster Grounds
Col Shelby & Col Sevier's men head toward Fort Watauga

Saturday, September 24

Col William Campbell and his men leave the Muster Grounds. Col Shelby & Col Sevier's men head toward Fort Watauga

10:00am Call to Arms Public Education Day Abingdon Muster Grounds
10:00am-4:00pm Washington Co Muster Sycamore Shoals State Historic Park

1:00pm-3:00pm Bogart Bowman Cabin Bell Ringing Bogart Bowman Cabin

Encamp: Sycamore Shoals **Actual:** Ft Womack

Daily Support:

Camping: Camp at Muster Grounds or Sycamore Shoals

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

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. From Rocky Mount, no easy way, follow someone or GPS

Contact: Chad Bogart 423-543-5808 or Park staff

The Gathering

Sunday, September 25

Col's Campbell, Shelby, and Sevier and their men arrive at Fort Watauga

10:00am-4:00pm	Washington Co Muster	Sycamore Shoals State Historic Park
2:00pm	Watauga River crossing	Sycamore Shoals State Historic Park
Following river crossing	Public story	

Encamp: Sycamore Shoals **Actual:** Sycamore Shoals (Fort Watauga)

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

Daily Support: Supper (about 5-5:30 pm) provided by 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.

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Contact: Chad Bogart 423-543-5808 or Park staff

The March Begins

Monday, September 26

The Overmountain Men leave Fort Watauga heading toward Shelter Rock/Resting Place looking for Major Patrick Fergusson

11:00am	Rev Doak	Sycamore Shoals	Elizabethton, TN
9:00am	Walk Yellow Mountain	Meet at Roan Mountain Community Park	
3:00pm	Yellow Mountain van pick up		
4:30am	Supper	Roan Mountain Community Park	
6:00pm	Roan Mountain program	Roan Mountain State Park Amphitheater, TN	

Encamp: **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.

Walk the trail: Roan Mountain Community Park trail (around the park area). See Walk the Trail information on the OVTA website.

Walk the trail: Birchfield and Yellow Mountain Trails (Hampton Cove), see Walk the Trail information on the OVTA website.

Walk the trail: Trail #308 and Road #1238 (near North Cove), see Walk the Trail information on the OVTA website

Daily Support: Breakfast and lunch on your own. Supper at Roan Mountain State Park at 4:30 pm.

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

Directions: South on Highway 19E from Elizabethton

Contact: Bob Hardin 423-612-0242

Address: Roan Mountain State Park, 1015 Hwy 143 Roan Mountain, TN

Directions: Right out of Community Park parking lot onto Hwy 143, follow road to park

Contact: Park 423-547-3900

Tuesday, September 27

The Overmountain Men cross Roan Mountain at Yellow Mountain Gap, drill and roll call, find two men are missing Col Cleveland and his men leave Wilkes Surry

1:00 pm	Trail dedication	Spruce Pine
6:00pm	Public program	Apple Orchard art Altapass

Encamp: Orchard at Altapass **Actual:** Roaring Creek

Walk the trail: The Orchard Trail, see Walk the Trail information on the OVTA website

Daily Support: Supper at Orchard at Altapass

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 on right

Wednesday, September 28

The Men continue along trail

9:00am-2:00pm	Sibelco school program & Sevier gravesite	Sibelco
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Encamp: Carson House, Marion **Actual:** Grassy Creek

Walking the Trail: Walk from Sibelco parking lot to field next to Robert Sevier's gravesite. Very close to OVT trail.

Daily Support: Camp in vehicles at Carson House

Address: Sibelco School House Mine, 107 Harris Mining Co Road, Spruce Pine, NC

Directions: From Riverside School, right on Highway 19E, 3.5 miles toward Spruce Pine.

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

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

Thursday, September 29

The Overmountain Men divide into two groups to follow the two trails (North Cove & Turkey Cove) off the mountain

8:30am	Living History Day	Carson House, Marion, NC
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Encamp: Carson House **Actual:** North Cove & Turkey Cove

Daily Support: Lunch and dinner meals

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

Contact: Martha Jordan, Executive Director of the Carson House. Work Phone: 828-724-4948, Mobile: 828-559-0556

Friday, September 30

The two groups join back together and camp at Quaker Meadows, Wilkes Surry Militia under Col Ben Cleveland join the Overmountain Men at Quaker Meadows

Open day (possible Fort Defiance option)

Encamp: Catawba Meadows Park

Actual: Quaker Meadows

Walk the trail: Lake James Trail, see Walk the Trail information on the OVTA website

Walk the trail: Paddy's Creek Trail, see Walk the Trail information on the OVTA website

Walk the trail: Catawba River Greenway, see Walk the Trail information on the OVTA website

Daily Support:

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

Saturday, October 1

The combined Militia head toward Gilbertown crossing the Catawba River, heavy rain begins, camp at Bedford Hills

10:00am SAR monument dedication Catawba River at Greenlee Ford/Catawba River crossing

12 noon-5:00pm Charles McDowell House Morganton, NC

Encamp: Catawba Meadows Park

Actual: Bedford Hills

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

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

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

Sunday, October 2

Heavy rain continues, Overmountain Men remain in camp, officers elect Col Campbell as overall commander

11:00am Church Service Quaker Meadows Presbyterian Church

4:00pm DAR gravesite tribute to Rev War soldiers Obeth Cemetery, Lake James State Park

Encamp: Catawba Meadows Park

Actual: Bedford Hills

Daily Support: Lunch at Quaker Meadows Presbyterian Church

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

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

Monday, October 3

Militia head toward Gilbertown

9:00am-2:30pm School Day Elkin Muster Fields Elkin, NC

Encamp: Scout Camp (Cub Scout Shelter)

Actual: Marlins Knob

Walk the trail: Surry County Muster Field Trail, see Walk the Trail information on the OVTA website

Walk the trail: Smoot Park Trail, see Walk the Trail information on the OVTA website

Walk the trail: W. Kerr Scott Reservoir, see Walk the Trail information on the OVTA website

Address: Elkin Municipal Park, 399 North Carolina 268 W, Elkin, NC

Contact: R G Ashber 336-902-1760

Tuesday, October 4

Arrive at Gilberttown, Ferguson is gone

7:00- 8:00 am	Breakfast by DAR at	Rutherfordton Scout Cabin
9:00am-2:00pm	Rutherford Co School Day	Gilberttown, NC
9:00am-2:30pm	School Day	Wilkes Heritage Museum grounds Wilkesboro, NC

Encamp: Pleasant Hill Church **Actual:** Gilberttown

Walk the trail: Rutherfordton Trails, see Walk the Trail information on the OVTA website

Daily Support: Breakfast provided by DAR at Scout Cabin at 7 am

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

Address: Gilberttown, no phone. House across from Gilberttown address is 1001 Rock Road, Rutherfordton, NC

Directions: Gilberttown is located on Rock Road a little less than 2 miles north of highway 64 in Rutherfordton. There are several certification signs and a historic marker denoting the site.

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

Address: Pleasant Hill Baptist Church, 563 Pleasant Hill Church Rd, Rutherfordton, NC

Address: Wilkes Heritage Museum, 100 East Main Street (NC 268), Wilkesboro, NC

Contact: R G Ashber 336-902-1760

Wednesday, October 5

The Militia head southwest and camp at Alexander's Ford on the Green River. They learn from scouts that Ferguson is marching toward Charlotte Town and the protection of Cornwallis's army.

7:00am	Pleasant Hill Church breakfast	
9:00am-2:15pm	Polk County School Programs	Gray's Chapel/Alexanders Ford
3:30pm	NC Highway Historical marker (Overmountain Men)	County Line Road
	Gray's Chapel public evening program	Gray's Chapel
9:00am-2:30pm	Wilkes Heritage Museum grounds school programs all day	

Encamp: Grays Chapel **Actual:** Alexanders Ford

Walk the trail: Alexander's Ford Trail, see Walk the Trail information on the OVTA website

Daily Support: Breakfast at Pleasant Hill Church

Address: Grays Chapel, 500 Grays Chapel Church Rd, Rutherfordton, NC

Directions: Grays 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.

Address: Wilkes Heritage Museum, 100 East Main Street (NC 268), Wilkesboro, NC

Contact: R G Ashber 336-902-1760

Thursday, October 6

The Militia head toward Cowpens and join with militia from South Carolina, Georgia and Lincoln Co., NC. At 9 pm militia of best 900 men leave in pouring rain and head toward Kings Mountain

8:15am-1:30pm	Cherokee Co School Day	Jolly Park	Gaffney, SC
5:00pm	The Night before Kings Mountain program		Cowpens National Battlefield

Encamp: Cowpens **Actual:** Cowpens

Walk the trail: Lake Whelchel Trail (near Gaffney), see Walk the Trail information on the OVTA website

Walk the trail: Cowpens National Battlefield Trails, information in Visitor's Center

Gaffney school program- 1000 children, 300-400 in Jolley Park, need 2 days, 12 15 min stations?

Address: Jolly Park, 102 Railroad Ave, Gaffney, SC

Contact: LeighAnn Moon (864) 487-6244

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

Contact: Ben Richardson, 864-490-0865

Friday, October 7

Before 3 pm militia arrive at Kings Mountain and battle begins at 3 pm

11:00am	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.
6:00pm	Kings Mountain lantern tours

Encamp: Home/Kings Mountain

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

Contact: Park 864-936-7921

Hart Square Oct 22

Lead into Kings Mountain

May 12, 1780 – Charles Town falls to Lord Clinton. General Lincoln and over 5000 Continental troops captured

May 29, 1780 – Battle of the Waxhaws. Bloody Banistre Tarleton earns his nickname. "Tarleton's quarter" is born.

Aug 16, 1780 – Gates army defeated at Camden by Cornwallis. American forces suffered over 2000 casualties.

Aug 19, 1780 – Battle of Musgrove Mill. Shelby, Williams and Clark with 200-300 militia defeat 400-500 British

Sept 12, 1780 - Skirmish at Cane Creek, North Carolina – McDowell/Hampton vs. Ferguson

Sept 17, 1780 – McDowell has to retreat to the Watauga settlement

Sept 20, 1780 – North Carolina Governor retreats to Hillsborough

Sept ?, 1780 – Samuel Phillips arrives with a message from Ferguson to Shelby: **“If you do not desist your opposition to the British Arms, I shall march this army over the mountains, hang your leaders, and lay waste your country with fire and sword.”**

Sept ?, 1780 – Shelby visits Sevier. Plans are made.

Sept ?, 1780 – Shelby visits Campbell. Col. Campbell is reluctant since he is ordered to protect the Continental lead mines

Sept 22, 1780 – Messenger dispatched from Campbell to Cleveland to muster

Sept 24, 1780 – Cleveland receives message and calls out the militia

Sept 27, 1780 – Surry County Militia under Cleveland, Hampton and others depart for Quaker Meadows.

Post Kings Mountain

October 10, 1780 – Cornwallis notified of Ferguson’s destruction

October 12, 1780 – Cornwallis retreats from Charlotte Town

October 1780 – General Washington appoints General Green head of the (non-existent) Southern Army

October 13, 1780 — Thirty-six Tories were convicted, and nine were hung at Biggerstaff’s Old Fields

January 17, 1781 – Battle of Cowpens. Gen Morgan destroyed Tarleton’s army and almost captured him

February 14, 1781 – Crossing of the Dan, short rest allowed Greene to rest and resupply his army.

March 15, 1781 – Battle of Guildford Courthouse. General Greene is “defeated” by Cornwallis, but the victory destroys the effectiveness of Cornwallis’ army. One British statesman, Charles James Fox (1749-1806), said of this result: “Another such victory would ruin the British army.”

May 10, 1781 - Cornwallis and his army enter Virginia.

August 1, 1781 - Cornwallis occupies Yorktown, planning to use the port as his base for resupply as he continues his Virginia campaign. Even as he sets up camp, Lafayette's spies bring news of the plan. Lafayette relays word to Washington.

August 19, 1781 - The allied army, under Washington, secretly begins to move south.

September 14, 1781 - Washington and Rochambeau arrive in Williamsburg and prepare for the arrival of the army. According to one witness, "No man ever greeted his mistress with more joy than did Lafayette and Washington greet each other."

October 19, 1781 - General Cornwallis surrendered 7,087 officers and men, 900 seamen, 144 cannons, 15 galleys, a frigate, and 30 transport ships to General Washington

September 3, 1783 - The **Treaty of Paris** was signed by U.S. and British Representatives, ending the War of the American Revolution.