

## A Revolutionary War Backcountry Tour Through the Olde English District

Begin with a visit to **Musgrove Mill State Historic Site**, the location of the Battle of Musgrove Mill on August 19, 1780, one of the Patriots' great victories. From there visit **Kings Mountain National Military Park**, where the Scots-Irish immigrants (Patriots) won a pivotal and significant victory over Loyalist forces during the Southern Campaign of the Revolutionary War. The October 7, 1780 battle destroyed the left wing of Lord Cornwallis's army and effectively ended Loyalists' dominance in the Carolinas. View the film, *Kings Mountain: Turning Point in the South* and tour the site with your National Park Service Guide. Gift shop.

Spend some time at the **Catawba Cultural Preservation Center**. Learn the history of the only federally recognized tribe in the state, the Catawbas. Among their history are many of their ancestors who fought on the side of the Americans during the Revolutionary War, with one of them being awarded a Gorget (on display) for bravery. Gift shop.

Depart for **Historic Brattonsville** where Scots-Irish immigrants settled the land. Costumed interpreters are always on site as you explore this 720-acre living history village and Revolutionary War battlefield site featuring 29 historic structures including house museums that chronicle the development of the Carolina Backcountry from the 1750's through the 1840's. Parts of the movie *The Patriot* were filmed here as well. Gift shop.

Depart for **Landsford Canal State Park** where Scots-Irish immigrants built the Robert Mills designed canal. But even before the canal was built, Lord Cornwallis crossed the ford in his march from Charlotte to Winnsboro after the battle of Kings Mountain. If you are here during May or June, you will see the glorious Rocky Shoals Spider Lilies in full bloom in the middle of the Catawba River. Continue on to **Andrew Jackson State Park**, named for the 7<sup>th</sup> US President. Jackson and his brother served under Colonel William Richardson Davie at the Battle of Hanging Rock on August 6, 1780 and were later captured by the British. There is a cool museum with Revolutionary War artifacts and artifacts from the life of Andrew Jackson.

Now travel south to the **Town of Winnsboro in Fairfield County**, named by General Lord Charles Cornwallis in October of 1780 when he came to Winnsboro to spend a few months in winter camp after the British defeat at Kings Mountain. Go on a walking tour of the historic town, including viewing the Lord Cornwallis House.

From here, the tour takes you to **Camden and Kershaw County**. First stop is **Historic Camden Revolutionary War Site**, a 107-acre outdoor museum complex where the British headquarters during the occupation of Camden in 1780-81. A large variety of local crafts, period reproductions and other special gift selections are found in the gift shop. The last stop before dinner is a taste and tour of **Gorget Distilling Company**. Their **Arevolutionary spirits@** are handmade from local grains to craft small-batch whiskey, rum and other fine spirits. Depart for **Cheraw in Chesterfield County**, where you can sit down to a Southern **Adinner@** (traditionally the midday meal was called dinner in the South) at the **River's Edge** (closed Saturdays and Sundays), an American Mennonite restaurant.

While in the Town of Cheraw, termed the “prettiest town in Dixie,” stop in at the **Lyceum Museum**, visit **Old St. David's Church, c.1770**, used as a hospital and quarters by both sides during the Revolutionary War and walk through the cemetery where soldiers from all wars are buried. Enjoy the award-winning **Historic Cheraw Cell Phone Tour**, follow in Dizzy Gillespie's footsteps, or play 18 on an award-winning golf course.

Depart the Olde English District for your next adventure!