



General Management Plan Newsletter

September 2017

Message from the Superintendent

Dear Friends,

The National Park Service (NPS) is pleased to announce the release, for public review and comment, of a draft General Management Plan and Environmental Assessment (GMP/EA) for Kings Mountain National Military Park (NMP).

A limited number of printed copies of the plan are available on a first come, first served basis. You may obtain one as long as supplies last at the Kings Mountain NMP visitor center on the main park road. A larger number of CDs are also available at the visitor center.

Therefore I would like to cordially invite you to attend one or both of two public meetings to learn more about the plan and to ask questions and provide comments to our planners and to park managers. The location, date, and times are shown below.

The GMP/EA is available for your review and comments directly on the NPS Planning, Environment & Public Comment (PEPC) website:

<https://parkplanning.nps.gov/KIMO-GMP>

Navigate to the above URL web address, then click on the **Open for Comment** link and you will be taken to the page with the plan files.

John Slaughter

Public Open House Information:

Date: Thursday, September 21, 2017

Times: 2:00 pm – 4:00 pm

6:00 pm – 8:00 pm

Location: Kings Mountain NMP
Visitor Center Auditorium

Location: 2 miles from park entrance sign on SC Highway 216 (also known as Battleground Road). Take Exit #2 from I-85 in North Carolina (turn left from southbound; right from northbound).



Kings Mountain National Military Park

Kings Mountain NMP preserves the entire battlefield and part of the approach route used by the Overmountain Victory fighters for the October 7, 1780 battle between Patriot and Loyalist militias during the Southern Campaign of the American Revolutionary War. Thomas Jefferson referred to the decisive Patriot victory as “The turn of the tide of success.”

Kings Mountain NMP is located between Charlotte, North Carolina, and Spartanburg, South Carolina, about 18 miles northeast of Gaffney, South Carolina, along Interstate 85. The park contains 3,945 acres in York County and Cherokee County, South Carolina.

Kings Mountain is administratively managed as part of the Southern Campaign of the American Revolution Parks Group, which, in addition to Kings Mountain National Military Park, includes Cowpens National Battlefield, near Chesnee, South Carolina; Ninety-Six National Historic Site, near Greenwood, South Carolina; and the Overmountain Victory National Historic Trail, which runs for 270 miles from Abingdon, Virginia, through North Carolina, Tennessee, and South Carolina to its terminus at Battleground Ridge in Kings Mountain NMP.

The national military park contains numerous historic structures, including buildings, monuments, markers, and roads. In addition, there are significant archeological sites in the park. Interpretive exhibits display weapons, clothing, and household artifacts of rural South Carolina during the Revolutionary War.

General Management Plan

The General Management Plan and Environmental Assessment provides comprehensive guidance for preserving natural systems and cultural resources, and providing opportunities for quality visitor experiences at Kings Mountain NMP. The purpose of the plan is to decide how the National Park Service can best fulfill the park's purpose, maintain its significance, and protect its resources unimpaired for the enjoyment of present and future generations.

The document examines three alternatives for managing the national military park for the next 20 or more years and analyzes the impacts of implementing each of the alternatives.

- **Alternative A** is the “no-action” alternative, which describes how the national military park is managed now, providing a basis for comparing the other alternatives.
- Under **Alternative B**, Kings Mountain NMP would expand its interpretive program beyond the 1780 battle to the broader continuum of history at the site. Greater emphasis on Native American History and natural history as well as farming and commemoration of the site throughout its occupation would be included in the interpretation program.
- Under **Alternative C**, the National Park Service's preferred alternative, the national military park would focus on enhancing and diversifying interpretation of the 1780 Battle of Kings Mountain. Approach routes used by the Overmountain Victory fighters would be interpreted to highlight the greater scope of the battle in relation to the surrounding park lands.

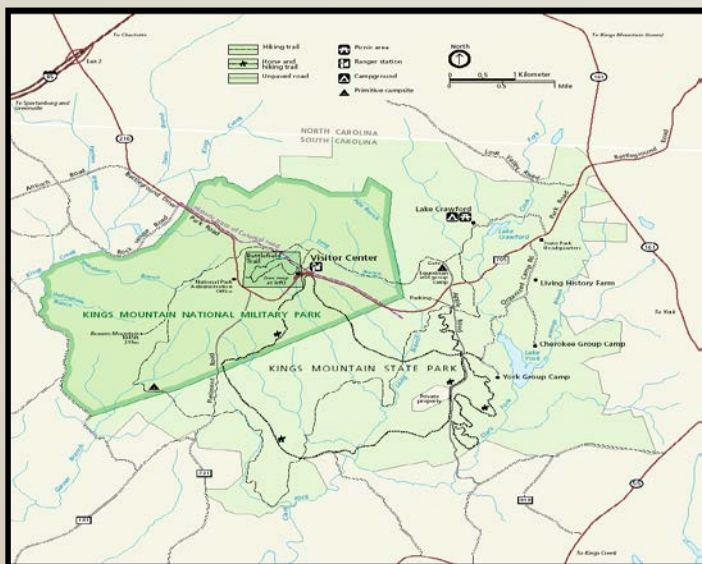


How You Can Review and Comment:

- Obtain a hard copy (limited supply) or CD of the plan from the park visitor center desk.
- Review the digital version on the planning website:

<https://parkplanning.nps.gov/KIMO-GMP>

- Attend one of the public meetings



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