

# MUSTER GROUNDS - AT - ABINGDON



- OVERMOUNTAIN VICTORY NATIONAL HISTORIC TRAIL -

In the summer of 1780, the Southern American colonies - and hopes of independence - seemed at the mercy of an invading British army. A militia was formed on the western frontier, today known as the



Overmountain Men. This brave group of some 400 volunteers came to the Abingdon Muster Grounds to begin their journey. Joined by other militia, 1,000 Overmountain men gave chase to British Major Patrick Ferguson, surrounding his army on Kings Mountain, SC.

In little over an hour, they killed or captured his entire command. Kings Mountain was the beginning of the successful end to the Revolution, assuring independence for the United States of America.

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The Muster Grounds is the northern trailhead of the 330-mile long Overmountain Victory National Historic Trail.

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**The Keller Interpretive Center** is located within the 9-acre Muster Grounds, and is the premier center for Colonial

Backcountry history from the American Revolutionary Period in Southwest Virginia. Exhibits help visitors discover what life was like for the Overmountain Men, Backcountry Women, African-Americans and Native Americans, as well as British Loyalists, and a history of Washington County -- the Overmountain region of Southwest Virginia. Artifacts used at the Battle of Kings Mountain and others from the late 18th-century Overmountain region are on display. The Eastern National sales area provides something special and unique - for all ages - to take home to remember their experience at the Muster Grounds.



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## Hours of Operation:

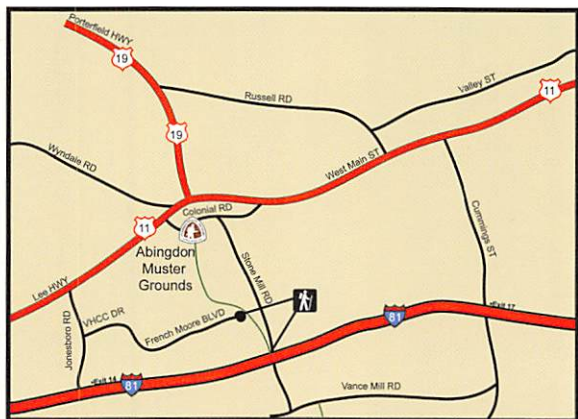
Keller Interpretive Center  
open **9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.** daily.

(Closed most federal holidays.)

Grounds and Trail opened  
year-round, dawn to dusk.

For additional information  
and inquiries, please contact  
the Visitor Center at  
Abingdon's Muster Grounds.

**GPS Coordinates:**  
**N 36° 42' 14" / 31.70393**  
**W 81° 59' 14" / 81.99457**



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