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Kings Mountain National Military Park

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Site: KIMO

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Vision Statement

Kings Mountain National Battlefield was established on March 3, 1931, for the purpose of commemorating the Battle of Kings Mountain, which was fought on the 7th day of October 1780.

The park preserves the entire battlefield site of one of the most important Patriot victories of the American Revolution and the first major Patriot victory of the Southern Campaign. This battle was recognized by both sides as a turning point in the war.

Our vision is for Kings Mountain National Military Park to remain a small oasis in an ever growing, more congested, fast paced world that allow people to escape, reflect and rejuvenate. During their time visiting the park they will come to understand the important role the south played in the Rev War and understand and appreciate the important role the National Park Service plays in their lives today.

Park/ Superintendent/ Program Manager

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STEWARDSHIP

Provide inspiring, safe, and accessible places for people to enjoy - the standard to which all other park systems aspire.

Other Park/ Program performance goal(s)

The 1.5 mile battlefield loop trail is the prime resource of the park in that it takes you around the battlefield and tells the story of the battle. The trail is paved, but has extreme steep slopes and major cross slopes making it inaccessible to wheelchair users and anyone who might have difficulty walking. The goal would be to make the trail accessible to all.

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STEWARDSHIP

Improve the condition of park resources and assets.

Restore native habitats by controlling invasive species and reintroducing key plant and animal species.

Inventory, map and treat Invasive Exotic Plants at King Mountain NMP and adjoining Kings Mountain State Park. KIMO has a vested interest in the adjoining state park as 6,000 of the 10,000 acres was deeded to the state park under the Recreation Demonstration Act in 1941. Both parks share the same species of exotics. Working together we will achieve the common goal of control and prevention of impacts from invasive exotic plants, making maximum use of limited funds and resources.

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Other Park/ Program performance goal(s)

Enhance knowledge of and restore the Piedmont Prairie and Pine-Oak Savanna ecosystems to improve the historic scence and increase biodiversity.
-Conduct data mining for all scholarly research on Piedmont Prairies and Pine-Oak Savannas and organize material into a useable format for practitioners within the NPS, USFS, USFWS and other partners.
-Seek partnership dollars to conduct symposium on Piedmonmt Prairies and Pine-Oak Savanna ecosystems.
- Partner with universities to conduct research on restoration of these disappearing ecosystems.

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ENVIRONMENT

Reduce environmental impacts of park operations.

Reduce the environmental impacts of park operations on air and water quality.

KIMO will increase our recycling efforts throughout the park, thus reducing the amount of solid waste that goes to the landfill. We will purchase Energy Star appliances and fuel efficient vehicles and equipment. We will use soy based oil when we can and we will purchase bio-fuel. We will purchase 100% recycled paper. We will replace the water heaters with solar powered units and install outside solar powered lights. And if the money becomes available our goal is to install a totally "green" wastewater treatment plant. Decrease dependence on petroleum based fuels by purchasing vehicles capable of utilizing ethanol or other alternative sources of fuel.

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RECREATION

Encourage collaboration among and assist park and recreation systems at every level—federal, regional, state, local—to help build an outdoor recreation network accessible to all Americans.

Rehabilitate over 2,000 miles of trails within or connected to national parks, including trails accessible to those with disabilities.

We will rehabilitate the 1.5 mile battlefield loop trail to eliminate the steep slopes and sever cross slopes making the trail accessible to all.

Continue to work with the City of Kings Mountain, Crowders Mountain State Park and Kings Mountain State Park to complete the Ridgeline Trail, which when completed will run from the City to Crowders to Kings Mountain.

Partnering with the Overmountain Victory Trail Association of Cherokee County, the Overmountain Victory National Historic Trail and Cowpens NB to complete the 30 miles of the Overmountain Victory National Historic Trail between Cowpens and Kings Mountain NMP.

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RECREATION

Expand partnerships with schools and boys and girls associations to show how national park experiences can improve children's lives.

Other Park/ Program performance goal(s)

Working with the State Park, will establish a relationship with the YMCA that uses the state park group camping offering them programs for the kids.

Will continue to develop programs that can taken to local schools.

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RECREATION

Focus national, regional, and local tourism efforts to reach diverse audiences and young people and to attract visitors to lesser-known parks.

Increase visitation by 25 percent at lesser-known parks through a national tourism effort aimed at helping people to discover the breadth of parks and experiences.

Working with local organizations and groups will assist with the suitability and feasibility of the Southern Campaign of the Revolution Heritage Area study. If the heritage area is deemed appropriate, it will help increase visitation to such areas as Kings Mountain NMP, Cowpens NB, Ninety-Six NHS, Moores Creek and Guilford Courthouse.

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PROFESSIONALISM

Use strategic planning to promote management excellence.

Other Park/ Program performance goal(s)

Kings Mountain will work at hiring new employees, providing them with an all around training and experience and encourage them to move on making them valuable assests to the NPS. In smaller parks it is easier to expose new employees to all divisions of the Service, thus creating a workforce with a diverse skill set, which benefits the employee and the Service.

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