**Cowpens National Battlefield *National Park Service***

**Field Trip *U.S. Department of the Interior***

**Planning Information  *Cowpens National Battlefield***

***\*There is No Fee or Cost to school groups.***

Cowpens National Battlefield is a Revolutionary War battle site that commemorates the January 17, 1781 victory of Brigadier General Daniel Morgan over his dreaded foe, Lieutenant Colonel Banastre Tarleton, in the cause for American Independence. It was an important link in a chain of events that ultimately led to the defeat and surrender of the British commander Lord Earl Cornwallis at Yorktown, Virginia, in October 1781. The Battlefield is a unit of the National Park System, a bureau of the United States Department of the Interior. There is no admission cost or program fee for this Site.

**School Programs** *Please call the park (864) 461-2828 (teachers only) to speak to a ranger to schedule your trip. When you call, please have two dates in mind in the event that your first choice is not available. Plan at least 2-hours on site for your scheduled visit to Cowpens National Battlefield. If you plan to eat lunch on site at the Picnic Shelter, you will need reserve the Picnic Shelter in advance and add additional time to your two-hour visit.*

**-Visitor Center** is open 9am until 5pm daily (restroom facilities available)

**-Museum** contains a reproduction 3-pounder cannon, other weapons of the Revolutionary War period, and exhibits.

**-Video Presentation *“Cowpens: A Battle Remembered****”* depicts the events of the battle in a short movie format. (18 minutes)

**-Fiber-optic Map Display** illustrates the Southern Campaign of the American Revolution and the battle tactics employed by Daniel Morgan at the Battle of Cowpens. (13 minutes)

\*The museum/auditorium area has a capacity of 70 persons, the fiber-optic map room has a capacity of 30 persons. Therefore, your group may be split between the map and the movie/museum. Please note: You will be sharing the area with other visitors.

**-Sales Outlet** operated by Eastern National offers books, posters, postcards, slides, and theme-related souvenirs for purchase. If your students plan to purchase any items, please remind them that tax is NOT included in the sticker price. Also, **teachers receive a 15% discount** on all items in the bookstore.

**-Battlefield Trail/ Ranger Led Walk (outside)**

The partially paved 1.2 mile trail includes wayside exhibits, the 1856 Washington Light Infantry Monument and the historic Green River Road that was the centerline of the battle. (One hour tour with includes stops along the way.) The park cannot accommodate more than 100 students on one tour.

**-Auto** **Loop Road** open 9am until 4:30 pm daily

The 3.8 mile 1-way road travels the perimeter of the battlefield and includes wayside exhibits, parking areas with short trails to the Green River Road, the circa 1828 Robert Scruggs Log House, and access to the Picnic Area.

**-Picnic Area**:

Located 1.5 miles down the tour road, past the Visitors’ Center, the area provides picnic tables, grills, and restroom facilities. A covered Picnic Shelter may be reserved at no cost by to school groups taking an educational visit to the park. There is a 2-mile nature trail located at the Picnic Area.

**On the day of the visit:**

* Please plan to arrive in time to start your program as scheduled. This includes restroom breaks and sign in. If your group is late, you may be inconvenienced as there may be other groups scheduled throughout the day.
* For us to better serve you, please have your groups in numbers of no more than 60 with a chaperone ration of 1:10. The park appreciates and expects all chaperones and teachers to remain with their group at all times.
* Groups walking on the Battlefield should wear shoes and dress appropriate for outdoor walking/weather conditions.
* Bus parking is located at the bottom of the Visitor Center parking lot, the picnic area, and the Scruggs House.

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