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On September 12-14, 2019 our living history encampment celebrates the crossing of the Blue Ridge Mountains by the Overmountain Men on their way to an eventual battle with British forces at Kings Mountain. The Museum of North Carolina Minerals in Spruce Pine, milepost 331 on the Blue Ridge Parkway, plays host to this annual event, and transforms the grounds into a colonial militia encampment at the head of Gillespie Gap. The encampment provides a glimpse of various colonial activities, and tells the story of the Overmountain Men and the Battle of Kings Mountain. *School Days* will be hosted on Thursday, September 12 and Friday, September 13, from 9am till 2:30pm, and are open to area school programs. Registration is required and can be done by contacting Ranger Elizabeth at 828-348-3519. On Saturday, September 14th, the encampment is open to the public from 9am until 2pm. Guests are invited to stroll through the encampment taking part in various demonstrations and visiting with re-enactors. At 2:30pm a re-enactment of the battle will take place at the Orchard of Altapass, milepost 328 off the Blue Ridge Parkway. The event concludes with Candlelight tours of the encampment from 7pm till 9pm.