

Continuing to Innovate: Regional Bus Tour Programs



The staff of the Southwest Virginia Museum Historical State Park consistently search for new and innovative programs that complement our visitors' exploration of the region. Bus tours have expanded the exploration opportunities immensely in the past several years, and the process of creation continues in 2014!

The newest bus tour in the lineup is the first multi-day tour the park has offered: Adventures in History: Kings Mountain. Scheduled for September 25th-28th, the Kings Mountain tour is a four-day, three-night excursion from Virginia to the site of the Battle of Kings Mountain in South Carolina. Dr. Lawrence Fleenor will lead the charge as participants trace the path of the "Over Mountain Men" through important sites in nearby states, learning how southwestern Virginians turned the Revolutionary War in the South and played a key role in the freedom of our nation. The tour will include stops at Hungry Mother State Park, Aspenvale Cemetery, Abingdon muster grounds, Sycamore Shoals State Park, the National Park Service's Over Mountain Victory Center, Kings Mountain National Battlefield Park, and others.

Another brand new tour is the Geology Bus Tour with geologist Tony Scales. Participants will examine important geological sites in the area with stops at Natural Tunnel State Park, Breaks Interstate Park, and significant sites between. The tour is scheduled for Saturday, October 25th and will accommodate 12 participants.

In addition to these new bus tours, the park will offer popular tours from previous years, including: the Wandering the Wilderness Bus Tour with Dr. Fleenor, A Tour to Eden with Dr. Fleenor, the Coal Camp Bus Tour with Dr. Fleenor, the Saltville Bus Tour with Dr. Fleenor, and the Melungeons Bus Tour with Wayne Winkler.

Specific bus tour information is included in the calendar, but interested participants will want to reserve seats early, as space is limited and tours fill very quickly.

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