



KERNSTOWN BATTLEFIELD

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The Kernstown Battlefield will host a walking and driving tour of the Second Battle of Kernstown, stopping at key battle locations on and around the battlefield property. Accomplished Civil War author Scott C. Patchan, known for his books, *Shenandoah Summer* and *Last Battle of Winchester*, will lead the tour. While there is no cost for the tour, your generous donations will be greatly appreciated.

The tour will begin at 9:00 am on Saturday, October 24, 2020, at the battlefield Visitors Center, then move to the Jackson's Lookout observation platform on Apple Valley Road, the parking lot of Opequon Church, and then onto the front lawn of the Grafton Health building off Shawnee Drive. At each of these locations, Scott will discuss the maneuvers of Generals Ramseur, Gordon, and Breckinridge, plus details of the Confederate artillery.

The tour will then move onto the battlefield property to locations where the maneuvers of Union Colonels Thoburn, Ely, and Wells created a gap in the Union line, enabling Confederate General Jubal Early to execute his double-envelopment of the Union forces. The tour will end approximately Noon along the stone wall on Pritchard's Lane where Scott will discuss the actions of Colonel James Mulligan's Union division and his mortal wounding.

We are very sorry to say we will not be providing lunch at the end of this tour. Please bring comfortable walking shoes, proper clothing for the weather, and remember to bring water. Virginia COVID-19 guidelines will be practiced. The vast majority of the tour is outdoors, but movement in vehicles between locations will be required. High-risk persons, those with COVID symptoms, or who have been in contact with individuals with symptoms, should not attend. Attendees should have masks and practice social distancing during the tour.

The Kernstown Battlefield is located at 610 Battle Park Drive, Winchester, Virginia 22602. There is no entry fee for the Battlefield. It is a 501(c)(3) all volunteer corporation and donations are graciously accepted. Additional information can be found at www.kernstownbattle.org or call 540.450.7835 and leave a message.