

Cornwallis's Retreat from Charlotte Timeline, 10-29 October 1780

Where was the British Army?

10 Oct	Charlotte. Cornwallis orders Tarleton's British Legion to Catawba River to find Ferguson. (Tarleton)
12 Oct 10:00am	"Charlottetown", "Ten in the morning" (Money to Turnbull)
12 Oct 4:00pm	British evacuate Charlotte. (Davie)
12 Oct evening	British Army abandon road to Bigger's Ferry. During night, move cross-country to Nation Ford Road, lose 20 wagons. (Tarleton)
13 Oct	British camp 11 miles south of Charlotte (Davidson from Davie). That's near state line, west of Pineville, NC.
13 Oct	Tarleton at Ross's Plantation. (Tarleton, Faden), present-day York, SC
14 Oct 3:00pm	British at Nation Ford (Davie). Backtrack 2.5 miles to Spratt's (McLeary pension)(Susannah Smart).
15 Oct morning	Tarleton crossed Nation Ford and rejoins Cornwallis. (Tarleton, Faden)
15 Oct	heavy rain all day (Tarleton, Davie, Stedman)
15 Oct	Cornwallis becomes ill (Rawdon), delegates command to Rawdon.
15 Oct	"Old Nations Ford Road" (Rawdon to Hamilton)
16 Oct 1:00pm	British move towards Sugar Creek near Rouch's (Davie).
16 Oct 8:00pm	"Steel Creek" [could be Sugar Creek], "eight at night" (Rawdon to Turnbull)
16-17 Oct	Crossed Sugar Creek, gathered provisions (Stedman).
18 Oct	On Camden-Charlotte Road, maybe camped at first major water source, Twelve Mile Creek.
19 Oct	"Waxhaw" (Rawdon to Turnbull), probably Crawford's on Waxhaw Creek.
20 Oct	"Blair's Mill" (Rawdon to Turnbull). Spratt's to Blair's is 20 miles
21 Oct	British cross Catawba River at Land's Ford. "Camp between Fishing Creek and the Catawba" (Rawdon to Balfour, Davie)
22 Oct	"Lands Ford on Catawba" (Rawdon to Balfour)
23 Oct	"Smiths Plantation" (Rawdon to Tarleton)
24 Oct	"Camp near Indian Lands, West of Catawba River" (Rawdon to Leslie)
26 Oct	"Rocky Creek" Requests rum be sent to Lee's Mill on Rocky Creek (Rawdon to Cruger)
26 Oct	"Brown's House near Crossroads" (Rawdon to Tarleton) This was likely in modern Richburg, SC
27 Oct	"McClarkin's near Lee's Mill" (Rawdon to Turnbull)
28 Oct	"Camp Between Broad River and Catawba" (Rawdon to Clinton)
28 Oct	Army arrived in Wynnesboro (Stedman)
29 Oct	"Wynnesboro" (Rawdon to Balfour)

This information was compiled by John Allison from *Cornwallis Papers* on microfiche at *South Carolina Archives* and Bill Anderson from the sources cited.