

**SITES OF INTEREST “ALONG THE WAY”
SCAR CORPS OF DISCOVERY
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From Rush Pavilion to Spratt’s Plantation:

- 1) Just before the Spratt site, when you turn left onto Brickyard Road you will be travelling directly on top of the Old Nation Ford Road used by the British in their retreat from Charlotte.

From Spratt’s Plantation to Unity Presbyterian Church:

- 1) When you reach the left turn onto Banks St., to your right about 1 ½ miles where the railroad crosses the Catawba River is the prehistoric Nations Ford. This ford was too flooded for the British to cross on their retreat from Charlotte, causing them to move down the Catawba River to Lands Ford.

From Unity Presbyterian Church to Andr. Jackson State Park:

- 1) On Hwy 160 at the 2.2 mile mark is Sugar Creek. We believe the British crossed Sugar Creek at, or very near, this point. Notice the ascent on the east side of the creek. This is likely where the British harnessed some of the Loyalists to wagons in an effort to get the wagons up this steep grade. Imagine how muddy and slick this grade would have been.
- 2) Just before you reach the stop light where Hwy 160 terminates into Hwy 521, on the left is Harrisburg Rd. At 2.5 miles north, Harrisburg Rd. crosses Clems Branch where the British entered NC on Sept. 25, 1780. This is also the sight of where Col. Thos. Sumter camped while organizing state militia in late June and early July, 1780. Both of these events occurred just upstream from the bridge that crosses Clems Branch at Harrisburg Rd.
- 3) After turning onto Hwy 521, at about 6.5 miles you will cross Twelve Mile Creek. The British stopped here and rested on the evening of Sept 24, 1780 on their way to Charlotte. We believe it is likely that the British also camped here on Oct 18, 1780 on their retreat from Charlotte.

From Andrew Jackson State Park to Waxhaw Pres. Church:

- 1) After turning left onto Hwy 521 at .6 miles (where Hwy 5 comes in from the west) the road crosses Waxhaw Creek. This is where the British camped from Sept 12 to Sept 24, 1780 on their way to Charlotte. Just before crossing Waxhaw Creek, on the right about 200 yards west of the road, is where Maj. Robt. Crawford's house stood. The British occupied Crawford's home and farm during their occupation here.

We believe the British again camped here on their retreat toward Lands Ford on Oct. 19, 1780.

From Waxhaw Presbyterian Church to Lands Ford:

- 1) After turning left onto Lands Ford Rd., at .2 miles the paved road turns to dirt. For the next 1.6 miles you are driving along the same road that the British travelled to Lands Ford. Notice that this road is mostly red clay. It would have been very slick and muddy when the British made their way along it on Oct 20, 1780.