The Battle of Camden

The Battle of Camden on August 16, 1780, was one of the largest and most important battles of the Revolutionary War. More than 4,000 American soldiers faced 1,500 British and Loyalist troops at an hour-long charge that only one-fourth of the participants were killed, wounded, or captured.

To download and listen to a podcast that documents key events of the battle, go to www.thesouthnational.org.

Enjoy your walking tour of the battle, where you will find information on the battle and leaders. From here, continue your walking tour along the old road of the Great Wagon Road, the route that the British army used to travel on that day.

The Battle of Camden ended the colonial resistance, and Congress gave up its military efforts. The British occupied Charleston, South Carolina, and occupied the eastern part of the state for the next six months.

The Battle of Camden is located in the Camden District Revolutionary War Trails. For more information, visit www.camdendistrict.org.

Historic Camden

Welcome to Historic Camden and Camden's Revolutionary War Battlefields.

Camden was the site of one of the most significant battles between the Americans and British during the American Revolution. The town was a critical location in the Southern campaign and was the site of several important battles.

Your tour begins at the Camden Revolutionary War Site, where the original town was located. After the British occupied the town in 1780, Camden became the most important base in the South Carolina interior and was the northernmost starting point for the British advance of North Carolina.

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