

## Borderland State Park Interpretive Program



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## History of the 10th Mountain Division in World War II Sunday, February 18, at 1:00pm Visitor Center



The Army 10th Mountain Division was formed in 1942 by General George C. Marshall and troops were trained at Camp Hale, CO. Soldiers learned mountaineering, skiing and other survival skills in order to endure extremely adverse winter conditions in Europe during World War II. By late January of 1945 after fighting battles in northern Italy with other Allied troops, 10th Mountain troops were stationed at the foot of the Italian Apennines where German troops were positioned on Riva Ridge blocking Allied troops from moving north. Troops quietly scaled the cliffs of Riva Ridge in the middle of the night and began the spring offensive by Allies pushing enemy lines northward.

Andrea Miller, daughter of Ruso Perkins, a 10th Mountain veteran, will present a history of the Division, their impact

on the U.S. ski industry following the war and notable 10th Mountain veterans including Robert Dole, Werner and Rupert Von Trapp and Pete Seibert from Sharon, Massachusetts. She will also talk about the active 10th Mountain Division based at Fort Drum in Watertown, N.Y. Following the presentation, a 45-minute video will be shared.

This program is free, children must be accompanied by an adult. Inclement weather may postpone. For more information, please call Borderland at 508-238-6566.

## Coming Event