

LITTLE KENNESAW PROJECT PLAN

2/24/2003

The following is a recap of the planning trip on Little Kennesaw Mountain Monday February 24, 2003. The participants were Herb Daniel from the GATC (Georgia Appalachian Trail Club), Marion Harris from the National Park Service, and Richard Angeli the Trails Supervisor for the KEMOTrail Corps.

Remedial Work On Top of Little Kennesaw

1. On the top of Little Kennesaw as you approach from Big Kennesaw, there is a boggy hollow just above the end of the graveled part of the trail. Depending on how deep the mud goes, the section needs to be drained. Alternatively we can



build a “turnpike” (i.e., raised path) across the muddy patch.

2. Re route a short section on top of the Mountain to avoid increasing the muddy impact and carry visitors across the rocks.

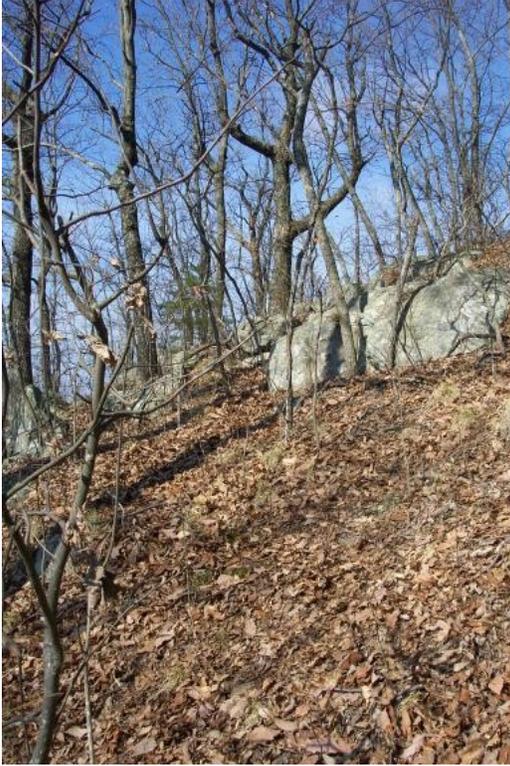


3. Build Steps at the big drop off from the rock face, and discourage visitors from walking on the “slippery slope”.
4. There is a wide spot in the trail, “a braid” just above the new section that should be modified to keep travel within the standard tread way, and discourage visitors from casually widening the trail.



Plan for Workday March 8, 2003

Surprisingly, visitors have already been walking the flagged trail, and have worn a substantial tread way on a large part of the route. However, they have gotten off the trail in several places, and rejoined the old trail in the process. Our primary efforts on this workday will be to clear, and define the entire new section of the trail.



We will also establish the entry point to the new trail at the lower end of the new section



and redirect traffic away from the old trail, and up the new switch back.



Proposed Eagle Projects on Little Kennesaw

Steps and Cribs summarize the need for Eagle projects on the new section of Little Kennesaw. Several of the sections on the new route are very steep and will require the construction of stone steps to establish a durable surface, encourage visitors to stay on the trail and minimize impact to the surrounding areas of the mountain.





Other Work to be Performed Soon

Safety Issues

The principle safety issue at this point in time is the removal of dead and down trees from the work area. Park Service Staff will take care of cutting the trees down and cutting the downed trees in to movable sections. Volunteers can move them as needed to open trail, and Trash short cuts.



Erosion Prevention

If we have enough workers turn out March 8, we need to do some side hill and drainage work on parts of the trail that are already being used.

