

# EARTHWORKS

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#### Work Day March 9

Beginning with the 3/9/19 workday, we will tackle the Noses Creek Trail from the Burnt Hickory road parking lot to the uphill section just south of Noses Creek. This will involve several workdays on and off between March and through the summer. The work will involve almost everything we know including construction of knicks, dips, ditches, berm removal, removal of dead roots in the trail, rock removal, filling of ruts, a little rock step work, and maybe a little side hilling, French drains, and a little fence work. Three things we must keep in mind for this work are 1) drainage, 2) drainage, and 3) drainage.

Stay tuned.

Rain Date: 3/16/19 - Same time and location!

**Bill Guvry**Acting Trails Director

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#### **Crew Leader Training Class**

On Saturday, March 2nd, from 9:15 am - 12 pm, the trail club will hold a crew leader orientation class in the education room of the KEMO Visitor Center. All current crew leaders, prospective crew leaders, and any KMTC volunteer interested in becoming a crew leader is invited to attend. The orientation will be led by KMTC co-founder and crew leader Jerry Givan. Participants will spend time talking about the expectations of a crew leader, proper crew management, as well as, what the park expectations are for a crew leader. Please email the KMTC volunteer coordinator at <a href="mailto:membership@kennesawmountaintrailclub.org">membership@kennesawmountaintrailclub.org</a> to register. You will be sent a confirm email with further instructions for the class.

If you are a new Crew Leader, you will need to attend any Trail Work Day at Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park and work as a Trainee. Please identify yourself as a Trainee to Bill Gurry or Donald Olds. We currently have Work Days scheduled for March 9, April 13 and April 20.

If you need credit for the volunteer hours, you will need to sign in at the Registration Desk. If you have any additional questions, please feel free to contact Bill Gurry, Donald Olds or Jerry Givan.

The Course will cover:

- · Trail technical skills
- · Leadership skills
- · Management skills

#### As well as

- KTMC Organization
- KTMC to NPS/KEMO Relationship
- Volunteer in Parks (VIP) Program
- Being a VIP
- · Being a Crew Leader

Donuts, coffee, water and snacks will be served!

Please contact Rena Bailey at <a href="mailto:pocus6311@sbcglobal.net">pocus6311@sbcglobal.net</a> to ensure you are registered so we can have a good count!

To greater success,

Donald V. Olds

#### Trail Ambassador Meeting Georgia Appalachian Trail Club

On the February trail work day while Rena Bailey, Debbie Dement, Cam Graham, Karen Petrella, Karen Evanoff, Cynthia and Chris Baerman were working hard to register volunteers and help the crew leaders make trail day a success, I was driving to Amicalola Falls State Park to attend the annual meeting of the Georgia Appalachian Trail Club (GATC) annual Trail Ambassador (TA) meeting. It was a cold day and I dressed warmly for what I suspected might be a prolonged time in the cold. Much to my delight shelter #2 had walls and a door. There were approximately 70 people at the meeting so despite the chilly start to the day, it got cozy fast.

The meeting lasted from 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM. There was a full schedule of topics to include role of the TA, types of hikes (single day and multi-day), hike guidelines and priorities, scheduling and reporting, changes in rules and regulations. There was a fascinating discussion and roleplaying situations involving the concept of "The Authority of the Resource." This is the natural authority inherent in the requirements of a healthy ecosystem. What does that mean in plain English? Helping visitors understand the need to change behavior to meet the needs of the natural surroundings as opposed to a temporary change to show they are "following the rules" or doing what a ranger or other "legal authority" dictates. There was a brief presentation on Leave No Trace principles which made me realize I need the day long course. I know some of you have had the day long course and the patch to prove it. But it is good material to have in our TA tool kit.

I came away with the idea that having a yearly meeting of the Kennesaw Mountain Trail Ambassadors where we could discuss our training needs and how to best support the park would help us all. No reason why it can't include some fun, companionship and good food. I will send out a more detailed e-mail to the TAs and expand on the concept. I welcome your thoughts.

I am compelled to tell you we did not spend the whole day talking and learning. At lunch I had the opportunity to talk to many of the TAs as well as some of the Ridge Runners and Forestry Service staff. Not only are the folks in the GATC a friendly, welcoming group but they have great cooks. I was on my best behavior and didn't make a pig of myself so hopefully I'll get invited back! If I am, I will ask if I can bring some TAs with me. It was a wonderful experience! My deepest thanks to Jay Dement, President of the GATC, for inviting me and to all the members of the club who were so gracious in welcoming me and sharing their thoughts and experiences.

Janie Brier
Trail Ambassador Director

## FEBRUARY 9 WORK DAY PLUS "PREP" DAYS

By Bill Gurry

The 2/9/19 monthly work day consisted of drainage control, a little rock work, and pulling down a partially downed tree on the Brumby Trail, beginning at the Camp Brumby Cutoff Trail way out almost to mile marker 3.5 behind little K, about 1.8 miles in length from Robert's crew to Bruce's crew. Due to the trail compression, berms, and rain, and heavy spring flow, the trail was full of water for stretches for 100 yards or more that were very muddy when wet and froze in the cold, in places covering the trail with ice. Due the heavy rain amounts this winter (see the last newsletter for the details), springs are gushing full all over the Park.

The solution involved long stretches of berm removal to allow water to sheet across the trail, digging new drainage side ditches, cleaning old trail side ditches, diverting spring runoff, removing large rocks in a couple of places, digging knicks and dips (as we learned in Jays' trail class the week before on 2/2), and continued progress on the destruction of a very a large jungle of privet off Kennesaw Ave. Thanks to Crew Leaders (geographically from the Cutoff Trail out) Robert, Ken, Andy, Bill, Jerry, Fred, Randy, Dave, Eric, Aleks, with Gayle and Bruce way out there, Donald - our roving superintendent, car mechanic, and gator driver for the day, and Danny and Harry in the jungle. Rena reports that we had 121 "volunteers,", plus 15 Crew Leaders, plus at least 7 TAs for a total of 143 volunteers.

And thanks to Rena and the Trail Ambassadors for registration and support, and special thanks to Rena for finally coming through with good weather.

Also, many thanks for the Crew Leader Trainees, Robert, Aleks, Avery, Mathew, Lauren, Nick, Luke, Gayle, Angela, and Mike, who assisted our Crew Leaders.

Peter and old Boss Doug joined Crew Leaders and Trail Ambassadors for the "President's debriefing meeting" at the usual place after the tools were cleaned and stowed.

On Wednesday before the work day, Eric, Andy, Fred, Geoff, and Bill helped complete the design and flagged work sites for the work day. On Friday, Robert, Donald, Andy, and Bill ran the ditch witch to remove long stretches of berm to reduce the amount of hand digging, thereby allowing the work to go much faster on the work day.

On the Friday after the work day, mudders Bruce, Andy, Fred, and Bill returned to do some serious mud removal. And get this: Fred came without his camera (Well, maybe!)

We will judge how well we all did with the next big rains.

Thanks to all.

#### A Special Thanks!

Each year we have various groups who come out and help us. Henceforth, we will make every attempt to list your group here for the current/past fiscal year. If you are participating as a group, be sure to let us know when you are registering!

Following is a list, in alphabetical order, of the groups who participated during Fiscal 2018 (October 2017- September 2018 and Fiscal 2018 (October 2018- Present):

#### FY 2018

ATLANTA OUTDOOR CLUB

ALLATOONA HIGH SCHOOL HONOR SOCIETY

ALLATOONA HS NJROTC

BETA ALPHA PSI FROM KSU

BSA TROOP 75

BSA TROOP 17, ARAGON, GA

BSA TROOP 1011

CAMPBELL HS

HARRISON HIGH SCHOOL

HILLGROVE HS NJROTC

KENNESAW MOUNTAIN HS NJROTC

KENNESAW MOUNTAIN HS KEY CLUB

KENNESAW MOUNTAIN HS AP MAGNET ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE CLASS

KSU

KSU BETA ALPHA PSI

KSU PHI SIGMA PI

PACK 405, McEACHERN UMC

PHI SIGMA PI FROM KSU

POPE HS HONOR SOCIETY

POPE HS SCIENCE NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY

SERVICE DAY - KSU

SWINERTON CARE CREW

U.S. ARMY TRAINING CLASS

VENTURE CREW 540

VOLUNTEER KSU

WALKER SCHOOL

WOODSTOCK HS NJROTC

# Thanks!

#### FY 2019

ALLATOONA HS NJROTC

BOY SCOUT TROOP 144 (EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT)

BOY SCOUT TROOP 200 (EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT)

BOY SCOUT TROOP 277 (EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT)

BOY SCOUT TROOP 287 (EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT) (2 PROJECTS)

BOY SCOUT TROOP 445 (EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT)

BOY SCOUT TROOP 540 (EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT) (2 PROJECTS)

BOY SCOUT TROOP 545 (EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT)

BOY SCOUT TROOP 700 (EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT)

BOY SCOUT TROOP 797

CUB SCOUT PACK 204, MARIETTA

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HILLGROVE HS NJROTC

KENNESAW MOUNTAIN HS NJROTC

KSU BETA ALPHA PSI

MT PARAN CHURCH

VOLUNTEER KSU

WOODSTOCK HS NJROTC

The following groups participated in our February work days:

ALLATOONA HS JROTC

HILLGROVE HS JROTC

WOODSTOCK HS JROTC

KSU

BOY SCOUT TROOP 540

ATLANTA OUTDOOR CLUB

KENNESAW MOUNTAIN HS

HARRISON HS BETA CLUB

HARRISON NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY

We had a total of 129 volunteers as well as 40 KMTC staff participate this month.

#### **Temporary Parking Lot Closures**

Now that the Park is open again, just need to remind you that the paving of the Mountain Road, the Visitor Parking Lot and the Old Highway Parking Lot has not yet been completed. Therefore, the Mountain Road is currently closed for all vehicular traffic, except the Park Bus,



which operates on weekends. So, please visit the <a href="https://www.nps.gov/kemo">www.nps.gov/kemo</a> website to find out the current schedule for the closure of these parking lots.



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Additional Volunteers needed! Call today!

#### 2018 Fund Raising

Your volunteer hours help greatly for the many projects we do in the park and we greatly appreciate you contributing your "sweat equity" alongside our 40+ staff volunteers who routinely support each event. We are a non-profit all volunteer organization. However, like any business, we do have bills to pay.

Many of our projects are funded by the park or through grants we apply for. These funds are typically targeted for specific projects and do cover the big expenses such as rocks, stone dust, dirt, wood beams, bridges, fences, and such. But, after all the big stuff is paid for, we still have need to cover our day-to-day operating expenses for things like saw blade sharpening, fuel, tool repairs, equipment maintenance, work gloves, bug spray, drinking water, snacks, and porta-potties. For these expenses, we rely on your donations.

Each year we kick off a new round of fund raising and this is the 2018 big "ask". We need your help with this, even small donations help.

As we approach our 16th year in operation, we ask you to please think '15', like \$15... \$30... \$45..... \$150... \$1500. All donations to the Trail Club support our work at the park, and are tax deductible.

We are a nationally recognized club - having been presented the highest award in the National Park Service in 2014, "The Hartzog Award for Volunteer Group.". There are several ways to donate:

- Use Guidestar on the bottom of our home page on the Trail Club website <a href="http://www.kennesawmountaintrailclub.org">http://www.kennesawmountaintrailclub.org</a>
- Subscribe to Amazon "Smile" where they will donate to us based on your purchases
- Send a tax deductible contribution to:

Kennesaw Mountain Trail Club\*

Attn: Tom Okerberg

Whitlock Accounting Services

739 Kennesaw Avenue NW

Marietta, Ga. 30060

ALSO: Please check with employers about matching donations.

\* Corporate name is KEMO Trail Corps, Inc., a 501(c)(3) organization.



Kennes	aw Mountain	Trail Club	Calendar
Date	Time	Location	

March, 2019

3/2 9:15 am - 12 pm Education Room, Crew Leader Orientation Class

Visitor Center

3/9 8:00 am - 12 pm Burnt Hickory/Old Mountain Rd Trail Work Day

Parking Lot

Rain Date: 3/16/19 - Same time and location!

**Event** 

**April, 2013** 

4/138:30 am - 12 pmOld Hwy 41 parking lotWork Day/National Park Day4/208:30 am - 1 pmVisitor CenterEarth Day/Junior Ranger Day - NPS/KEMO sponsored event

May, 2013

5/11 8:00 am - 12 pm Burnt Hickory/Old Mountain Rd Trail Work Day

**Parking Lot** 

Rain Date: 5/18/19 - Same time and location!

## Register for Our Work Days!





signup.com/go/VvavYQj. By registering, we can be better prepared with the amount of tools, bottled water, gloves, etc. on hand.



#### Mark Your Calendars!

#### Upcoming Work Day Schedule:

Our trail work days are open to the public on the 2nd Saturday of each month and are a wonderful way to get outside & enjoy nature while helping preserve the national park for future visitors. Registration will open at 8:00 am at the Burnt Hickory/Old Mountain Rd. Parking Lot and we usually are finished by 12:00 p.m - please arrive there by 8:30 am. Activities usually include the use of shovels, rakes, picks, and other tools to fix erosion problems on the 20+ mile trail system. Please do not wear open-toed shoes. Long pants are recommended.

During the winter months, weather conditions can change quickly. We value our volunteers' health, comfort and safety so to promote safer work conditions, we'll cancel work days if the temperature is to remain below 40 degrees and/or there's a high probability of precipitation. If we must cancel a workday, we'll post an announcement on the front page of

the KMTC website at: <a href="https://www.kennesawmountaintrailclub.org">www.kennesawmountaintrailclub.org</a>

If your school, church, business, or community organization would like to schedule a special work day as a team building or public service activity, e-mail us at <a href="mailto:kmtctrails@kennesawmountaintrailclub.org">kmtctrails@kennesawmountaintrailclub.org</a> at least 4 weeks in advance. Trail work can be performed any day of the week.

We work closely with the Park Service and assist the park staff by providing critically needed volunteer effort to install signs, build bridges, and maintain the 20+ miles of trails. Since our beginning in 2002, the Trail Club has donated over 45,000 volunteer hours to Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park.

We hope to see you at a work day soon!

**Key Club Service Project**Cheatham Hill activity field clearing invasive plants. Note:
Before and after photos included at bottom of page. KMTC volunteers included Karen Patella, Danny Leigh, Harry Carpenter, Eric Sawyer and Cam Graham.





Photos by Cam Graham











## 2/9/19 Work Day Photos by Fred Feltmann



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#### **Trail Maintenance Workshop - 2/2/19**

Photos by Fred Feltmann

Class conducted by Jay Dement - left.

The workshop consisted of a classroom session and an "outdoor" experience on the Environmental Trail to reinforce some of the classroom instruction on the trail. A good time was had by all.











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#### **Invasive Plant Crew - 2/9/19**

I always forget to take a before picture. This was just off the trail from the front field to the Brumby trail with Kennesaw Ave in the background. We wiped out some privet up to 4" in diameter at the base. I didn't walk down to the culvert, but I didn't notice any water backed up like it was a week ago.





Still plenty of privet and bush honeysuckle further up the creek closer to the Brumby trail gate. This patch doesn't look much different.

Danny Leigh

Plants Director

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## **Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park Interpretive Programs for MARCH**

\*\*All park programming is free and open to the public. No registration required unless noted.

Programs start at Visitor Center except when otherwise specified.

#### Everyday @ 1:00 pm Ranger Led Museum Tour

## March 2 @11:00 am – 11:30 am 'Kennesaw Mountain's Illinois Monument: Commemorating the Past, Honoring the Present and Inspiring the Future'

The story of Kennesaw Mountain did not end after the battle in 1864, but was continued by the veterans who fought on the battlefield. The ranger will discuss how Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park was established through efforts of Union veterans who fought at Cheatham Hill.

Please note this program is NOT at Visitor Center; parking is at Cheatham Hill Road.

#### March 3 @ 2:30 pm - 3:00 pm Civil War Hygiene, Silent but Deadly"

Times were tough for the campaigning soldier in the 1860's. This 30 minute program focuses on the poor hygiene of the average soldier during the American Civil War and explores how this led to large casualty rates and widespread diseases.

## March 9 @ 11:00 am - 12:30 pm 'Guided Mountaintop Hike'

Join us for a ranger hike to the top of Big Kennesaw Mountain. The hike will focus on local and Civil War history, as well some of the ecology of the area. This is an outdoor program, so please prepare accordingly. Length of the hike will be approximately 2 miles, and will be weather dependent.

#### March 9 @ 8:00 am – 12:30 pm 'Kennesaw Mountain Trail Club Work Day'

Volunteers are needed for each work day to help park staff maintain the 20-plus miles of trails of Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park.

Parking and registration will be at the Burnt Hickory/Old Mountain Rd Parking Lot.
The NPS Volunteer Services Agreement is required. A parent must sign the form if the child is under 18 years old. The form and directions to the registration site are available on the club's website:

kennesawmountaintrailclub.org

Rain Date: 3/16/19 - Same time and location!

#### March 10 @2:30 pm - 3:00 pm 'Civil War Earthworks'

Used for centuries as protection on the battlefield, earthworks played a vital part in the American Civil War. The program, to be conducted at Cheatham Hill, will address the use of earthworks during the Civil War and the importance they had during the Atlanta Campaign and the Battle of Kennesaw Mountain.

\*This program is **not at the Visitor Center**;

parking is at 957 Cheatham Hill Dr., Marietta (i.e. the Illinois Monument parking lot)
\*\* The event will be held in the Visitor Center in the event of inclement weather.

## March 16 @ 11:00 am - 11:30 am 'Freaky Funky Furs: Animals of Kennesaw Mountain'

Come out and enjoy a Ranger-led program on different animal species found here at Kennesaw Mountain. The program will utilize pelts from different animals found at our park to help teach visitors more about the diverse habitat here and the animals that call the park 'home'!

### March 16 @ 10:00 am - 2:00 pm 'Civil War Music'

Music during the Civil War served many functions. Not only did it help to organize and rally, but also went a long way to boost morale amongst the soldiers. Come join the musicians of Three Rivers Fife and Drum as they demonstrate this through performance and discussion of 19th century fife and drum music.

## March 17 @ 1:00 pm - 2:00 pm "Kids' Card-Craft"

Bring your youngsters to the park for a make-and-take program. Kids can celebrate Spring and learn about the various types of rocks, trees, and flowers on the mountain while making a tri-fold craft project to take home. No pre-registration required. This is a drop-in style program, to be offered in the Education Room within the Visitor Center.

#### March 23 @11:00 am - 11:30 am 'Commonalities amongst the Common Soldiers of the Union and Confederacy'

This interactive Ranger led program compares and contrasts the lives of Union and Confederate soldiers during the Atlanta Campaign and shows that these American soldiers were not so different.

## March 24 @ 2:30 pm - 3:00 pm 'Atlanta Campaign Map Talk'

This 30 minute ranger-led program focuses on the 1864 Atlanta Campaign and how the Union and Confederate forces moved through the north Georgia countryside to the city of Atlanta. This program will also utilize the various interpretive maps and signs within the Visitor Center.

## March 30 @11:00 am - 12:30 pm 'Guided 24-Gun Battery Hike'

This program will consist of a ranger-guided 3 mile hike along the 24-Gun Battery Trail. It will focus on the importance of preservation, protection, and history within the national parks. This is an outdoor activity, so please dress and plan accordingly.

The event will be cancelled in the event of inclement weather.

## March 30 @ 1:00 pm & 2:00 pm 'Raptor Rapture'

Come learn about and observe local birds of prey and how they are perfectly adapted to survive and hunt!

This program features live raptors and interactive demonstrations.

#### March 31 @2:30 pm - 3:00 pm 'Life of a Soldier'

Life for the common infantry soldier during the Atlanta Campaign was less than ideal. The sacrifice made by those men pave the way for the nation that we live in today. Come out and enjoy an interactive ranger presentation that will honor their sacrifice, as well as illustrate how soldiers lived and fought on the campaign trail in 1864.

\*\* Outdoor programs (Living History programs and hikes) may be cancelled in the occurrence of inclement weather).

\*\*\* For more program details, please contact Visitor Center at 770-427-4686, ext. 0, or visit our website at <u>www.nps.gov/kemo</u>

#### The Americans

September 1, 2008

We come from all walks of life, from all cultures, past and present.

Cherokee,

Missouri Comanche,

Comanche

Anistasi Aztec Inca

German Italian

Chinese French

Eskimo Nigerian Kenyan Thai

Iraqi

All these, and many more. We are all American.

Have you been to the Grand Canyon?

Pikes Peak? Denali?

The Everglades? The Prairie?

The Golden Gate Bridge? Stone Door?

Niagara Falls? Yosemite?

Or maybe just to Kennesaw Mountain?

The Appalachian Trail?
The Cumberland Plateau?

Or stood on the banks of the Mississippi?
or the wide Missouri?

Have you been it its cities - great or small?

Washington DC

New York Los Angeles

Dahlonega

Peoria

Little Rock

Rock Island

Gettysburg
Or so many more?

Have you listened to its music

Copeland

Gershwin

Sousa

Joplin

Armstrong

Arkenstone

Diamond

Presley

Mannheim Steamroller

Or so many more?

There are so many genre - classical, jazz, country, western, American Indian, New age, rock and roll - the list goes on.

What is it that makes you free - the music, the love of this land, its people, its desire?

Is it the desire to help your neighbor when they're in need?

To work together for a common goal?

Or just to sit and watch a sporting event,

like the Olympics?

And see the love of Country displayed before all?

We have not always done right or the best that we could, but we haven't given up trying to right the wrong, or do the better thing the next time.

This Country and its people - it has a heart and soul - we will do the best we can, with what we have and with the help of our Creator.

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#### **April Newsletter Deadline**

If you wish to have an article published in the March Newsletter, please submit it to Fred Feltmann at faf1948@bellsouth.net no later than March 20th!

#### KENNESAW MOUNTAIN NATIONAL BATTLEFIELD PARK Trail Maintenance Map

