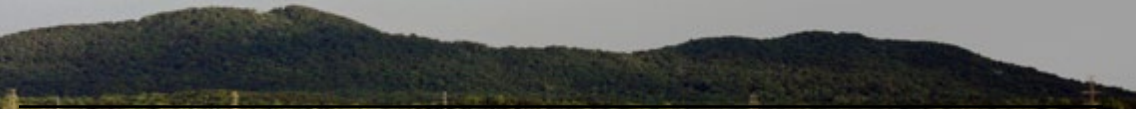




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Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park Closed

Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park, in response to Guidelines issued by the Centers for Disease Control and the Georgia Department of Public Health, has closed its operations to support federal, state, and local efforts to slow the spread of the novel coronavirus (COVID-19).

As of March 24, 2020, Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park will offer no services outside those that support emergency visitor or resource protection. At Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park, the following services and operations will be closed:

- ☐ All parking lots, buildings, facilities, and trails.

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We are all in this together!

With this in mind, let's create a list of things to do. Everybody just add a few things to the list:

1. Walk in your or another neighborhood.
2. Reach out to a friend or family member and talk. They are going through the same things you are.
3. Play with your dog or cat.
4. Read a book.
5. Learn a new card game.
6. Clean out your closets, cabinets, etc.
7. Pray for our families, friends, first responders, medical staff, ministers and armed service members.

Be sure to:

1. Wash your hands frequently.
2. Cover your mouth when you cough.
3. Cover your nose and mouth when you sneeze.
4. Avoid shaking hands and hugging - use an elbow bump if you have to.
5. Keep a social distance when you have to go out.
6. Don't touch your face, eyes, etc.
7. Stay home, especially if you are sick.
8. Avoid crowds or groups more than 10.
9. When you go shopping for food and necessities, buy only what you need for the next week or so - what are you going to do with all the extras, especially considering the expiration dates of what you are buying.

- And if you have a lot of extras, consider donating it before it expires.

Have a great day!

Rena & Fred

Thanks, Publix

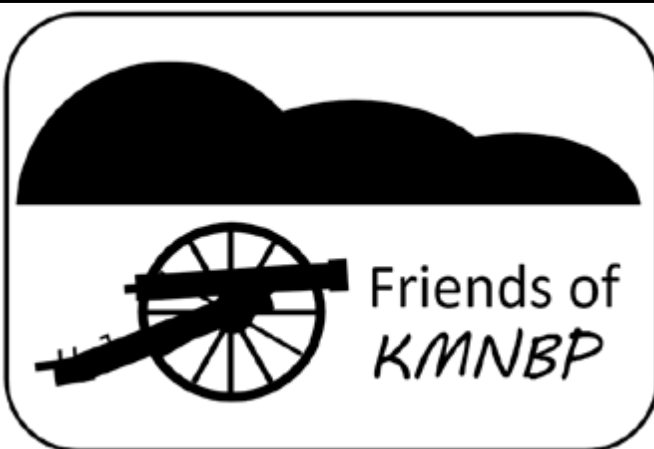
Publix has made a donation to the Trail Club in conjunction with a special work day we had scheduled for late March to complete some much-needed trail maintenance. We will hold the donation until we can hopefully reschedule to accomplish the task. In the mean time, thank you, Publix. We hope that your employees remain safe!





Ranger Jake demonstrates battle tactics used during the Battle of Kennesaw Mountain to 60 4th Graders from Belmont Hills, on February 5, 2020,

Photo by Anne Page Mosby



The Friends of KMNBP's mission is to raise funds to support programs and projects at the Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park.

Your Membership helps to fund this mission.

Please join us.

Our website is FriendsOfKMNBP.org.

Visit to find out more info, to donate, or to sign up for one of our Board positions or to register as a member of the Friends organization.

Our Mission:

The mission of the Friends of KMNBP is to work in partnership with the National Park Service and the local community to raise annual funding for projects and activities in the Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park.

Programs supported: Outdoor Education
KEMO Trail Club
Living History
Trail Ambassadors

Open Positions: Membership Chair
Audio File Transcriber
1-Year Board Members

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How Far

Maybe the article title should be a big question mark about 'how far.' There are lots of scenarios where that short phrase can be a question and others it could be a statement of fact. When walking a trail one could easily ask or think; how far have I gone or how much farther is it? Sometimes it's an easy answer if you can check out the surroundings, like being high up enough to see where you've been or are going.

Right now when at Kennesaw Mountain the leaves are off so it's pretty easy to figure out where you are. However soon the trees will be leafed out and the trails become shady and then not so easy (well it's not like we're in the wilderness, but follow along).

In last months "Earthworks" hopefully you read about how there was a failed culvert that caused a hole in the trail. Usually one of the first questions asked is, 'How far down the trail is it'? Meaning one has to have a point of reference and then figure out how far it is from there. Or maybe there's a known site which can be referred to. But, sometimes a site which one may think everyone knows about is not the same site that you're thinking of. The thing to remember in a case such as this is to be aware of your surroundings. Let's say you are in the wildness and become disoriented, then try to remember certain things like how many hills since start of hike, a water crossing or field anything that will give a hint of how far you've gone.

Bla, Bla, Bla... etc... Enough of my thought process on this subject. I started writing this several weeks ago, then the 'virus' hit and has changed everyone's way of thinking for the present and most likely the future. Now one better know where they are and even more important how to get back.

Heck, you even have to be aware of how far you are from another person.

Who would have ever thought that the Mountain Road would be closed, much less the Park itself, because people could be walking too close together.

There's a famous architect from Rotterdam who likes to think about, "What's next - What's ahead." That's a good thought for all of us, especially looking to the future. I even looked over to my wife one day while we were looking for a restaurant and said, "I think that we've gone farther than we have."

Doug Tasse

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Additional Volunteers needed! Call today!



KMTC Is Applying For An REI Co-op Grant

IMPORTANT: We are excited to share that REI will be promoting your organization's project in our Kennesaw store between 4/8-5/3/2020 during "**Your Co-op. Your Voice. Your Outdoors.**" During this time, REI members will be invited to help us decide how to invest some of our giving budget in three local, place-based stewardship projects.

When members make an in-store purchase between 4/8-5/3 (or pick up a digital order in-store), they will receive a token at the register. The token will be used to choose between 3 local stewardship projects via an in-store display at the REI Kennesaw store. The dollars will be determined based on the number of tokens. More information about this activation is stated below.

This program was successful in 2019 and we are pleased to bring it back in 2020. The goal of this activation is to provide our members with a way to participate in our local giving and increase awareness of our local grantmaking and our nonprofit partners. This is not a contest or a competition. All projects will receive funding.

See you outside,

Brian Powell

REI Local Brand Engagement Market Coordinator - Atlanta

Here's how it will work:

- When members make an in-store purchase between 4/8-5/3 they will receive a token at the register. The token will be used to choose between 3 local stewardship projects via a simple in-store display at the REI Kennesaw store.
- All three projects will receive funding, but the amount depends on the number of tokens received for each project. For example, if members will help us decide how to invest \$5k in our region, and your organization/stewardship project receives 50% of total number of tokens, that means you will receive a grant of \$2500 from REI.
- Tokens are not available with online purchases unless they are delivered to the stores.
- All members are eligible to receive a token after each purchase made during 4/8-5/3.
- You will find out your total REI grant award approximately 6 weeks after you submit your application.

Photo, above, by Dick Gabriel.

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 2019 (October 2018- Present):

FY 2019

ALLATOONA HS NJROTC
ATLANTA OUTDOOR CLUB (AOC)
BOY SCOUT TROOP 008 (EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT)
BOY SCOUT TROOP 144 (EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT)
BOY SCOUT TROOP 200 (EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT)
BOY SCOUT TROOP 277 (EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT) (3 PROJECTS)
BOY SCOUT TROOP 287 (EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT) (2 PROJECTS)
BOY SCOUT TROOP 433 (EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT) (2 PROJECTS)
BOY SCOUT TROOP 442 (EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT)
BOY SCOUT TROOP 445 (EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT)
BOY SCOUT TROOP 540
BOY SCOUT TROOP 540 (EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT) (3 PROJECTS)
BOY SCOUT TROOP 545 (EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT) (2)
BOY SCOUT TROOP 700 (EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT)
BOY SCOUT TROOP 797
BOY SCOUT TROOP 797 (EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT) (2 PROJECTS)
BOY SCOUT TROOP 1011 (EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT)
BOY SCOUTS T 8880
BOY SCOUT TROOP 8880 (EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT)
CUB SCOUT PACK 204, MARIETTA
GUMBERLAND SCHOOL
DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION
FLIGHTWORKS
FRIENDS TO THE FORLORN PITBULL RESCUE
GEORGIA TECH
HARRISON HS BETA CLUB
HARRISON HIGH SCHOOL KEY CLUB
HARRISON NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY
HILLGROVE HS NJROTC
KENNESAW MOUNTAIN HS
KENNESAW MOUNTAIN HS HOPE
KENNESAW MOUNTAIN HS NJROTC
KSU
KSU BETA ALPHA PSI
MARIETTA HS
MT PARAN CHURCH
PACESETTER STEEL
SCA
SPRAYBERRY HS HOPE



TRUST
US ARMY
VOLUNTEER KSU
WHEELER HS
WOODSTOCK HS NJROTC



FY 2020

ALLATOONA HS NJROTC
BOY SCOUT TROOP 89
KING'S ACADEMY HS ARMY JROTC
HILLGROVE HS NJROTC
POPE HS - NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY
RIVER RIDGE HS
RIVER RIDGE HS ARMY JROTC
TRUST (KSU)
WALKER HS

Our March Work Day was cancelled because of weather - the forecast of morning rain showers.

Wanted: Membership Chair!

"The Friends of Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park is looking for a personable, self-starting, take-charge volunteer to lead their membership team. [Contact Scott Mackay at box2105@mindspring.com.](mailto:box2105@mindspring.com)"

Park Visitation Outdistances That At Other Civil War Battlefield Parks!

Kennesaw Mountain again topped the charts in 2019 as the most-visited Civil War Battlefield Park in the country! In 2014, Kennesaw Mountain NB Park had 2,360,256 visitors and in 2019 we had 2,621,050 visitors far surpassing:

--Gettysburg 925,117
--Chickamauga/Chattanooga 977,158
--Fredericksburg/Spotsylvania 906,800
--Vicksburg 576,456
--Manassas 510,427

Transcriptions of Veterans' Interviews

Funding needed: \$150 each, 15 Transcriptions to complete project

To donate: go to the following link and type "**Veterans Transcription Project**" in the comments box <https://friendsofkmnbp.org/giving-membership/donate/>

The Veterans' History Project at KEMO serves to highlight veterans as well as active military who have served or are currently serving our country. This project highlights differing perspectives, branches, and time frames to compare and contrast experiences. Our park is a battlefield site; therefore, this project offers a vital connection to past, present, and future military stories.

Another component of this project brings a greater awareness of these soldier accounts into the classroom, providing a better understanding of our shared history. These stories were gathered and compiled by ethnographer Susan Caolo, NPS Intern, from October 2017 through February 2018. The interviews are part of the Library of Congress's Veterans History Project, housed in Washington, D.C.

The audio clips featured on the NPS KEMO web site are a portion of the full interview conducted with each participant. Each interview is about one hour long. The interviews are categorized according to specific themes addressed. These themes are highlighted in the student workbook that complements the project. To complete the project a professional company will prepare a Word document transcript. A copy will be provided to the veteran and an electronic copy will be housed on the NPS KEMO Share-all for use by schools or historians. Below are content examples.



Gus Tramonte

Branch: U.S. Marine Corps
Rank: Corporal
Dates of Service: 1941-1945
Conflicts: WWII, Guadalcanal, Bougainville
Military Occupational Specialty (MOS): Saxophone in Military Band



Helen (Crookham) Campbell

Branch: U.S. Marine Corps
Dates of Service: 1943-1945
Conflict: WWII
Military Occupational Specialty (MOS): Link Flight Trainer

2019/2020 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 80+ 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, along with basic business expenses - e.g. insurance. For these expenses, we rely on your donations.

Each year we kick off a new round of fund raising and this is the 2020 big “ask.” We need your help with this, even small donations help. We will conclude this drive at the end of FY 2020 (September, 2020).

As we approach our 18th year in operation, we ask you to please think ‘20’, like \$20.. \$40.. \$60..... \$200... \$2000. All donations to the Trail Club support our work at the park, and are tax deductible.

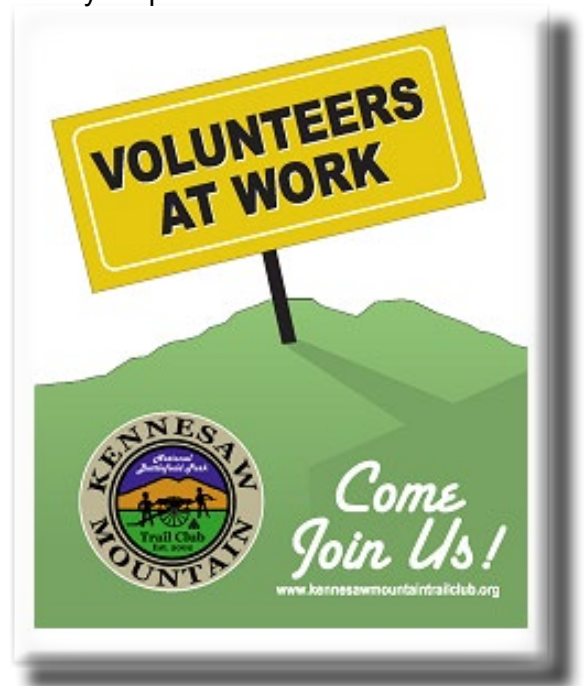
We are a nationally recognized club - having been presented the highest award in the National Park Service in 2014, “The Hartzog Award for Volunteer Group.”. There are several ways to donate:

- Use Guidestar on the bottom of our home page on the Trail Club website <http://www.kennesawmountaintrailclub.org>
- Subscribe to Amazon “Smile” where they will donate to us based on your purchases <https://smile.amazon.com/> - look for KEMO Trails Corps
- 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.



Kennesaw Mountain Trail Club Calendar

Date Time Location Event

All Work Days and events at Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park are cancelled indefinitely at this point. In addition, all trails and facilities are closed at Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park

We will send out an email when events warrant a restart of work days and events and the Park reopens.

Register for Our Work Days!

Be sure to register online for our Work Days at [http://](http://signup.com/go/VvavYQj)

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:

All planned work days for the upcoming months have been cancelled until further notice.

If your school, church, business, or community organization would like to schedule a special work day as a team building or public service activity once we resume our work day schedules, e-mail us at kmtctrails@kennesawmountaintrailclub.org 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.

Remember, park trails are closed at this time. The next trail workday will be announced once the park reopens.

We hope to see you at a work day as soon as we return to our normal scheduling!

Hiking The Trails Builds Character And Many Other Attributes

I was in the process of rebuilding my trail acumen this past Saturday (March 21st). I have been off the trails for about 2 months because of health issues and needed to begin getting back into shape for my final sojourn to Philmont Scout Reservation in October. Needless to say it's going to be a while before I can start up again. But that's an issue for another day. This day was the start. Yes, I was able to complete a 5-mile trek from Pigeon Hill Parking lot to Dallas Highway via the Hardage Mill trail, back along the fire road to the eastern trail that passes by the New Salem Church site, across Burnt Hickory Rd to the Pigeon Hill Trail and then back to the Pigeon Hill Parking lot. Took a couple of hours. Saw lots of folks out there trying to break the cabin fever issues, and trying to maintain social distancing. But everyone was friendly.

When I got to Noses Creek, I noticed that some enterprising individual had cut up a bunch of stumps and had placed them in a shallow section of the creek to facilitate crossing. I continued to the bridge, and on continuing on the other side along the creek, I again approached the stumps. As I neared them, I noticed a father and daughter crossing, using the stumps. She was a little hesitant, but managed to cross it. Then, gathering her courage, she decided to cross back over by herself, not once but twice! Her mother then came upon them, thought about trying it herself, but then thought the better of it. I don't blame her. I had the same option a few minutes earlier, but then thought the better of it as well. I've had my episodes with creek crossings both on purpose and accidentally. There was a point about 25 years earlier that an accidental crossing didn't go well, having stepped on a rock outcropping on the edge of a trail and making a big splash with a full pack on. Did you know that it's not easy to stand up in a creek with a full backpack (approximately 60 lbs) and a camera in hand? Well, a couple of minutes later my compatriots finally figured I wasn't coming out on my own either and bailed me out, after my camera had succumbed to the elements.

So, while watching as this scenario developed, I took away lots of thoughts. As we age, we learn different things from a particular situation.

- I learned this day that I can still hike on easy-moderate trails.
- I am not as agile as I used to be - walking across a creek on stumps, even if I have hiking poles, is not my cup of tea - and I will avoid it at all cost, if possible.
- Youth are much more able to handle challenges of this type. (And in my previous life as a Scout leader, I had already realized that teenagers follow the philosophy that they are Triple I B - Invincible, Invisible, Immortal and Bullet-proof.
- I still enjoy hiking at Kennesaw Mountain.

- I enjoy the beauty of Nature that our God has provided us and that is all around us as we hike Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park.
- I realize the sacrifice that occurred here in the summer of 1864 - there are still signs of the Earthworks, and other entrenchments throughout the Park. Over 4000 Union and Confederate Soldiers made the eternal sacrifice in the environs of this Park, not the additional thousands who were wounded.
- I can appreciate the work that we as the Trail Club have accomplished at the Park during the last 18 years.
- I see the work that remains to be done and hope that some day in the near future that we can again go about our job to support the NPS in getting it done.
- I look forward to the challenge of again hiking the Mountain trail from the Pigeon Hill Parking lot to the Visitor Center and back once the Park reopens.

Fred Feltmann

Communications Director



Photos by Fred Feltmann



Spring Alive At Kennesaw Mountain

Photos by Kathy Bearden

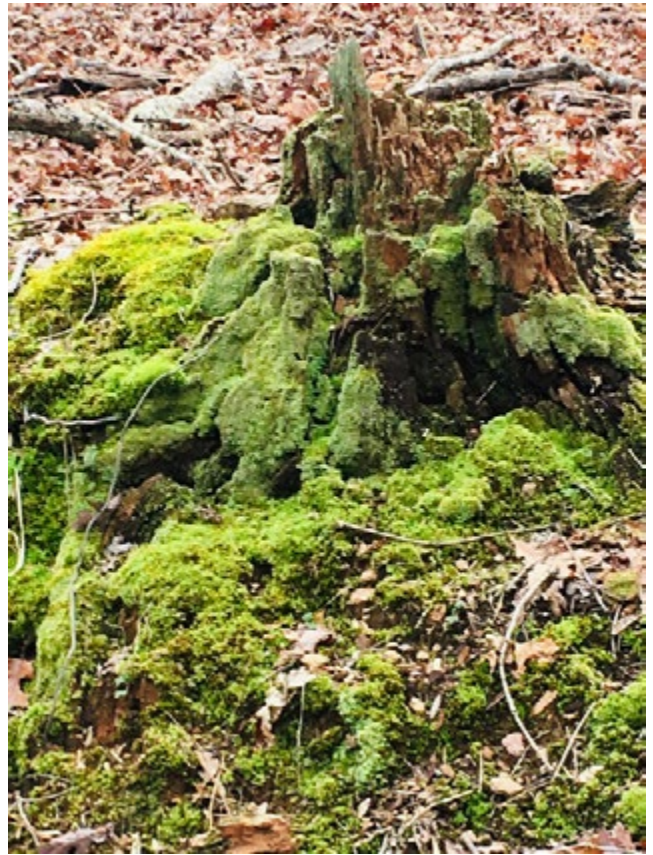
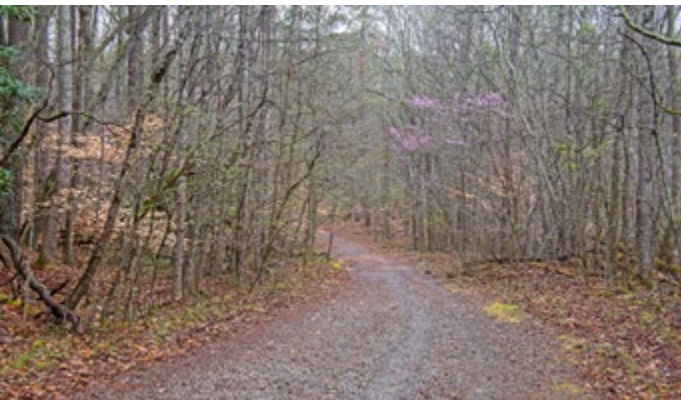
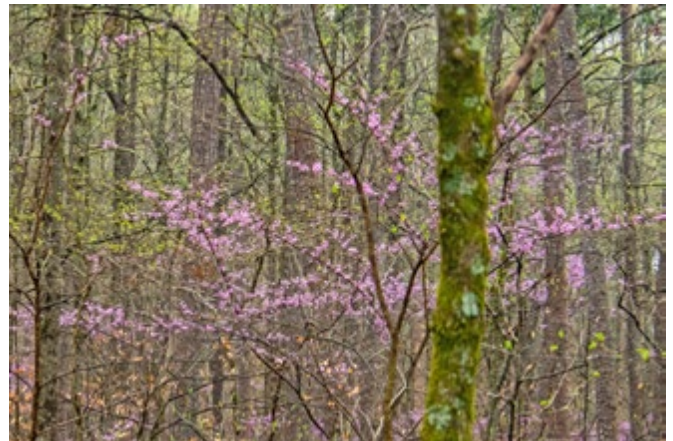


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A Hike In The Park - 3/21/20

Photos by Fred Feltmann



EVENT NEWS RELEASE

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TRAIL SKILLS WORKSHOP

Lake Winfield Scott

September 26-27, 2020

The Trail Skills Workshop is a two day event September 26 & 27, 2020, at Lake Winfield Scott, hosted in cooperation by the Georgia Appalachian Trail Club, Chattahoochee-Oconee national Forest, and Appalachian Trail Conservancy. There is no charge for the program, camping and a cookout dinner on Saturday is included.

This workshop is focused on teaching the most current trail construction and maintenance methods applicable for Eastern landscapes. Courses are a mix of classroom instruction, field time, and social time. Previous experience is not necessary for the Essential Trail Skills class, The 215 Drainage Dip class is for more experienced trail workers. There are also classes for moving heavy logs and rocks. A more advanced course in rock shaping is also offered.

For more information contact jay@jayDphotos.com and to register go to <https://forms.gle/DgRjkGP9xB2vofXM6>.

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* updated

Local Area Students Benefit from Parks as Classrooms This School Year

THE NATIONAL PARK FOUNDATION'S SUPPORT HAS MADE IT POSSIBLE FOR STUDENTS, MANY FROM UNDERSERVED COMMUNITIES, TO ACCESS EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES IN PARKS

KENNESAW, GA (March 9, 2020) Since 2011, the National Park Foundation (NPF) has engaged more than one million students in educational programs connecting them with national parks across the country, including Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park, Chattahoochee River National Recreation Area, and Martin Luther King Jr. National Historical Park through the Open Outdoors for Kids Focus City program.

The metro Atlanta partnership for Open Outdoors for Kids is one of NPF's focus cities. A program within a program, the Open Outdoors for Kids focus cities are provided with expanded investments to create successful models for how parks, schools, and other local partners can collaborate on a long-term basis to not only connect kids to parks, but also raise awareness broadly about the importance of connecting children to the outdoors and historical and cultural sites.

The overall goal for this program is to offer an interactive learning experience, aligned with the curriculum, that will help build relationships with 2,160 underserved local area fourth-graders. The program will increase the use of the three metro Atlanta area parks as a place for site-based learning. Specific schools will visit Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park in the spring, Chattahoochee River National Recreation Area in the fall, and Martin Luther King Jr. National Historic Park in early winter.



At Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park (KEMO), the Open Outdoors for Kids fieldtrips are underway. This past week, KEMO engaged with a large school group out from Brumby Elementary. At the end of the field-based learning, two of the teachers shared that this was an extremely hands on learning experience and that it aligned perfectly with the fourth grade curriculum. They were both ecstatic because their students really enjoyed the program and learned as well.

Over the past nine years, more than one million students, many of whom are from underserved communities, have directly benefited from engaging with parks as classrooms. Together with its donors and partners, NPF has invested \$13.9 million since 2011 toward fostering the next generation of park champions. The organization's goal is to connect 250,000 kids and adults to parks throughout 2020 via school field trips, service corps, volunteer efforts, and fellowships, thereby growing the community of people who benefit from and care about these treasured places.

"National parks are vibrant living laboratories that enrich learning for students of all ages," said National Park Foundation President and CEO Will Shafroth. "The National Park Foundation and partners are bridging the gap to make transformational experiences possible for one million students and counting, eliminating barriers to access and maximizing educational benefits."

As the official nonprofit partner of the National Park Service, NPF raises support from generous individuals and dedicated partners for diverse in-park educational experiences that connect kids, high-schoolers, and students of all ages to their local parks and inspires the next generation of park champions. From local philanthropic organizations and friends' groups, to local schools, to community-based organizations, partners are critical to this effort.

While national parks are found throughout the United States, several factors affect students' abilities to access them. A lack of transportation options and financial means, working parents who are unable to provide transportation, and geographic proximity are all potential challenges to park visitation for young people.



A recent fieldtrip of fourth grade students visited Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield from a Title 1 school located near the metro Atlanta area. Of the 150 students visiting, only three of the students had ever visited a national park before. The Focus City Grant is important because the students from the Title 1 schools are an underserved population. When students engage in science, history, and learning in a kinesthetic way, outside of the regular classroom, there is an incredible learning opportunity that will elicit memories for a lifetime in their national parks.

The National Park Foundation is committed to making educational experiences in parks more accessible for all people, with a specific focus

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Local Students Benefit.... Continued from Page 12



on underserved populations and communities of color, in both rural and urban settings across the country. National Park Foundation-supported programs across the country engage students and their teachers in educational field trips, provide young adults and veterans employment opportunities that help restore public lands, connect people of all ages with the joyful experiences of giving back through volunteer events, and offer career development opportunities for teachers and emerging scholars. All of these efforts are part of NPF's broader work to connect people to and protect national parks.

NPF's Open OutDoors for Kids program connects elementary school-aged youth to national parks through meaningful, educational, and engaging field trips. The majority of

funding for this program supports fourth grade students at Title I schools with high percentages of students from low-income families that receive financial assistance through the Elementary and Secondary Education Act to help ensure they have the resources to meet academic standards. Nationally, school districts in high-poverty communities have the highest total Title I allocations per eligible student. Schools in these communities are less likely to have the resources to engage national parks and outdoor education into student curriculum.

Additionally, Open OutDoors for Kids complements the federal Every Kid Outdoors initiative focusing on 10-year-old students, the age of most fourth graders. Research indicates that children of that age are at a unique developmental stage in their learning where they begin



to understand how the world around them works in more concrete ways and they are more receptive to engaging with nature and the environment. View the list of the National Park Foundation Open OutDoors for Kids grantee projects for the 2019-2020 school year.



Thanks to private philanthropy, including support for Open OutDoors for Kids from Find Your Park/Encuentra Tu Parque premier partner Union Pacific Railroad and partners such as the 3M Open Fund, Apple, Columbia Sportswear, OARS, Parks Project, Sierra, Niantic, and Winnebago Industries Foundation, the National Park Foundation is investing \$2.5 million in educational programs across the country during the 2019-2020 school year. Select projects were matched with federal funds as part of the Centennial Challenge program.

Individuals, foundations, and companies can bolster programs like this by supporting NPF's efforts to engage more students with national parks as classrooms. Visit the NPF website to learn more.

ABOUT KENNESAW MOUNTAIN NATIONAL BATTLEFIELD PARK

Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park is a site within the national park system that preserves a Civil War battleground of the Atlanta Campaign. Opposing forces maneuvered and fought here from June 19 - July 2, 1864. Although most famous as a Civil War battlefield, Kennesaw Mountain has a richer story that includes cultural and natural resources as well. The park has monuments, historical markers, cannon emplacements, and over 22 miles of trails.

ABOUT THE NATIONAL PARK FOUNDATION

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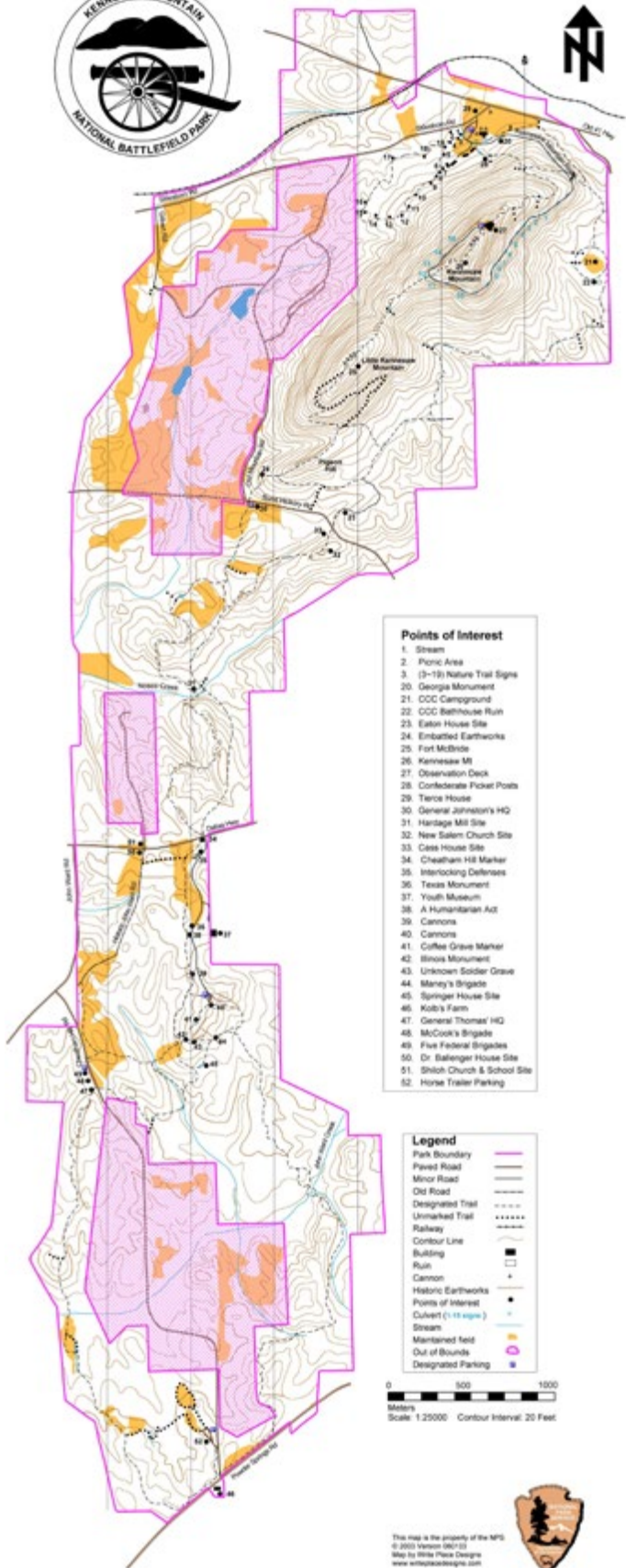


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KENNESAW MOUNTAIN NATIONAL BATTLEFIELD PARK

Trail Maintenance Map



- Points of Interest**
1. Stream
 2. Picnic Area
 3. (3-19) Nature Trail Signs
 20. Georgia Monument
 21. CCC Campground
 22. CCC Bathhouse Ruin
 23. Eaton House Site
 24. Embattled Earthworks
 25. Fort McBride
 26. Kennesaw MI
 27. Observation Deck
 28. Confederate Picket Posts
 29. Texas House
 30. General Johnston's HQ
 31. Heritage Mill Site
 32. New Salem Church Site
 33. Cass House Site
 34. Cheatham Hill Marker
 36. Intertwining Defenses
 36. Texas Monument
 37. Youth Museum
 38. A Humanitarian Act
 39. Cannons
 40. Cannons
 41. Coffee Grave Marker
 42. Simon Monument
 43. Unknown Soldier Grave
 44. Manly's Brigade
 45. Springer House Site
 46. Kolb's Farm
 47. General Thomas HQ
 48. McCook's Brigade
 49. Five Federal Brigades
 50. Dr. Balenger House Site
 51. Shiloh Church & School Site
 52. Horse Trailer Parking

- Legend**
- Park Boundary
 - Paved Road
 - Minor Road
 - Old Road
 - Designated Trail
 - Unmarked Trail
 - Railway
 - Contour Line
 - Building
 - Ruin
 - Cannon
 - Historic Earthworks
 - Points of Interest
 - Culvert (18" pipe)
 - Stream
 - Maintained field
 - Out of Bounds
 - Designated Parking

May Newsletter Deadline

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

PS Even if you're just a "volunteer," you can also present an article for publication - and you won't be the first!