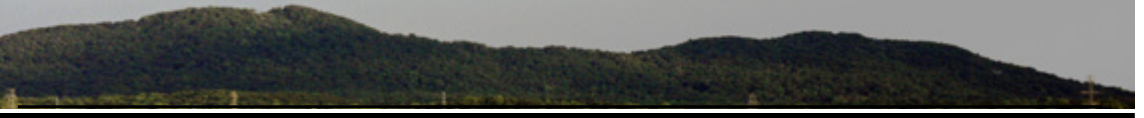




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March Work Days Cancelled

Our March Work days were cancelled because of weather. We take our volunteers health and well-being seriously. We will always cancel our work days if there is a forecast of rain or cold weather.



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Workday 04-9-22

Because of the extreme cold and threat of freezing rain the March 12 workday was cancelled.

Our next workday is Saturday, April 9, 2022. We will be performing the fencing project that was scheduled for March and will meet at the Amphitheater/Picnic area - parking will be in the field next to the amphitheater.

Mike Collett
Trails Director

Come Learn What It Takes To Maintain Our Trails

On Saturday, April 23, 2022 we will be conducting a class for those that want to learn what it takes to maintain our trails. Even if you do not currently plan to become a crew leader you will learn how trail maintenance is done. This is required for those that are already in training or want to become a crew leader. Current Crew Leaders can use this as a refresher course. Please email Mike Collett at trails@kennesawmountaintrailclub.org if you have questions and / or want to attend the class. You'll be added to the Class roster and emailed specific details regarding the class.

Mike Collett
Trails Director

Kudos For Our February Work Day Volunteers and Crew Leaders/Trail Ambassadors!

Excellent job Mike, you got a lot done between Friday and Saturday, I was really impressed when I saw the work you all did over the weekend.

Carlos Hurston
NPS Facility Manager

Welcome to Our New Subscribers!

Welcome to those who signed up on March 26 to find out more about the Trail Club!

May Newsletter Deadline

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

Mountain Store Trailer Opens First Weekend in May

Eastern National will open the Mountain Store Trailer the first weekend in May (May 7th) and will remain open on weekends and major holidays until the last weekend in September (September 25th). The store will be open from 10 am until 5 pm and have hats, t-shirts, snacks, water, Powerade and ice cream for sale for our hikers and other visitors to the mountain.

[Dan Beard](#)

Tick Carrying New Disease Found in the Southeast - The Lonestar Tick

A new tick-borne virus has been discovered in the Southeast - the Heartland virus. More info regarding this virus can be found at <https://tinyurl.com/3w84jr33>. This disease is carried by the Lonestar tick, which is described in the above article. The lone star tick, which has a telltale white dot on its back, is so tiny it can go unnoticed on the skin, and you might not even know if you are bitten. One person in Georgia is known to have died as a result of an infection from this tick. The disease has been detected in the deer population in Georgia. One study of Georgia Lonestar ticks found the disease in one in 2000 ticks. Heartland virus can cause fever, fatigue, decreased appetite, headache, nausea, diarrhea, and muscle or joint pain. The virus can also affect blood counts and liver function.

This article was found in Newsmax Health, as noted in the referenced hyperlink, above.

Fred Feltmann

Editor

Kennesaw Mountain Trail Club



Expect Delays at Dallas Hwy and Whitlock Ave

Crews will start clearing work for the Whitlock Avenue trail segment of the Kennesaw Mountain Pedestrian Improvements on Monday, Oct. 25. Significant delays are expected along Dallas Highway/Whitlock Avenue between John Ward Road and Cheatham Hill Drive. Crews will be working in the area from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on weekdays, and road capacity will be reduced to one lane.

Traffic delays are expected to be worse in the afternoon in the westbound direction. Alternate routes are recommended.

For more information, contact Cobb DOT at 770-528-1623. Expected completion is July 30, 2023. Click [here](#) for general info on Cobb County projects.

See also:

<http://www.cobbcommute.org/1311#/> - Dallas Hwy

<http://www.cobbcommute.org/1257#/> - Cheatham Hill Rd.

Cobb County Multi-use Trail System

Below is a link to the map for the Cobb County Multi-use Trail System:

www.tinyurl.com/yu6ybcm5



Fred Feltmann

Above - Spring, 2020

Left - Spring, 2019

Along the Trails at Kennesaw Mountain NBP

Newsletter Sign-up

Would you like to receive our newsletter? To sign up, click on the following link: <http://eepurl.com/gKjX1n> Complete and submit this form. You'll be added to our subscription list.

Wish to unsubscribe? Simply follow the instructions at the bottom of the email forwarding the newsletter link, and you'll be permanently removed from our mailing list. To re-subscribe, you will need to use a different email address - removal is permanent for the original email address!

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Additional Volunteers needed! Call today!

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 2019 (October 2019-September 2020 and Fiscal 2021 (October 2020-Present):

FY 2021

ALLATOONA HS NJROTC
ATLANTA OUTDOOR CLUB (AOC)
HILLGROVE HS JNROTC
ISMAILI CIVIC
KMTC CREW LEADERS
KSU CROSS COUNTRY TEAM
KSU HEALTH CLASS
REI
WALTON HIGH SCHOOL
WHEELER HIGH SCHOOL



FY 2022

ALLATOONA HIGH SCHOOL HONOR SOCIETY
ALLATOONA HS NJROTC
ATLANTA OUTDOOR CLUB (AOC)
HILLGROVE HS NJROTC
KENNESAW STATE UNIVERSITY (KSU)
LINCOLN TECH
MARIETTA HS SPORTSMANS CLUB
MOUNT PARAN
WHEELER HS, HELPING HANDS

This Past Month's Volunteers

All of our work days for March were cancelled because of weather conditions. Hope to see you all in April!



Grant Writer Needed

One of the ways of getting funds for the various activities supported by the Friends/KMTC is to receive grants. To do



this, the Friends (and KMTC) need the expertise of someone who is versed in completing grant applications. If you are interested in this worthwhile endeavor, please contact Scott Mackay - President@TheFriendsOfKMNBPN.onmicrosoft.com. In the past the Trail Club has successfully applied for grants of \$10,000 and more. One of these successful efforts provided the funds to build the bridge across John Ward Creek on the Kolb Farm West Trail! Other grants that the Trail Club successfully applied for included the funding of the Ticket-To-Ride program providing transportation, program and materials to introduce grade school children to the park. So this is a very important and worthwhile position on the Friends Board. Our previous grant writer retired after 15 years of successful service to the Trail Club. We look forward to hearing from anyone interested in this volunteer position if you would more details/information about this position.

“Other” Volunteers Needed!

Interested in being more active with the Trail Club (or the Friends), but don't want to do Crew Leader or Trail Ambassador work? See page 8 for a list of activities/functions needed to maintain the organizations and contact the various department heads to volunteer!

Crew Leader & Trail Ambassador Positions Available!

Contact Mike Collett (regarding Crew Leader positions) or Donald Olds (Trail Ambassador positions) if interested.

Mike Collett - trails@kennesawmountaintrailclub.org

Donald Olds (Interim) -

ambassador@kennesawmountaintrailclub.org

Training Positions Available!

In an effort to improve smoother transitions in leadership, we are adding training slots for the various Directors and President. Initial training slots are for President/Vice President, Trail Ambassador Director and Communications Director. Contact Donald Olds - ambassador@kennesawmountaintrailclub.org - [for additional information.](#)

2021/2022 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 2021/2022 big “ask.” We need your help with this, even small donations help. We will conclude this drive at the end of FY 2022 (September, 2022).

As we approach our 19th 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.

* Our Corporate name is KEMO Trail Corps, Inc., an IRS 501(c)(3) non-profit corporation.



Kennesaw Mountain Trail Club Calendar

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Event</u>
4/9	8:00 am - noon	Visitor Center	Park Day/KMTC Work Day
4/23	8:00 am - 12:30 pm	TBD	Come Learn What It Takes To Maintain Our Trails
5/14	8:00 am - noon	TBD	KMTC Work Day
6/11	8:00 am - noon	TBD	National Trails Day/KMTC Work Day

All NPS outdoor events at Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park are being conducted.

See Pages 9 -12 for list of NPS Staff Events for April.

All trails are open. All parking lots are open. The Mountain Road parking lot is open when the Mountain Road is open.

Visitor Center is now open, however masks are required.

The Visitor Center theater is now open and the movie is now showing.

The Mountain Rd. is open to motorized vehicles on weekdays (excluding major holidays), however the Park bus is not making trips on the weekend to the Mountain Top until further notice.”

The horse trail crossing on John Ward Creek on the Kolb Farm East Trail is closed until further notice because of the treacherous creek crossing there.

Register for Our Work Days!

Be sure to register online for our Work Days at <https://signup.com/go/QKAUKsQ>. 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:

We are back in the business of trail maintenance! See the sign-up links, above. We are still limiting our numbers, but anyone one is now welcome to sign-up.

The Trail Club will provide supervision and tools. Volunteers should wear work clothes and closed toed shoes. Participants are encouraged to bring their own water, work gloves and masks. The NPS Volunteer Service Agreement and COVID forms are required, signed by a parent or guardian, if the student is under 18 years old. The forms are available on the trail club web site: <http://www.kennesawmountaintrailclub.org/volunteer.php>

Parking and registration will be in the field near the Visitor's Center. Vehicle Entrance Passes will issued at registration.

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 trails@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 281,000 volunteer hours to Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park.

We hope to see you at a work day as soon as we return to our normal work days.

Just A Reminder...

When the newsman says this may turn into a full fledged "situation," that's probably not good. It could take a long time for something to become a situation; or it could just pop up, physically or in your mind.

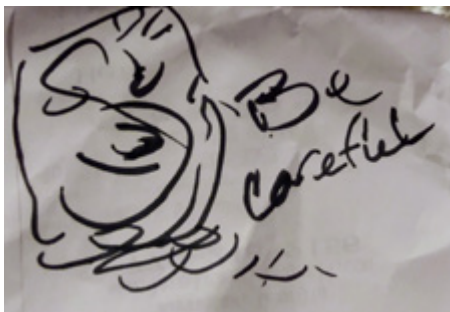
I've always been interested in cartoons and comic strips. Of course some of the stuff I like is 'Old time' and things most readers forgot or maybe younger readers never knew- but, makes for a good story. With my evening job, while in high school, the man who I relieved, whom I now think of as a mentor, had been in the Civilian Conservation Corps and edited the CCC's newspaper, he even drew cartoons depicting the fun side of hard work. I also had a Sunday School teacher who for many years was the editorial cartoonist for the Atlanta Newspapers, "Baldy." You wouldn't have a clue what these fellows did and as with most newspaper "people" you wouldn't recognise them.

Point being is, there are lots of ways to get a message delivered. Fun fact - when growing up we had a neighbor who did drawing for the "Mark Trail" comic strip - maybe that's why I like the outdoors.

Recently there was an unexploded Parrott Rifle shell found at Kennesaw Mountain. It was a 10 pounder (size went up to 300 lbs.) which was shot from what one now would simply say was a cannon (look it up for detail). That artillery was used by the Northern Forces in battles at the Park where some 4000+ soldiers perished. That war was a long time ago, but the harm still remains.

Whoever thought that cartoons gave some predictions of the future; here comes more old stuff so keep reading. Remember "Dick Tracy's" smart watch, and that "Superman" could fly faster than a speeding bullet; bet those Parrott shells didn't move that fast. But, now there are ballistic missiles that travel @10 times faster than the speed of sound and communication is everywhere.

Hearing and reading about the hazardous shell that was found at the Park caused me to remember the cartoon strip "Pogo" (I bet you'll look that one up), cartoonist Walt Kelly wrote, "We have met the enemy and it is us." In actuality he modified that line from what American Naval Officer Oliver Hazard Perry said when capturing Royal Navy Ships during the 1813 Battle of Lake Erie. The Pogo cartoon referenced trash/discards in observance of Earthday, April 22, 1970. Even recently, I had a Letter to Editor published where I



complained about the B.C. Comic Strip portraying a remote control Duck having a recorded message - "Really" I wrote, that didn't occur in BC times. Oh, how soon we forget our own thoughts - we now have drones that do that!

It was a stark reminder when that "live" shell was found that there was a war on the beautiful grounds of the Park. And sad to say it was fighting as is happening now, could be a "Pogo" interpretation - they look like us. Conflicts of even long ago have remnants remaining. Pogo saw so much trash and discards. Even with our old house, I've been told that the plumbing was sealed with lead from mini-balls gathered at Kennesaw Mtn. before it was a National Battlefield Park. Sure things can turn around and be used for good. Just like a comic may be in jest it is still thought provoking.

We get reminders of what used to be, what could be and what is happening now. A cartoon can depict hard work and politics. And sometimes a thing from the past may pop up as a warning. Don't work off the Trail: the WHY is the unexploded shell! Stay on the Trail, be careful where you step, practice safety, stay well and take advice from this old worker, "Pray for Peace."

Doug Tasse



Civil War Parrot Shell Found at Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield

A National Park Service sponsored archeologist survey team discovered a Civil War Parrot Shell during the evaluation of a prospective trail reroute in early March, 2022. Various stories regarding the discovery can be found at:

<https://tinyurl.com/2p8ymybc>

Based on current information, the shell was determined to be live and potentially dangerous.

We have always reminded visitors at the Park to stay on the trails - do not bushwack or otherwise hike off-trail. If you see any unusual item in the park while on the trail, leave it alone, note the location and report it immediately either via 911 or to the Park staff at the Visitor Center.

Fred Feltmann

Editor

Kennesaw Mountain Trail Club

Volunteer Festival - 3/26/22

Photos by Fred Feltmann





The Friends Of Kennesaw Mountain

The Friends of Kennesaw Mountain'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 FriendsOfKMNB.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 Kennesaw Mountain is to work in partnership with the National Park Service and the local community to provide volunteers and raise funding to support activities such as:

- Visitor & Away Events
- Transportation, Housing, and Feeding of volunteer groups (example: Living History, Student Conservation Association, Invasive Plants Team)
- Museum Upgrades and Indoor and Outdoor Exhibit Additions (& the Wallis House)
- Restrooms, Parking, and Picnic Area Facilities
- Trails, Fire Roads, and Bridges Maintenance
- Educational Day Trips and Vacation Camps
- Volunteer-In-Park Training Programs

The ultimate goal is to create endowments for the most significant expense items and move them toward a sustainable and perpetual self-funded status that reduces the need for these items to rely on federal budget support.

Contact List - Updated 9/21/21

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Amazon Smile

<https://smile.amazon.com/>

KMTC Website

<http://kennesawmountaintrailclub.org/>

NPS Website

<https://www.nps.gov.KEMO>

Facebook Page

<http://www.facebook.com/kmtcsocial>

Volunteer Sign-up website

<https://signup.com/go/QKAUKsQ>

** updated*



Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park

Interpretive Programs for April

*All programs are outdoors and weather dependent.

April 2, 11 am: Assault Trail Hike

“And how can a man die better, than by facing fearful odds- for the ashes of your fathers and the temples of your gods?” This Ranger- led guided hike will put you in the footsteps of the Union soldiers, re- tracing their charge against the Confederate trenches at Cheatham Hill. The hike begins at the Activity Area 3 parking lot (GPS Coordinates: 33.933020, -84.604780)

April 3, 11 am: All About Artillery

“Artillery adds dignity to what would otherwise be an ugly brawl”- Frederick the Great. Have you ever wondered exactly how those cannons you see around the park work? Come out for this 30- minute talk all about Civil War artillery and even get a hands- on experience. This talk will meet at the Visitor Center.

April 5th and 7th, 10 am – 11 am: Spring Break Story Time

Spring has sprung! Kennesaw Mountain and Cobb County Public Library will be presenting special programming on April 5th and April 7th at the Battlefield. Programs include short ranger and librarian talks on soldier living, history, and wildlife resources. We will finish each program with a short hike.

April 9, 11 am: Kennesaw Mountain Hike

“The scenery from the top of the Mountain is really grand and will repay in some measure for being shot at so much”- William Wallace McMillan, 17th Alabama. Join us for a Ranger- guided hike to the summit of Big Kennesaw Mountain. We will explore the history of the area from pre- history to today. The climb is moderately- difficult, so wear sturdy shoes and bring plenty of water.

April 10th, 10 am, 11 am, 1 pm and 2 pm: Infantry Demonstrations

Come on out and see our living history volunteers and Rangers set up camp right next to the Visitor Center and live life for a day as Civil War infantryman. Rifle firings will occur at the above- specified times. We will also go over basic drill, school of the soldier, arms and accoutrements and even food and disease.

April 16, 11 am: Earthworks of the Civil War

When you think of trench warfare, you probably imagine a desolate World War 1 battlefield like the Somme, but did you know that trench warfare was perfected 50 years before during the American Civil War? Meet the Ranger at the Dead Angle of Cheatham Hill to discover the important role these defenses held during the latter half of the Civil War.

April 17, 10 am and 2 pm: Civil War Museum Tour

It's more than just the artifacts! Join us for two special tours of our Visitor Center museum where our Rangers take you on a journey through the entirety of the Civil War (with heavy focus on the Western Theater and the Battle of Kennesaw Mountain). We'll discuss the causes, biggest battles, blunders and how the war still affects us today over 150 years later.

April 23, 10 am- 11:30 am: Junior Ranger Day

To wrap up National Park Week, Kennesaw Mountain proudly presents Jr. Ranger Day 2022! This year, we invite all Jr. Rangers to come out for an interactive scavenger hunt! After you get your clues from the ranger, you will search around and in the Visitor Center and learn all about what makes Kennesaw Mountain a special place! Program starts at Visitor Center.

April 24, 11 am: Pigeon Hill History Hike

“Presently, and as if by magic, there sprung from the earth a host of men, and in one long, waving line of blue the infantry advanced.” - General Samuel French. Some of the toughest fighting of the war occurred on a small spur just below the dual- peaks of Kennesaw. This Ranger- led hike will describe the futile Union assault and the Confederate defense of Pigeon Hill. We will meet at the Pigeon Hill parking area (GPS Coordinates: 33.963276, -84.594391) and will go up the rocky slope. The hike is moderate, so bring good shoes and plenty of water.

April 30, 11 am- 3 pm: Evolution of Civil War- Era Firearms

Join park volunteer and historian Fred Hybart as he showcases his wonderful collection of Civil War era firearms. Fred’s collection will show the incredible evolution of weapons technology through the course of the Civil War. Fred will give a few short talks, and his collection will be viewable throughout the day as well.

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



Cobb County
Public Library



Cobb County Public Library
and Kennesaw Mountain
NBP Present
Spring Break Adventures!
April 5 & April 7, 2022

Come out and join your favorite park rangers and librarians for some spring fun at Kennesaw Mountain! Activities designed for elementary school aged children, but all ages welcome!

- **April 5, 10:00 am - 11:00 am: A Day in the Life of a Soldier!**
Learn about history and the lives of Civil War soldiers and take a short hike to see where they were during the battle!
- **April 7, 10:00 am - 11:00 am: A Day in the Life of a Critter!**
There are a lot of different critters that call Kennesaw Mountain home. Learn about some of the mammals and bugs you might see on your next visit!

- *Event location is 900 Kennesaw Mountain Dr., Kennesaw, GA 30152
- *Park entrance fee needed for parking
- *No registration needed
- *Event will be held outdoors, so will be weather dependent
- *For more information, call 770-615-1802



Junior Ranger Day 2022!

- ❖ **Saturday, April 23rd**
- ❖ **10:00 am - 11:30 am**
- ❖ **Visitor Center Patio**

Join us for an interactive scavenger hunt around your favorite National Battlefield Park! You will get your clues and map from the ranger and then be on your way to explore. All participants will then be officially deputized as Junior Rangers!



All ages welcome, even the young at heart!



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KENNESAW MOUNTAIN NATIONAL BATTLEFIELD PARK

Trail Maintenance Map

