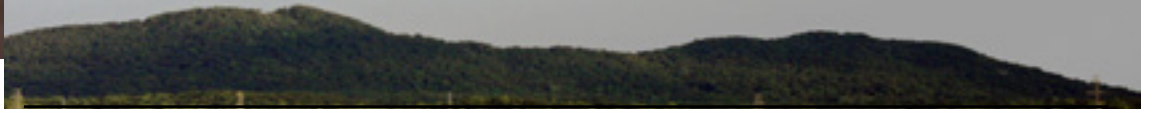




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David Browne, NPS and Donald Olds, president, KMTC at the March 11, 2023 Work Day.

Photo by Fred Feltmann

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!

List of Abbreviations

FOKM - Friends of Kennesaw Mountain
KMNPB - Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park
KMTC - Kennesaw Mountain Trail Club
NPS/KEMO - National Park Service/Kennesaw Mountain
VHP - Veterans History Project
VC - Visitor Center

Friends/KMTC Merger

Committees within each organization have been formed. This will be a significant effort. The merger of the two newsletters is just a first of a long series of steps that must be evaluated. Stay tuned!

Park Update Notes

- Bathrooms at Illinois Monument parking to start **February 15th - In-process - Expected completion 3/23**
- **Park Day is April 8th (Rain date will be April 15th)**
- **The Living History Programs will be again in April (See pages 5 - 6, herein)**
- **There will be volunteer spotlights on Facebook and Instagram**
- **Mountain road is being re-striped to help sort out cars, pedestrians, bicycles**
- Road to summit is a future project study in progress
 - 2nd shuttle bus is being proposed to move people about the park
- Reroute of New Salem Church Trail has started – expecting completion **June 23**, 2023. Signs will be going up
- New signage about the park history is coming
 - No “Bicycle on Trails” signs going up
 - Looking at putting up signs “Your Fee Dollars at Work”
- More special speakers are being planned for over the winter
- Reforestation project - April (Plant hardwood trees at various locations within Park boundaries)
- Bicycle racks & multi-use trails to complete in June 23
- 160th battle planning will be starting in January 2023 (monthly meetings)
- Cannon Restoration - 23 cannons (multi-year project)
 - All cannon barrels are from the Civil War
 - All carriages are replicas and will be refurbished/rebuilt
- EV Charging Stations
 - A joint NPS/Friends study is being done to install EV charging stations at various parking lots in the Park

Updated

Patrick Gamman
Superintendent

Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park

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Additional Volunteers needed! Call today!

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!

Calendar of Events - Friends/KMTC

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Event</u>
4/8	8:00 am - noon	Illinois Monument	American Battlefield Park Day/Work Day - Rain date is 4/15
4/12	6:00 pm - 8 pm	Visitor's Center	Friends of KMNBP Meeting
5/10	6:00 pm - 8 pm	Visitor's Center	Friends of KMNBP Meeting
5/13	8:00 am - noon	TBD	Work Day
5/17	5 pm - 7 pm	Marietta Wine Market	Wine Tasting/Fundraiser - see page 11!
6/10	8:00 am - noon	TBD	Work Day/National Trails Day

The Park staff is conducting Virtual Events on their Facebook Page -
https://www.facebook.com/pg/KMNBP/posts/?ref=page_internal

See pages 5 - 7 for a listing of NPS-sponsored events for the month of April.

See page 4 for a general listing of Friends and KMTC events that will be occurring for the remainder of the Fiscal Year.

Current Status Of Park

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

All trails are open, except as noted, below. All parking lots are open. The Mountain Road parking lot is open when the Mountain Road is open.

Visitor Center is open; masks are **optional**. The Visitor Center theater is open - the movie is being shown.

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

Trail closures

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.

The New Salem Church trail is currently closed where it crosses Burnt Hickory Rd. while the multiuse trail is being constructed there and New Salem Church Trail reroute is being completed. Current plans are to have the reroute completed by late June, 2023.

Fiscal 2023 General Schedule of Events

April 8, 2023	Trail Work Day/American Battlefield Trust Park Day
April 12, 2023	<i>Friends of KMNBP Board Mtg</i>
April 25, 2023*	KSU Service Day
April 25, 2023	<i>KMTC Board Meeting</i>
May 10, 2023	<i>Friends of KMNBP Board Mtg</i>
May 13, 2023	Trail Work Day
May 17, 2023*	Wine Tasting, Marietta Wine Market
May 20, 2023*	Crew Leader Training Class
June 7, 2023	<i>Friends of KMNBP Board Mtg</i>
June 10, 2023	Trail Work Day/National Trail Day
June 14, 2023	<i>Friends of KMNBP Board Mtg</i>
June 24 & 25, 2023	159th Battle Anniversary
July 8, 2023	Trail Work Day
July 12, 2023	<i>Friends of KMNBP Board Mtg</i>
July 25, 2023	<i>KMTC Board Meeting</i>
August 9, 2023	<i>Friends of KMNBP Board Mtg</i>
August 12, 2023	Trail Work Day
September 09, 2023	Trail Work Day/ National Public Lands Day
September 13, 2023	<i>Friends of KMNBP Board Mtg</i>
September 16, 2023	<i>KMTC Annual Meeting</i>
October 11, 2023	<i>Friends of KMNBP Board Mtg</i>
October 14, 2023	Trail Work Day
October 24, 2023	<i>KMTC Board Meeting</i>

If interested in attending the KMTC Board meeting, contact **Donald Olds**:
president@kennesawmountaintrailclub.org

If interested in attending the Friends Board meeting, contact **Scott Mackay**:
President@TheFriendsOfKMNBP.onmicrosoft.com

** Updated*

New Salem Church Trail/ New Trail Reroute

Just a reminder that the Salem Church Trail at Burnt Hickory crossing is closed. This is a part of the multi trail project from Cobb D.O.T. The trail itself is not closed just at the crossing at Burnt Hickory. Work has begun on the new trail reroute by my staff and the trail club. Any further questions or concerns please tell them to contact me by email at carlos_hurston@nps.gov or office at ext. 235. Thank you all for your patience and understanding.

Carlos Hurston

Facility Manager

Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park

Expect delays at Dallas Hwy and Whitlock Ave

Some work continues on the trail segment along Whitlock Ave, and some delays can still be expected. 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..

Proposed and Existing Trails in Cobb County

For those who would like to know what the existing trails in Cobb County are, check out <https://geo-cobbcountyga.hub.arcgis.com/apps/55470d12c0814f1f8c68e96724610e87/explore>.

Regarding proposed trails for Cobb County, check out the following link:

<https://www.cobbcounty.org/transportation/planning/trails>. This website has both proposed and current trail maps.



Friends/KMTC Merger

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Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park Interpretive Programs for April

*All programs are outdoors and weather dependent.

*All programs are held at the Visitor Center unless otherwise noted.

Museum Tours every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday @ 2:00 pm!

April 1, @ 11 am – Kennesaw Mountain Geology

Each year on the first Sunday in April, geologists are celebrated for their contributions to this field of study and the roles it continues to play within our daily lives. In recognition of Geologists Day, Ranger Amanda will discuss the geology of Kennesaw Mountain and the importance it played during the Battle of Kennesaw Mountain in June 1864. This program takes place at the top of Kennesaw Mountain, at the overlook near the parking area.

April 2, @ 11 am – Pigeon Hill 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 at the intersection of Burnt Hickory and Old Mountain Rd. The hike is moderate, so bring good shoes and plenty of water.**

April 8, @ 11 am – New Salem Community

Prior to the Battle of Kennesaw Mountain, the area had several small thriving communities. During this presentation, the ranger will discuss the Hardage Family and others who lived in the shadow of the mountain. This program will be held in the field at the foot of Pigeon Hill, near the parking area.

***We will meet at the Pigeon Hill parking area at the intersection of Burnt Hickory and Old Mountain Rd.**

April 9, @ 11 am – Guided Mountaintop Hike

This ranger - led hike will take you roughly 1 mile up to the peak of Big Kennesaw Mountain. Along the way, you'll learn about the flora and fauna of the area and the history that shapes us from pre - history, through Civil War and on to today. The hike is semi - strenuous so bring water and good shoes.

April 15, @ 11 am, 12, 2 and 3 – Artillery Demonstrations

Artillery was a vital component to the operations of both armies during the Atlanta Campaign and played a key role in several engagements during the Battle of Kennesaw Mountain. Our living historians will hold camp and shoot the cannon at the above- listed times. Will be held at the front field. Impression will be Union Army.

April 22, @ 11 am – Cheatham Hill History Walk

We take you along the Dead Angle, where the heaviest fighting occurred during the Battle of Kennesaw Mountain. You will see remnants of Confederate and Union trenches and hear stories from primary sources about the bravery and valor on display by the men of both sides as they struggled at Cheatham Hill.

***We will meet at the Illinois Monument parking area located off of Cheatham Hill Dr. and Dallas Highway.**



*Infantry Demonstration -
6/26/22
Photo by Fred Feltmann*

April 23, @ 11 am, 12, 2 and 3 – 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. Impression is Union Army.

April 29, @ 11 am- Guided Mountaintop Hike

This ranger - led hike will take you roughly 1 mile up to the peak of Big Kennesaw Mountain. Along the way, you'll learn about the flora and fauna of the area and the history that shapes us from pre - history, through Civil War and on to today. The hike is semi - strenuous so bring water and good shoes.

April 30- Junior Ranger Day

For our annual Junior Ranger Day, we take you back in history! Join us on a journey through the history of Kennesaw Mountain both before and after the famous battle that occurred here. Through a series of activities, Jr. Rangers will learn all about what makes this place so special. No registration needed, and all ages welcome!

**** 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

**Kennesaw Mountain NBP and
Cobb County Public Library Present..**
**SPRING BREAK STORY
TIME!**



*April 3 & 5, 2023

*2:00 pm - 3:00 pm each day

**EACH DAY'S PROGRAM
WILL BE DIFFERENT.**

Join your favorite rangers and librarians for another Spring Break Story Time! Together, we will learn all about the importance of preservation and conservation at our National Parks and other public spaces! All programs will be held at the park's Visitor Center.

*Visitor Center address is 900 Kennesaw Mountain Dr., Kennesaw, GA 30152

*No registration required

*For more information, call 770-427-4686



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Kennesaw Mountain News Release

Release Date: Immediately

Contact: Marjorie Thomas, Marjorie_thomas@nps.gov, 770-427-4686 x 231

John Ward Creek Crossing Closed to Horseback Riders

Kennesaw, GA – Effective immediately, the John Ward Creek crossing just south of the Illinois Monument is closed to horseback riders until further notice. This closure stems from a safety concern due to hazardous conditions relating to an unstable streambed. The closure affects the creek crossing between Milepost 3.5 and Milepost 4 of the Kolb's Farm East Trail.

Superintendent Patrick Gamman states, "We are concerned for the safety of all park users. Crossing John Ward Creek at this section of the trail poses a risk that we want to alert our horse community to, as it could potentially cause harm to both horse and rider. We will be working as quickly as possible to mitigate this problem."

Please contact the park at 770-427-4686 or visit the park's website at www.nps.gov/kemo for further information.

[The National Park Service](#)

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<http://kennesawmountaintrailclub.org>

The Friends of Kennesaw Mountain Webstore

The Friends of Kennesaw Mountain is excited to announce our new webstore! Our first product is a unisex T-shirt, which is 100% cotton. The design on the back of the shirt shows Kennesaw Mountain and the Visitor Center. It is inspired by the New Deal travel posters from the 1930's. The shirt can be purchased online for \$20 at <https://friendsofkmnbp.org/shop/>. Visit our website! *New items have been added!*

Andrew Bramlett



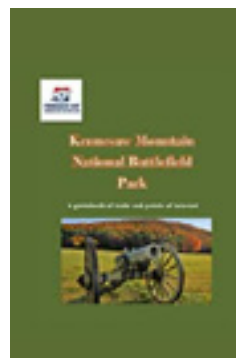
Some of the items for sale.



Front



Back



Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park Guidebook

The Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park Guidebook sponsored by the Friends of KMNBP is now available on Amazon.

Park Moments



*Left - Cannon position on top of Kennesaw Mtn.
Above - Work Day prep on 3/10/23
Photos by Scott Mackay*



*Field next to Pigeon Hill parking lot - 3/1/23.
Photo by Fred Feltmann*



Photo by Fred Feltmann



Photo by Fred Feltmann



*Step Improvement - 3/11/23
Photo by Fred Feltmann*



Fund Raising Committee Formed

A fundraising committee comprised of Bart Henderson and Kathy Bearden has been formed. They have lots of projects to work on!

Endowment Fund Planned

Scott Mackay is working on the establishment of an endowment fund. Details will follow.

New Park Map(s) in the Planning Stages

A committee has been established to update the Park Maps. The committee is made up of Lindsay Barnes, Cartographer, and Charles Kays, Project Coordinator.

Donate By Way Of PayPal!

You can now make donations by way of your PayPal Account! Simply click on the website address in the donation section on page 15, item # 2. And as an added benefit, PayPal does not deduct a fee for the donation!

The Friends of Kennesaw Mountain Are Looking For A Few Good Folks!

Like the Trail Club, the Friends have many opportunities for volunteers to provide services to the Park. Here are a few select ones:

Butterfly Garden & Plant Nursery Coordinator - This individual would work with the NPS staff at the park to coordinate volunteer projects around the Park

Citizen Science Program Coordinator - This individual would work with the NPS staff to coordinate volunteer projects around the Park regarding such things as:

- Compile data to monitor health in the park
- Water sampling
- Bird species counts
- Flowering plant species counts
- Effects of our changing climate

160th Anniversary (2024) Coordinator - This individual would head up a volunteer group to coordinate various activities with the NPS staff to conduct the 160th Anniversary of the Battle for Kennesaw Mountain.

Activities might be:

- Fundraising
- Parking
- Food logistics for feeding the various volunteers
- General logistics
- Publicity
- Hospitality Services

Endowment Fund Chair - Coordinate/lead the activities necessary to establish an Endowment Fund for the Friends:

- Policies
- Publicity
- Establish a core group to manage it

Legal Secretary

For more information on these positions, contact Scott Mackay - President@TheFriendsOfKMNB.org.
<http://kennesawmountaintrailclub.org>

Contact List - Updated 2/20/23

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	Kathy Bearden
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	Reaves*
Disbursements	Lewis Bramlett
Archives	Vacant
Membership	Vacant
Outreach	Vacant
Living History Liaison	Andy Cole
Trail Club Liaison	Jay Haney
Eastern National Liaison	Dan Beard
Events Planner	Kathy Bearden
Accessibility Advocate	Marjorie Rogers
Map Project	Charles Kays
	Linsay Barnes
Grant Writer	Holly Ringle

Board Members:	
	Bart Henderson
Dan Beard	Scott Johnson
Kathy Bearden	John Nash
Lewis Bramlett	Marjorie Rogers
Andy Cole	Jason Shepherd
Jay Haney	Kim Sherk

A Special Thanks!

Each year we have members and volunteers who donate their time and talent in support of all the happenings at Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park. Following is a list, in alphabetical order, of the members who have donated their time and/or talent. Those who participated during Fiscal 2020(October 2019- September 2020 and Fiscal 2021 (October 2020 - Present):

FY 2020

GUIDE BOOK PROJECT - RACHEL ELEY
ORAL HISTORY PROJECT - SUSAN CAOLA
TIME KEEPING PROJECT - SCOTT MACKAY

FY 2021

GUIDE BOOK PROJECT - RACHEL ELEY
ORAL HISTORY PROJECT - SUSAN CAOLA
TIME KEEPING PROJECT - SCOTT MACKAY

FY 2022

GUIDE BOOK PROJECT - RACHEL ELEY, SCOTT MACKAY, FRED FELTMANN

FY 2023

MAP PROJECT - CHARLES KAYS
LINSAY BARNES
GIS PROJECT - OPEN



Website - Friends
 Website - NPS
 Facebook Page - Friends
 Facebook Page - NPS
 Twitter
 Instagram

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www.nps/kemo.gov
<https://www.facebook.com/FriendsofKMnBP>
<https://www.facebook.com/KMNBP>
<https://twitter.com/FKmnbp>
<https://www.instagram.com/FriendsofKMnBP/>

* updated



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.

2023 Projects(s) - April status

- Painted Rock Restoration (National Park Lands Day) - **Next project work day - 4/23**
- Raise funding for trail improvements, living history, new cannon & trailer - **in process**
- Fundraising goal established for FY 2023 - **\$76,600**
- Fall Friends Alliance Conference - Nov 1 - 3 at Great Smokey NP (**Completed**)
- Raise community support for new restrooms, Wallis House & Trail to Anderson Hill - **in process**
- Help with scripts for the Augmented Reality App filming has started and many stories are in work - **in process**
- Spring Friends Alliance Conference - May- Washington DC
- Support the battle anniversary (159th Anniversary - **June, 2023**). **Help to advertise, set-up as it occurs**
- Support Volunteer Fair planning in process (**current date of fair will be April, 2023???**)
- Continue support to all park activities - **continuing**
- Provide funding/publicity/signs for 5 bike racks to promote alternative transportation to/from the Park (not for trail riding) - **in process**

Provide support/funding for 160th Anniversary (June 2024) - **in process**

- Fund Raiser - **May 17th, Marietta Wine Market - 5 - 7 pm (see page 14)**

Please join us for a
Wine Tasting to Benefit Friends of Kennesaw Mountain

Wednesday May 17th 5 to 7 PM

Marietta Wine Market (just off the Square)



18 Powder Springs St. SE
Marietta, GA 30062



Wine Tasting \$10 - Door Prize Tickets 5 for \$20

All proceeds support the Park

- Recent completed projects:
 - Special stations for dog waste to keep trails clean and safe.
 - Ongoing funding for trail maintenance and improvement.
- 2023 Projects:
 - **Bike racks** to complement the new mixed-use paths surrounding the park
 - Help with relocated trail for a safer Burnt Hickory crossing.
 - Funding for “living history” events at the Park

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



Scan for more information

Friends is a 501c3 qualified charity



Become a supporting member of the Friends of Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park (KMNBP)

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

These include:

- Hiking/Equestrian Trail improvements and Maintenance
- Museum improvements and expansion
- Living History Demonstrations
- Additional parking and restrooms
- Guest speakers
- More

Our long term goal is to establish endowments to provide perpetual sources of funding for the programs that make the park special for all of us and generations to come.



Your annual membership will help us achieve our goals. We are a 501(c)(3) tax deductible organization. 100% of all funds received are put to use for and at the Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park.

Annual membership levels:

Individuals

- \$15 Corporal (Student)
- \$25 Sergeant
- \$100 First Sergeant
- \$300 Ordinance Sergeant
- \$500 Quarter Master
- \$1,000 Sergeant Major
- \$1,500+ General

Businesses

- \$150 Company
- \$300 Regiment
- \$500 Brigade
- \$1,000 Division
- \$15,000 Corps
- \$25,000+ Army



Five Ways To Donate

You can support the Friends in 5 ways:

1. Directly through our website - <https://friendsofkmnbp.org/giving-membership/donate/>
2. Through PayPal - <https://www.paypal.com/US/fundraiser/charity/3750205>
3. Through Guidestar (Network for Good) - <https://www.nfggive.com/donation/83-4627827>
4. QR Code:



5. Or, by mailing to:
Friends of KMNBP
905 Kennesaw Mountain Drive
Kennesaw, GA 30152

Thanks for your support!

Please Use the pledge card on the following page when mailing in a donation.

Please check with your company to see if they will match your gift.



FY 2023 Fundraising Goals

Following is a list of the fundraising goals for this year:

- \$2,000 - FY 2023 Friends administrative budget.
- \$3,000 - 159th Battle Anniversary - meals, incidentals
- \$10,000 - Funds to be used in conjunction with the Park to acquire an additional cannon and trailer (total cost estimated to be \$82,000) for the Living History program.
- \$3600 - to provide for the purchase of 5 bicycle racks and signage for them.
- \$50,000 - seed money for the 160th Anniversary of the Battle of Kennesaw Mountain (June, 2024) - total estimate for event is expected to be approximately \$150,000.
- \$10,000 - to fund various activities of the Living History program, the Friends and the Kennesaw Mountain Trail Club.

Total to be raised during the current fiscal year - \$76,600. See the bottom of this page for a pledge card, or send your donation by one of the methods identified on page 15.

In addition, the funding of an Endowment Fund. Details will be discussed at future Board meetings.

Friends of Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park		
2023 Pledge Card		
Name _____	Individuals	One Payment _____
Address _____	\$15 Corporal (Student) _____	Quarterly Payment _____
City, State, Zip _____	\$25 Sergeant _____	Monthly Payment _____
Phone _____	\$100 First Sergeant _____	Does your company match? Y__ N__
Email _____	\$300 Ordinance Sergeant _____	Invoice me _____
	\$500 Quarter Master _____	(Monthly __ Quarterly__)
	\$1,000 Sergeant Major _____	Check enclosed _____
	\$1,500 General _____	(Payable to " Friends of KMNBP ")
	Other Amount \$ _____	Credit Card Number: _____
<u>Complete and mail to:</u>	Corporate	Expiration date _____
Friends of Kennesaw Mountain	\$150 Company _____	Security Code _____
Attn: 2023 Pledge	\$300 Regiment _____	<i>I wish to remain anonymous</i> _____
905 Kennesaw Mountain Drive	\$500 Brigade _____	
Kennesaw, GA 30152	\$1,000 Division _____	
	\$15,000 Corps _____	
	\$25,000 Army _____	
	Other Amount \$ _____	

Citizen Science Program?

- Involve visitors with science in the park
- Compile data to monitor health in the park
 - Water sampling
 - Bird species counts
 - Flowering plant species counts
 - More?
- Work sheets for now, app later?

Need a volunteer to explore how we would go about this – we will need to present our plan to the park



Interested in the investigation of the development of this potential program? Contact Scott Mackay at President@TheFriendsOfKMNBP.onmicrosoft.com

Electric Vehicle (EV) Charging Stations

- Plan for initial level 2 chargers*:
- Visitor Center = 2
- Old 41 = 4
- Burnt Hickory =2
- Cheatham Hill Road = 2
- Visitors will be able to charge EVs using their credit cards
- Park will supply equipment & power
- The Friends will handle sales transactions and pass proceeds to the park for projects
- <https://adoptacharger.org/> is trying to find a sponsor to provide some free EV charging to park visitors
- Many national parks now have or are looking into installation of EV charges



- Cobb EMC approved to start power feeds in October
- Charger installation is out for bidding

CT4000 Family Level 2 Charging Station
**2 vehicles per station*

Scott Mackay is coordinating these two projects with the Park staff.

Bicycle Racks Fund Raising Project

- Goal is to support park with a fund raising campaign for bicycle racks and to encourage alternative transportation use when visiting the park
- Current goal is \$1800 for 5 racks
- Signage is also needed est \$1800
- Get word out through social media and ask donors to tag their donation with “#Racks”
- Recommended locations study has been presented to the park





EARTHWORKS

Workday Report - 03-11-23

We had 17 crew leaders for the workday. They were Jeffery, Mark, Rich, Robert, Scott, Stewart, Tom, Todd, Donald, Eric, Harry, Curt, Fred, Aron, Geoff, Bill, and Mike. We had 4 Trail Ambassadors and over 40 volunteers. The Trail Ambassadors were Rena, Lauri, Debbie, and Stewart. They directed traffic and conducted registration. Fred took pictures. The volunteers were from Allatoona JROTC, Best Buy (the following stores: Canton, Gainesville, Hiram, Kennesaw, Perimeter, Snellville, and Smyrna) the Atlanta Outdoor Club, Kennesaw State University individual students, and individuals. Scott monitored the parking lot. Donald helped with an Eagle Scout project.

On Saturday, I welcomed the volunteers, introduced Donald, and David Browne (NPS), and conducted the safety briefing and split our volunteers into teams.

Team 1: led by Geoff, Bill, and Mark with The Atlanta Outdoor Club started on Lines 1 and 2 of the work plan. They added a step going up Pigeon Hill and naturalized the trail creep.

Team 2: led by Curt and Robert with half of the Best Buy group naturalized a social trail just past the bridge going up Pigeon Hill and all the trail creep on Pigeon Hill.

Team 3: led by Eric with the individuals and the KSU group worked on line 4 removing two shelters - one on the back side of Pigeon Hill and the other a short distance from Pigeon Hill with a trail leading to it. The material was moved far enough away to hopefully keep them from being rebuilt.

Team 4: led by Rich with half the Allatoona group worked on line 4 repairing fencing and naturalized both trail creep and a social trail going up Little Kennesaw.

Team 5: led by Harry and Todd with the other half of the Best Buy group worked on line 5 naturalizing trail creep just above the switchback going up Little Kennesaw.

Team 6: led by Tom with the other half of the Allatoona group repaired fence just below the top of Little Kennesaw.

Team 7: was made up of Jeffery, Aron, and Stewart worked on line 9 clearing the area around the canons on top of Little Kennesaw.

Mike and David roamed between teams ensuring compliance to the work plan.

A special mention must be made regarding the Allatoona JROTC group. They carried 20 pieces of fence railing

up and over Pigeon Hill. They dropped 8 pieces off as they went up Little Kennesaw. They took the remaining 12 pieces almost to the top of Little Kennesaw.

A crew leader-only workday (made up of a party of 7) was held on Thursday, March 23. Work was done on the trails on the backside of Little Kennesaw to improve eroded areas around two large root systems which were causing a serious trail hazard.

On Friday, March 10, Aron, Jeffery, Mark, Rich, Scott, Tom, and Mike reviewed the work planned and put the flags out.

Our next workday is Saturday, April 8, 2023. We will be on the erosion issues by the Illinois Monument.

On Saturday, May 20, 2023, from 8:30 to 1:00 Amanda and I will be conducting a class for new Crew Leaders and a refresher class for current Crew Leaders.

I have before and after pictures.

Mike Collett

Trails Director

Crew Leader Training Class - 5/20/23

A crew leader training class is scheduled for May 20, 2023, from 8:30 am till Noon. Will meet in the meet initially in the field between the Maintenance Shed and the Visitor Center. Contact Mike Collet - trails@kennesawmountaintrailclub.org - for more details/info.

Donate By Way Of PayPal!

You can now make donations by way of your PayPal Account! Simply click on the website address in the donation section on page 22, item # 3. And as an added benefit, PayPal does not deduct a fee for the donation!

4/8/23 Work Day Plan

The April 8 Work Day will be held in the area around the Illinois Monument. Registration will open at 8 am. Parking will be at the parking area near the Illinois Monument on Cheatham Hill Drive. Temporary parking passes will be provided at the registration area. Don't forget to do the online registration portion on Sign-up - see page 22,

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 2022 (October 2021-September 2022 and Fiscal 2023 (October 2022-Present):

FY 2022

ALLATOONA HIGH SCHOOL HONOR SOCIETY

ALLATOONA HS NJROTC

ATLANTA OUTDOOR CLUB (AOC)

BSA TROOP 2319

HILLGROVE HS NJROTC

KENNESAW STATE UNIVERSITY (KSU)

LINCOLN TECH

MARIETTA HS SPORTSMANS CLUB

McEACHERN HIGH SCHOOL

MOUNT PARAN

WHEELER HS, HELPING HANDS



FY 2023

ALLATOONA HS NJROTC

ATLANTA OUTDOOR CLUB (AOC)

BEST BUY

GA TECH ROTC

HILLGROVE HS NJROTC

KSU

MARIETTA HS SPORTSMANS CLUB

This Past Month's Volunteers

For our March work days we had a total of 60 participants on March 11 -16 crew leaders, 4 trail ambassadors and 50 volunteers - from Allatoona JROTC, Best Buy (the following stores: Canton, Gainesville, Hiram, Kennesaw, Perimeter, Snellville, and Smyrna) the Atlanta Outdoor Club, Kennesaw State University individual students, and individuals. On March 23rd, we had 7 Crew Leaders.

ALLATOONA HS JROTC

ATLANTA OUTDOOR CLUB

BEST BUY

KENNESAW STATE UNIVERSITY (KSU)

“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 Gayle McAllister/Wendy Turner (Trail Ambassador positions) if interested.

A training class for prospective Crew Leaders will be held 8 am - noon on October 22nd. See page 2 for more details.

A training class for prospective Trail Ambassadors will be announced shortly.

Mike Collett - trails@kennesawmountaintrailclub.org

Kathy Van Valkenburg/Wendy Turner -
ambassador@kennesawmountaintrailclub.org

Help Wanted - Trail Ambassador Project Coordinator

Person who likes to run web-based systems to assist Trail Ambassador (TA) Co-Directors with operation of their Signup.com TA volunteer management system.

Duties include:

Coordination with Rangers to obtain their requests for TA support of NPS activities.

Loading the Signup.com system with NPS TA requests.

Use the system to notify TAs of volunteer opportunities.

Manage the system contact lists and email rejects.

Monitor system traffic and status of TA response regularly and take appropriate action.

Inform Rangers of which TA will support each activity.

Once familiar with the system expect 4 hours per month of work.

Training provided.

If interested contact:

Jay Haney, email haney69jb@gmail.com

2023/2024 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 2023/2024 big “ask.” We need your help with this, even small donations help. We will conclude this drive at the end of FY 2024 (September, 2024).

As we approach our 21st year in operation, we ask you to please think ‘21’, like \$21.. \$42.. \$63..... \$210... \$2100. 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>
- 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.



Register for Our Work Days!

Be sure to register online for our Work Days at tinyurl.com/27ef2vph. 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>

For April's work day, parking and registration will be in the parking lot on Cheatham Hill Dr., near the Illinois Monument. Vehicle Entrance Passes will issued at registration. Registration will open at 8 am.

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.

Cancellation policy

If rain is forecast for the work day, we will issue a cancellation notice on our website at least 24 hours before hand. In addition, during the winter months, if the temperature is forecast to be below 40 degrees, we will also issue a cancellation at least 24 hours prior to the work day.

Four Ways To Donate

You can support the Friends in 4 ways:

1. Directly through our website - <http://www.kennesawmountaintrailclub.org>
2. Through Guidestar (Network for Good) - <https://tinyurl.com/ra4d8dj>
3. Through PayPal - <https://www.paypal.com/US/fundraiser/charity/1806848>
4. Send a tax deductible contribution to:

Kennesaw Mountain Trail Club
Attn: Tom Okerberg
Whitlock Accounting Services
739 Kennesaw Avenue NW
Marietta, Ga. 30060

Thanks for your support!

KMTC Contact List - Updated 3/29/22

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Facebook Page	http://www.facebook.com/kmtcsocial
Volunteer Sign-up website*	www.tinyurl.com/27ef2vph

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3/11/23 Work Day photos taken by Scott Mackay.



3/11/25 Work Day Photos

Photos by Fred Feltmann



3/23/23 Work Day Photos

Photos taken by Fred Feltmann

Fixing an erosion problem around a large root in the middle of the trail on the backside of Little Kennesaw Mountain.



Fence Repair



Sponsors/Partners Corner

Many thanks to our Sponsors and Partners for their support!



<http://americanhiking.org>



KENNESAW MOUNTAIN NATIONAL BATTLEFIELD PARK

Trail Maintenance Map

