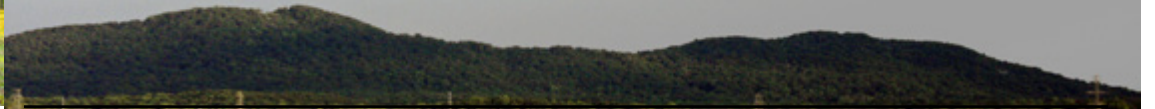




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Fiscal 2024 FOKM/KMTC

Consolidated Calender

April 13, 2024 Trail Work Day

April 16, 2024 FOKM/KMTC Board Meeting

May 11, 2024 Trail Work Day

June 8, 2024 Trail Work Day & Park Day

July 13, 2024 Trail Work Day

July 16, 2024 FOKM/KMTC Board Meeting

August, 10, 2024 Trail Work Day

September 14, 2024 Trail Work Day

October 12, 2024 Trail Work Day

October 15, 2024 FOKM/KMTC Board Meeting

Kennesaw Mountain Storytime Adventure - April 2, 3 & 4 - 11 am

The Cobb County Libraries, in conjunction with NPS Park Rangers, will conduct different Leave No Trace programs each day for an hour. No registration required. There is a fee for parking. See the flyer on page 7.



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!

Calendar of Events - Friends/KMTC

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Event</u>
April, 2024			
4/13	8:00 am - noon	Visitor Center Amphitheater	April, 2024 Work Day/Park Day / American Battlefield Trust Day
May, 2024			
5/11	8:00 am - noon	Visitor Center Amphitheater	May, 2024 Work Day
June, 2024			
6/11	8:00 am - noon	TBD	June, 2024 Work Day

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

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 now open; masks are **optional**.

The Visitor Center theater is open - the movie is being shown.

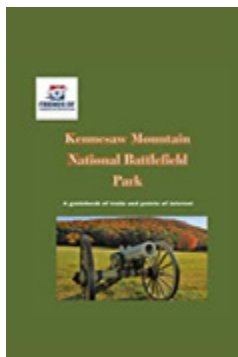
The Mountain Rd. is open to motorized vehicles on weekdays only (excluding major holidays)

The shuttle bus is now transporting visitor to/from the Visitor Center/Kennesaw Mountain Top Parking Lot on weekends.

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.

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



Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park Guidebook

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

List of Abbreviations

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

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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!



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U.S. Department of the Interior

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Kennesaw, GA 30152

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www.nps.gov/kemo

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www.nps.gov/kemo

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](#)

About the National Park Service. More than 20,000 National Park Service employees care for America's 423 national parks and work with communities across the nation to help preserve local history and create close-to-home recreational opportunities. Learn more at the [NPS website](#), and on [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#), [Twitter](#), and [YouTube](#).

July, 2023 Update
Work on the bridge replacement is currently scheduled to begin this winter - early 2024.

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The National Park Service cares for special places saved by the American people so that all may experience our heritage.

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<http://kennesawmountaintrailclub.org>

Park Moments



Closed Horse crossing points.

John Ward Creek Bridge Replacement

These two bridges on the Kolb Farm Est Trail are scheduled to be replaced, starting about August, 2024. Both bridges will be replaced by a single bridge, which will cross the creek approximately at the location indicated in the photo, below.

The new bridge will have railings and will be capable of supporting a horse and rider. The current horse crossing had gone through the creek and entered/exited the creek at the culverts pictured in the photo to the left. This crossing had become dangerous and was closed by the Park staff two years ago. (See page 3, herein.)





Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park Interpretive Programs for April

**All outdoor programs are weather- dependent.*

**Unless otherwise noted, all programs will be held at the Visitor Center*

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

April 2nd - 4th, @11 am – Spring Break Story Time

Join the Cobb County Libraries and the Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park Rangers for Spring Break activities all about “Leave No Trace” principles. All ages welcome!

Each day’s program is different and is 1 hour long.

April 13th, @11 am– 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 14th, @11 am – Pickett Line Walk

The Battle of Kennesaw Mountain was a large-scale offensive with many moving parts. One of the first actions of that day was a diversionary attack at the base of Kennesaw Mountain itself and part of the way up the slope. Join one of our rangers for a short walk along this line of battle as they detail the techniques, tactics, and aftermath of this fateful assault. This walk includes rolling, rocky terrain and is approximately 1.3 mile long.

April 20th, @11 am– Cheatham Hill Walk

On June 27th, 1864, nearly 9,000 Union soldiers made a historic charge into what they believed would be death or capture. Follow in the footsteps of these brave men as this easy ranger - guided tour explores the heaviest area of fighting during the battle.

**The hike will begin at the parking lot for the Illinois Monument, at the end of Cheatham Hill Drive.*

April 21st @ 2 pm- Dewey Decibelles Historic Concert and Storytelling

Celebrate National Park Week at Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park with a special presentation and concert performed by the library’s band, The Dewey Decibelles! The Dewey Decibelles will channel voices from the park’s history, revealing the rich tapestry of the period through live music and a discussion of the historical background behind each song.

April 27th – Junior Ranger Day

Happy Jr. Ranger Day! In honor of the 160th anniversary of the Battle of Kennesaw Mountain, join our rangers and volunteers for an interactive scavenger hunt that will take you through key parts of the battle and allow you to get up close and personal with your favorite National Battlefield Park! All ages welcome, but programming is geared towards our school aged visitors.

April 28th @ 11 am, 12 pm, 2 pm and 3 pm- Mountaintop 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.

THIS EVENT WILL BE HELD AT THE PEAK OF BIG KENNESAW MOUNTAIN.

****** For more program details, please contact Visitor Center at 770-427-4686, ext. 0***

CELEBRATE NATIONAL PARKS WEEK WITH

SONGS OF THE PARK

FEATURING THE DEWEY DECIBELLES

TAKE A MUSICAL TRIP TO THE PARK'S PAST!

THE DEWEY DECIBELLES WILL CHANNEL VOICES FROM THE PARK'S HISTORY, REVEALING THE RICH TAPESTRY OF THE PERIOD THROUGH LIVE MUSIC AND A DISCUSSION OF THE HISTORICAL BACKGROUND BEHIND EACH SONG.

SUNDAY, APRIL 21ST

2:00-3:00PM | VISITOR CENTER
KENNESAW MTN. NATIONAL BATTLEFIELD PARK



Cobb County
Public Library



Kennesaw Mountain Battlefield National Park
Visitor Center | 900 Kennesaw Mtn. Dr. Kennesaw, GA 30152
Questions? Email: kate.jacobson@cobbcounty.org

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<http://kennesawmountaintrailclub.org>

KENNESAW MOUNTAIN STORYTIME ADVENTURE

APRIL 2, 3 & 4

11 AM

Join the Cobb County
Libraries and the Kennesaw
Mountain Park Rangers for
spring break activities all
about the leave no trace
principles!



900 Kennesaw Mountain Dr
Kennesaw, GA 30152

**There is a fee for parking at the Kennesaw
Mountain Battlefield National Park**



Cobb County
Public Library



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

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



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.

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



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



Six Ways To Donate

You can support the Friends in 6 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. DipJar located in the Visitor Center - New!



6. 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.



Friends of Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park
2024 Pledge Card

Name _____
 Address _____
 City, State, Zip _____
 Phone _____
 Email _____

Complete and mail to:

Friends of Kennesaw Mountain
 Attn: 2023 Pledge
 905 Kennesaw Mountain Drive
 Kennesaw, GA 30152

Pledge:

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General Fund - Friends	_____
Trail Club -	_____
Living History -	_____
Endowment Fund	_____
<i>Check one or designate amount for each</i>	

Individuals

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

Corporate

\$150 Company	_____
\$300 Regiment	_____
\$500 Brigade	_____
\$1,000 Division	_____
\$15,000 Corps	_____
\$25,000 Army	_____
Other Amount	\$ _____

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 (Payable to "*Friends of KMNBP*")
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March 9, 2024 Work Day

The workday was cancelled because of the forecasted weather conditions. The scheduled work will be rescheduled for the April 13th Work Day.

April 13, 2024 Work Day

Our next workday is Saturday, April 13, 2024. We will be working on the Camp Brumby Trail. We will be meeting at the picnic area by the Visitor Center. Parking will be in the adjacent field and temporary park passes will be issued to all drivers. We will be addressing issues caused by the recent heavy rains on about a mile and a half of the trail.

Mike Collett
Trails Director

“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 Kathy Van Valkenburg/Wendy Turner (Trail Ambassador positions) if interested.

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

Mike Collett - trails@kennesawmountaintrailclub.org

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

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 2023 (October 2022- September 2023 and Fiscal 2024 (October 2023- Present):

FY 2023

*ALLATOONA HS NJROTC
ATLANTA OUTDOOR CLUB (AOC)
GA TECH ROTC
HARRISON HIGH SCHOOL
HILLGROVE HS NJROTC
KING'S ACADEMY HS AJROTC
KSU
KSU, ALPHA PHI OMEGA
KSU VOLUNTEER DAY STUDENTS
MARIETTA HS SPORTSMANS CLUB*



FY 2024

*ALLATOONA HS NJROTC
ATLANTA OUTDOOR CLUB
ETOWAH HIGH SCHOOL EAGLE SERVICE CONNECTION CLUB
HILLGROVE HS NJROTC
KSU*

This Past Month's Volunteers

The March Work Day was cancelled because of inclement weather.

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 field near the Visitor's Center. Temporary Vehicle Entrance Passes will issued at registration. Registration will open at 8:00 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, 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 soon!

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.

KMTC Contact List - Updated 1/4/24

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Community Volunteer Director	Rena Bailey	volunteerdirector@kennesawmountaintrailclub.org
Newsletter Editor	Fred Feltmann	comdirector@kennesawmountaintrailclub.org
Information/Technology Director	Jerry Givan	webmaster@kennesawmountaintrailclub.org
Trail Ambassador Co-Director	Kathy Van Valkenburg	ambassador@kennesawmountaintrailclub.org
Trail Ambassador Co-Director	Wendy Turner	ambassador@kennesawmountaintrailclub.org
Plants Director	Danny Leigh	plants@kennesawmountaintrailclub.org
KMTC Website	http://kennesawmountaintrailclub.org/	
NPS Website	https://www.nps.gov/KEMO	
Facebook Page	http://www.facebook.com/kmtcsocial	
Volunteer Sign-up website*	www.tinyurl.com/27ef2vph	

* updated

Sponsors/Partners Corner

Many thanks to our Sponsors and Partners for their support!



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KENNESAW MOUNTAIN NATIONAL BATTLEFIELD PARK

Trail Maintenance Map

