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July 14, 2012 Trail Work Day

Normally, July is the work day that has fewer volunteers in attendance. Also, this year the weather was hot and dry for an extended period before the work day. But this year was different; we had a number of groups that had asked to join in the work. There were Girl Scouts, an Eagle Scout candidate with friends, Kennesaw Mountain Jr NROTC, Hands on Atlanta, Bank of America, a group from Starbucks and a large contingent with Ranger Dave from Chattahoochee NRP, along with a number of local and regular volunteers.

An ambitious work schedule was prepared by the co-Trail Day Supervisors. We wanted all work to take place in the same area and had the morning planned to include

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NATIONAL TRAILS DAY, JUNE 9, 2012

(A "behind-the-scenes" look at how a work day comes together)

One of our projects for the day was to repair a trail near the Texas Monument. The process actually started the day before when 2 loads of dirt and 2 loads of gravel were delivered to the site. This allowed for an early morning start.

While volunteers were gathering and registering at the Old 41 parking lot, the work had already begun at the trail. As the project manager, I started @ 7:30 am using equipment to fill major ruts in the trail with crushed rock. By 8:45, when 2 crew leaders, Doug and Lyn, arrived with 6 volunteers at the work site, the gravel was in place and ready to be leveled out.

While the gravel was being leveled, the next phase of moving the dirt on top of the gravel began. Because the work was being done in an open and easily accessible area, a ditch witch and skid steer were used to move the dirt. As the dirt was being laid on the trail, the volunteers did a professional job at smoothing and packing it down. At the top of the trail it was crowned so that the water would run off the sides and not down the center. On the trail slope 2 water bars were installed to direct the water off the trail.

With the help of our wonderful volunteers, this section of the trail has been greatly improved. As the project was wrapping up, a horseback rider and runner were both seen using the trail and not side stepping on the grass adjacent to it. What a perfect end to a perfect day.

Cindy Witt
Crew Leader

2012 Mission Statement- Kennesaw Mountain Trail Club

The mission of the Kennesaw Mountain Trail Club is to work in partnership with the National Park Service (NPS) to:

- Maintain hiking, running, and equestrian trails that maximize access to the historic and recreational value of the park and are:
 - Environmentally friendly
 - Sustainable with minimal future upkeep
 - Protective of the historic features the park was created to preserve
- Educate visitors and neighbors about the trails and the history within the park
- Develop a sustainable organization capable of managing the volunteer and development activities of the trail club
- Recruit volunteers to help maintain the trails and enhance the visitor experience of the park
- Train members about sustainable trail maintenance and crew leadership
- Under the direction of the NPS, assist in the creation of development and maintenance plans that maximize the historic and recreational value of the park
- Work with the community and government to gain their assistance in supporting this mission
- Raise the necessary support to successfully execute this mission
- *As revised, 7.23.12*

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Additional Volunteers needed! Call today!

FAX: 770-516-9120 (*Call first, so I can turn it on!*)

We Must Be Doing Something Right!

With all of the work we did this past year and with our plans for the upcoming year, we must be doing something right. We submitted our plans to REI for a grant - we were awarded a \$15,000 for our efforts! Thanks, REI!!!!

Looks Good On Paper Or Machine vs. Social Media

At a recent Board meeting we were all talking back and forth about things and what should or could be done; a lot was brought up, enough so to the point that I said “Looks good on paper.” Meaning of course, to us “ancient ones,” that things may very well look good when we’ve written them down; but actually doing it is another thing entirely.

And even the “looks good on paper” is a bit of a misnomer because we weren’t even using any paper! Which brought up the fact that during several recent volunteer fairs at local colleges I didn’t even see anyone writing on paper!

Also, we talked quite a lot about “Social Media” and how good and/or effective its use is. All I was thinking about is social media (kinda like the “paper” thing) does look good, but does it actually get anything done? With my mind drifting away all I was thinking about were the machines that we’ve used recently. We have several ditch witches (mini-bulldozer), rear tang rototiller, wood chipper, skid steer, dump trailer & gator machine that we use to make our work easier and more productive.

All together we don’t have much at all without our volunteers. So we do planning, we make use of machines, we use social media. We do all this for the sake of getting volunteers, like you that are reading this, to come out and help Kennesaw Mountain.

There’s no harm in any of our efforts to get you to come join us. We want everyone to have an enjoyable experience, learn something and feel that it was not an effort that was just written down, electronically dispersed or ground in with the use of a machine. It takes dedication to be there and get the job done.

Let’s have a big turnout for our next work day, write it down, post it on line; get in your machine and come be with us.

Doug Jasse
Outreach Director

Nomination of KMTC Officers

July 23, 2012

Board members present at the July 23, 2012 Board meeting acted as the nominating committee for the officers of the Kennesaw Mountain Trail Club for 2012-2013. Additional nominations can be made from the floor at the General Membership Meeting in September 2012. Nominations are the following:

<u>Nominee</u>	<u>Position</u>
• Scott Mackay	<i>President</i>
• Jay Dement	<i>Vice-President</i>
• Anne Strand	<i>Secretary</i>
• Tom Okerberg	<i>Treasurer</i>
• Doug Tasse	<i>Trails Director</i>
• David Strand	<i>Trail Ambassador Director</i>
• Randy Whiten	<i>Youth/Special Groups Coordinator</i>
• Jay Haney	<i>Historian</i>
• Fred Feltmann	<i>Communications Director</i>
• Cindy Witt	<i>Outreach Director/Social Media</i>
• Anne Strand	<i>Membership Director</i>
• Richard Angeli	<i>Development Director</i>
• Jim Moylan	<i>Information Technology Director</i>
• Jerry Givan	<i>Training Director</i>

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 no particular order, of the groups who participated during Fiscal 2011 (October 2010 - September 2011) and Fiscal 2012 (October 2011 - Present):

FY 2011

ATLANTA AUDUBON SOCIETY
BANK OF AMERICA
HANDS ON ATLANTA
LOCKHEED MARTIN MARIETTA
KENNESAW STATE UNIVERSITY
OMEGA ACADEMY
PEBBLEBROOK NHS
U.S. NAVY
VARIOUS SCOUT TROOPS/PACKS
WALKER SCHOOL
WAL-MART

FY 2012

AESTHETICS
ATLANTA AREA COUNCIL PHILMONT CONTINGENT (TWO CREWS)
BACK COUNTRY HORSEMEN OF NW GA (BCHNWG)
THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER-DAY SAINTS
CUB SCOUT PACK 702, MARIETTA
CUB SCOUT PACK 1954, ATLANTA
GE (GENERAL ELECTRIC COMPANY)
GEORGIA TECH TRAILBLAZERS
HANDS ON ATLANTA
KENNESAW MOUNTAIN HIGH SCHOOL NAVY ROTC GROUP
LIFE UNIVERSITY
REI, KENNESAW STORE
ROBOTICS TEAM, McEACHERN HIGH SCHOOL
SADDLE UP COBB (SUC)
SERVECOBB
TROOP 1, SMYRNA, GA, EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT
TROOP 89, POWDER SPRINGS, EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT
TROOP 147, MOBILE, AL, SERVICE PROJECT
TROOP 277, MARIETTA, GA, EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT
TROOP 405, McEACHERN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
TROOP 741, MARIETTA, GA, EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT
UPPER IOWA UNIVERSITY
WEST GA MOUNTED SEARCH AND RESCUE WGMSAR)

The following Groups participated this past month:



BANK OF AMERICA
DEVEREUX GEORGIA, KENNESAW
GREEN YOUTH GROUP
HANDS ON ATLANTA
GIRL SCOUT TROOP 22613, MARIETTA, GA
KENNESAW MOUNTAIN JR. NROTC
CHATTAHOOCHEE NRP
WALTON TEEN SERVICE CORPS
STARBUCKS

Again, thank you for all of your support!

Is Your Thing Invasive Plants?

"Invasive plant" control has continued to need our help and we are looking for people to lead some dedicated work days. To do this we will need you to take our crew leader training in February. You should contact Scott Mackay at president@kennesawmountaintrailclub.org if you are interested. This role will require a long term commitment with the Trail Club. We have "lots" of Invasive plants!

Volunteer Photographers Needed!

Interested in helping out with the Trail Club, but can't lift a shovel or use a Mcleod? Have a good camera? We need photographers to help us on our work days to document our activities - photos are used in our newsletter, web page and on our facebook page - and we and the NPS use them for publicity purposes as well. We accredit all photos used by the Club wherever we use them - so we must have the free use of any photos taken at our events. For more information, contact Fred Feltmann - 770-516-9120 - comdirector@kennesawmountaintrailclub.org.



The Great Rock steps on Kennesaw Mtn. -
photo by Scott Mackay

Kennesaw Mountain Trail Club Calendar for 2012

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Event</u>
AUGUST			
8/5	11, 12, 2, 3	Visitor Center	Artillery Demonstrations (cannon firing)
8/5	1	Cheatham Hill	Talk about Cheatham Hill Battle, Phillip Whiteman
8/11	1	Cheatham Hill	Talk about Cheatham Hill Battle, Phillip Whiteman
8/11	8:30 - 1:00	Old Hwy 41 parking lot	August Trail Work Day
8/13	7:00 PM	Visitor Center	Monday Night History Program
8/18	10:30 AM	REI Kennesaw Store	Leave No Trace Awareness Training
SEPTEMBER			
9/2-3	11, 12, 2, 3	Visitor Center	Artillery Demonstrations (cannon firing)
9/8	8:30 - 1:00	Old Hwy 41 parking lot	September Trail Work Day
9/10	7:00 PM	Visitor Center	Monday Night History Program
9/15	3 - 5 PM	Visitor Center	KMTC General Meeting
9/29	5 PM - ??	Visitor Center	Park Volunteer Dinner
9/30	11, 12, 2, 3	Visitor Center	Artillery Demonstrations (cannon firing)
OCTOBER			
10/13	8:30 - 1:00	Old Hwy 41 parking lot	October Trail Work Day
10/14	11, 12, 2, 3	Visitor Center	Artillery Demonstrations (cannon firing)
10/15	7:00 Pm	Visitor Center	Monday Night History Program
10/28	11, 12, 2, 3	Mountain Top	Artillery Demonstrations (cannon firing)



Mark Your Calendars!

Upcoming Work Day Schedule:

Our trail work days are open to the public on the 2nd Saturday of each month and are a wonderful way to get outside & enjoy nature while helping preserve the national park for future visitors. We will meet at 8:30 am at the new parking lot, .2 miles north of the Visitor Center on Old 41 and usually are finished by 1:00 p.m. Activities usually include the use of shovels, rakes, picks, and other tools to fix erosion problems on the 20+ mile trail system. Please do not wear open-toed shoes & long pants are recommended.

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

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 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 25,000 volunteer hours to Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park.

We hope to see you at a work day soon!

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instruction, construction and general maintenance - all on the cool side of the Mountain. Check-in went well and everyone met at the picnic area amphitheater. Work actually started just a little after 9 am (very good!).

Dennis & Susan, aided by Lynn & Cathy, took on the laborious task of spreading chipped mulch, pruning and weeding in the visitor center area. Dennis remarked that several young ladies showed super strength and ambition in their zest to get the mulch delivered and spread. There were many piles of mulch and we were not too sure it could be spread by noon, but they did it! The area looks beautiful and fresh. Super job that has the look of a job performed by professional landscapers.

Harry got help from Michael and Patrick, a crew leader from Chattahoochee. Their team started at the bottom of the Mountain and filled in gaps in the trail and added rock support and grade dips to stop erosion as needed. They also worked on the upper trail edge and did clearing of brush that was leaning over the trail. Trail knowledge was shared and everyone pitched in to make numerous adjustments to the trail. Looks like the sustainability classes paid off.

Cindy was joined by Randy and Doug (whose time was divided while also checking all the projects and giving assistance where needed). They had a group that now knows how to rebuild a road. The diesel ditch witch and big skid were in almost constant motion. A lot of dirt was put down and shaped for drainage and they covered up the rocky section that was becoming a real nuisance. Also, the drainage ditch was cleared out and water bars were added. It looked kind of rough when time came to stop work but, after a rain Saturday evening, it smoothed out like it had been steam rolled. It was a big job that is now complete.

Jim was helped by Geoff, Curt and Ranger Dave at the continuing rock steps project. Their goal was to get enough steps in place to reopen that section. This is where the largest crew worked. Again, training was done here for the benefit of workers from Chattahoochee River Park. Overall, a good mix of volunteers took part in this project. Curt made sure that the area would still drain well and Geoff made certain the rocks were placed exactly right. Jim is superb at finding rock and, along with others, they huffed and puffed pulling them out of the woods to their new home in the staircase. By quitting time the yellow caution tape was pulled down and the steps opened! (Observed since then, they are being used).

Jay had Rodney's aid in getting the section high above the new steps corrected, There were many rocks pulled and repositioned to make this tricky section more manageable. Also, for the first time we used a large gas tiller to break up hardened ground on the level part of the trail to make a drainage ditch which will not erode away, thus making that

whole area stable. The group from Chattahoochee was well represented on this job and everyone's hard work is very much appreciated. Good work!

Scott's team was assisted by crew leaders Allison of our club and Kirsten from Chattahoochee. They had a good mix of volunteers and took on the task of learning how to build "armoring" in the trail. This was done at several areas where the trail is steep and washes out at the base of the stairs off the top of mountain parking lot. They did the job correctly and then moved down trail doing some pruning and scraping of sharp edges. This area looks better than it has in years; it is a very tight part of the climb and heavily used. By the way it looks now, it should remain that way for a long time.

Thankfully, there was plenty of water to drink and Anne and David brought snacks to give out. The sun was not on anyone too much and the weather was not too hot. It was a wonderful July day and one that all the volunteers will remember. They were all a part of the Trail Club and helped the wonderful and caring staff of Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park in making the park a place of honor and joy for everyone.

Respectfully submitted,

Jim Moylan & Doug Tasse
Co-Trail Day Supervisors
Kennesaw Mountain Trail Club

What Are You Doing Today?

It used to be that we would try to get together on the second Saturday of the month to do some trail maintenance. Well, it's different now! During the last few months, we have had someone or some group working on the trails nearly every week - and during some weeks daily! So If you have some free time during the week, contact us! See if we could use an extra hand or two (we usually can!).

Also, I can't say too much right now, but we've got some new trails coming in the upcoming year or two! I've been to a couple of the areas, and I can't wait! We'll be needing lots of hands when the project(s) are finalized and announced. **So, what are you doing today?**

Fred Feltmann

August Trail Work Day Plans

We are expecting a large turn out! We have a very ambitious set of plans for this month.

Projects for August 11.

Team 1: Starting at Burnt Hickory (at the road) work up the hill, repairing steps, washes trimming and putting in rolling grade dips and water bars up to the small wooden bridge. This will be a major project because of all the rain and washing.

Team 2 Up Pigeon Hill starting at the wooden bridge again doing trail repair.

Team 3: Leave the Burnt Hickory parking lot and go right toward Dallas Highway doing trail repairs , rolling grade dips rock or stump removal. When you get to the trail crossing for the East West trail, go left and work your way back to Dallas Highway to the Camp B. Crossing.

Team 4: The Hartage Mill Trail. At the Crossing of the East West Trail on the fire road take a right and do trail repairs to the Creek.

Team 5: This is Jay's special request team. REI is sending a group and Jay will be working with them.

Team 6: This team will finish the work on Big K and the Steps.

Team 7: We will support Dennis and Susan at the Visitor Center in their continuing landscaping effort.

We will sign up at our normal site at the 41 Parking lot and sent out crews from there. Maps will be furnished.

BOOK REPORT - "WAR LIKE THE THUNDERBOLT: The Battle and Burning of Atlanta"

By Russell S. Bonds

Reviewed by Bill Gurry

"War Like a Thunderbolt" is the second excellent Civil War book written by Marietta native Russell S. Bonds. The first, ***"Stealing the General"*** was reviewed earlier this year.

This book is primarily about the events of July through November, 1864, including the July battles around Atlanta (Peachtree Creek, Atlanta, and Ezra Church), the Federal shelling of Atlanta during August, the September 1 and 2 battle of Jonesboro, the first burning of Atlanta by the retreating Confederates as they blew up ammunition and other war material (depicted in ***"Gone With the Wind"***), and the second infamous burning of Atlanta by the Federals as they left on the March to the Sea.

The book starts in the preface with discussions of ***"Gone with the Wind"*** and a few books about the Atlanta campaign to put the rest of the book in perspective. The background

leading up to the July battles around Atlanta is covered in the three chapters about the commanders of the opposing armies. These chapters are entitled "Crazy Bill", a nickname for Federal Major General William Tecumseh Sherman, "The Gamecock," a nickname for Confederate General Joseph Eggleston Johnston, and "Old Woodenhead," a nickname for Confederate General John Bell Hood.

The book then tells the story of the battles, shelling, and burnings, often using many quotes by participants from the generals down to privates and includes some critical commentary. One of my favorite quotes is from a letter written by Georgia soldier Blanton Fortson to his mother as the Confederates retreated south from Dalton towards the Kennesaw Mountain area. Forston wrote: "We will leave walls of stone and earth which will be gazed upon by generations to come, as the earth which protected father and grandfather. Tread lightly, this is sacred ground, made so from the many gallons of Southern blood it has drunk and the many mangled bodies it contains." An author's note concerns visiting the battlefields covered in the book for those interested in seeing the ground that contains this Southern and Northern blood. Sadly, all have been largely obliterated. This author's note ends back where the book started, saying "And don't bother driving up and down Tara Boulevard in Jonesboro looking for Tara. It's not there, and never was." At least we still have Kennesaw Mountain.

Unfortunately for many of us, Bonds stated at a recent presentation that he is not working on another book any time soon, but is spending his time with his family and working as an attorney. Fortunately, however, he also stated that the film company owned by Steven Spielberg may be making ***"Stealing the General"*** into a film.

The book runs 522 pages, including 402 pages of text (with maps and pictures) with the rest being appendices, notes and bibliography. ***"War Like the Thunderbolt"*** is for sale in the Kennesaw Mountain Visitors Center.



Larry Shogren riding the trails with Spirit - photo by Shawn Haney.

Trail Club Shirts and Merchandise Available

http://www.cafepress.com/kennesaw_trails

100% Cotton Denim Embroidered Shirt \$35.00



Support your club and Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park by showing the colors. We have a selection of shirts both long-sleeved and short-sleeved available in our online Gear Store. 20% of the purchase price of any of our products goes directly to support the park.

The yellow tee shirt (\$17.99) with the club logo on the back has become the default standard uniform shirt for trail workdays. The bright yellow color stands out in the woods, and the logo is clearly visible when you are bent over swinging a Pulaski or a MacCloud.

If you would like to have one or more shirts at this price, e-mail **Jay Dement** at tees@kennesawmountaintrailclub.org with your name, size, and quantity of shirts. The Yellow shirt is available at a special price of \$15.00 during Trail Maintenance on the second Saturday of the month.

It's Been A Great Ride!

Ten and a half years ago, Richard Angeli and I were pounding the trail on the back side of Little Kennesaw, on a particularly onerous section - I had been involved in this section back in 1987 as part of an Eagle Scout Project done by Troop 287. Essentially, the Troop had put in water bars constructed of landscape ties. By 2002, the water had eroded the trail around them, such that there was an 18 - 24-inch drop on the downhill side of each of these! It was a mess!. We were trying to get into shape for a trip to Philmont Scout Reservation in October, 2002, and were going to be using this trail every weekend for the next several months. I asked Richard, who was then a member of the Appalachian Trail Club, if a similar club would be a possibility here, and something definitely had to be done! We proceeded to the Visitor Center, posed the question and received a WARM reception. Needless to say, during the summer we laid out plans of what needed to be done, and set about establishing the Club. One of our first priorities was to replace this section of trail.

The current section of trail on the back side of Little Kennesaw is way better than that old trail, much easier to maintain and much more scenic. And it's used by a lot more Park visitors! Easily a hundred-fold increase!

Fred Feltmann

Founding Member

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2012 Activities at Kennesaw Mountain Battlefield

August:

August 5: Artillery Demonstration @ Visitor Center | 11 am, 12 pm, 2 pm, 3 pm.

11 am, 1 pm Cheatham Hill Talk about Cheatham Hill battle, Phillip Whiteman

August 11: 8:30-1:00 Old Hwy 41 parking lot August Trail Work Day

August 13: Monday Night Program | These programs cover a variety of historical and culturally relevant topics delivered by subject experts. Speakers are to be announced; please check back later for more details.

August 18: Fleet Feet Hike 9:00 AM - Noon. Meet at the Flag Pole at the Visitor Center 10 minutes before

August 26: Fleet Feet Hike 9:00 AM - Noon. Meet at the Flag Pole at the Visitor Center 10 minutes before

September:

September 2 - 3: Artillery Demonstration @ Visitor Center | 11 am, 12 pm, 2 pm, 3 pm.

September 8: 8:30-1:00 Old Hwy 41 parking lot September Trail Work Day

September 10: Monday Night Program | These programs cover a variety of historical and culturally relevant topics delivered by subject experts. Speakers are to be announced; please check back later for more details.

September 15: Fleet Feet Hike 9:00 AM - Noon. Meet at the Flag Pole at the Visitor Center 10 minutes before

September 23: Fleet Feet Hike 9:00 AM - Noon. Meet at the Flag Pole at the Visitor Center 10 minutes before

September 30 : Artillery Demonstration @ Visitor Center | 11 am, 12 pm, 2 pm, 3 pm.

October:

October 13 8:30-1:00 Old Hwy 41 parking lot October Trail Work Day

October 14: Artillery Demonstration @ Visitor Center | 11 am, 12 pm, 2 pm, 3 pm.

October 15: Monday Night Program | These programs cover a variety of historical and culturally relevant topics delivered by subject experts. Speakers are to be announced; please check back later for more details.

October 28: Artillery Demonstration @ Mountain Top | 11 am, 12 pm, 2 pm, 3 pm.

November:

November 11: Artillery Demonstration @ Visitor Center | 11 am, 12 pm, 2 pm, 3 pm

December:



*The Great Rock Steps on Kennesaw Mtn.
Almost complete!!!
Photo by Anne Strand*

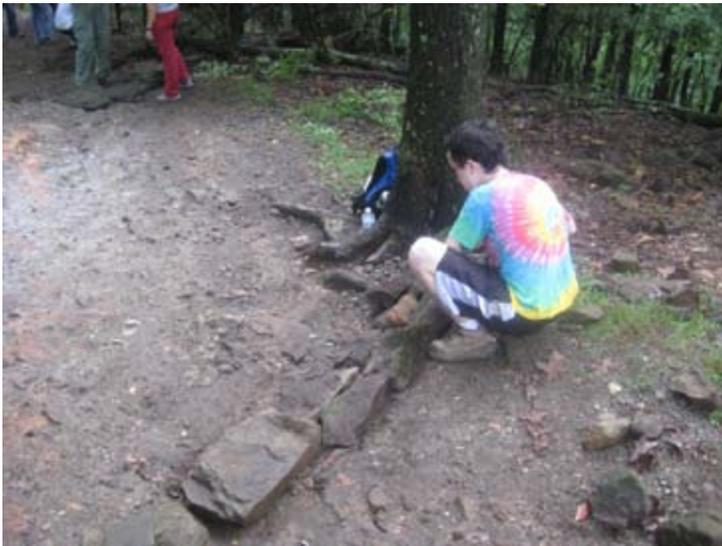


"Fleet Feet" Hikes - photographer unknown



July Work Days/Activities - photos by Scott Mackay.





July 14
Work Day
- photos
by Scott
Mackay.





The Green Youth Group - Working Together!

These photos are from the 7/14 workday. The group is the Green Youth Group. They give urban kids the chance to get out into nature. I estimate the boulder they're moving weighs 600 - 800 lbs., but if you get enough rock straps around it with enough young, strong guys you can drag it anywhere you need to! They moved it out of the woods and to the trail last month and we'll put it into place to make a step out of it on 8/11.

Jim Moylan
Crew Leader, Extraordinaire





Fleet Feet Hikes: For Physically Active, Mature Adults

The hikes are led by other wise and mature adults who enjoy the outdoors and know the trails of Kennesaw Mountain well.

The hikes are divided into short (two mile) and long (six mile) lengths.

Short hikes are from 9 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.

~~June 16~~

~~July 21~~

August 26

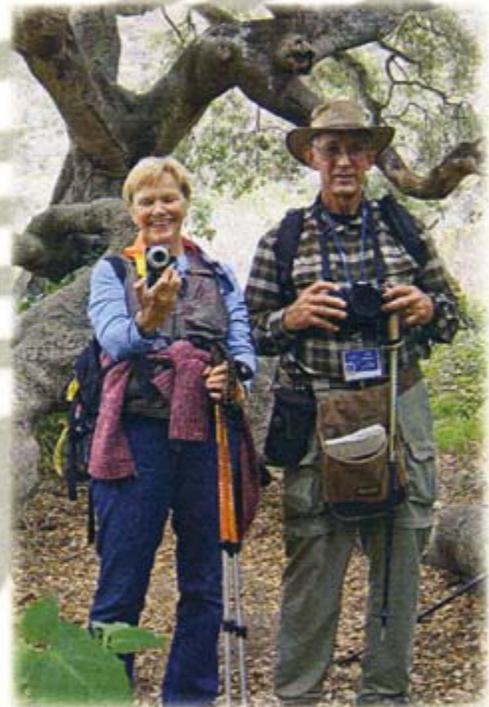
September 23

Long hikes are from 9 am – 12:00 pm

~~July 1~~

August 18

September 15



All participants should meet at the flagpole near the Visitor Center and no registration is required. For all hikes, please arrive ten minutes prior to start time for hike information; hikes begin promptly at 9:00 am.

Be sure to bring water and long pants and good hiking boots are highly recommended. For more information, please call 770-427-4686 x 0 between 8:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.

Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park
900 Kennesaw Mountain Drive
Kennesaw, Georgia 30152
770-427-4686

EXPERIENCE YOUR AMERICA™



Leave No Trace **A w a r e n e s s W o r k s h o p**

Presented by the Kennesaw Mountain Trail Club
Saturday, August 18, 2012
REI Kennesaw

The Awareness Course is a vital component of the nationwide Leave No Trace program, to help recreationalists minimize their ecological impact while enjoying the outdoors. This program assists the participants in learning more about the seven principles of Leave No Trace.

There is no charge for this informative workshop and participants will receive a certificate upon completion. Seating is limited to 25 participants. For more information and to sign up go to www.jayDphotos.com/LeaveNoTrace.htm.



leave no trace

- Plan Ahead and Prepare
- Travel and Camp on Durable Surfaces
- Dispose of Waste Properly
- Leave What You Find
- Minimize Campfire Impacts
- Respect Wildlife
- Be Considerate of Other Visitors



Date: Saturday, August 18, 2012
Time: 10:30 am
Place: REI Kennesaw
(740 Barrett Parkway)
www.rei.com/stores/125

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TO: Trail Maintenance & Hiking Club Release

ITEM: Article below on Southeastern Foot Trails Coalition Region Meeting Sept. 20-23, 2012

RELEASE DATE FOR PUBLICATION: Immediately, especially anytime before mid-July, 2012

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Southeastern Foot Trails Coalition Invites Your Club Members to Tennessee's Cumberland Plateau Gathering in September

Members of the 40 hiking and trail maintenance clubs in the Southeast interested in hiking the trails on the Cumberland Plateau or wanting to know more about all aspects of trails and trail building/maintenance are invited to the 7th biennial meeting of the Southeastern Foot Trails Coalition (SEFTC) at Fall Creek Falls State Park in southeastern Tennessee near Pikeville on the Cumberland Plateau on September 20-23, 2012, about 70 miles north of Chattanooga.

The SEFTC is a coalition of most all the hiking and trail maintenance organizations in the Southeast, representing over 40 such clubs from Florida to Virginia and Kentucky.

The coalition leadership has planned a fun and informative four days. There will be numerous trail-related workshops led by experts in the field. A variety of hikes are planned, both inside this 25,000-acre state park and in the surrounding state/protected areas of the Cumberland Plateau. Trail fellowship and a wide exchange of ideas are part of the offering. Special speakers and entertainment will be yours each evening.

Much of the beautiful lakeview lodge, cabins, and campground have been reserved by SEFTC for this weekend. Part-weekend registration and attendance is available for those not able to be present the full time.

Early registration now is encouraged. Some fees go up August 1, and there is a limit to housing with almost no alternatives nearby outside the park.

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