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WORKDAY 7/14/18 Report

By Bill Gurry

After 2 inches of rain Friday evening at my house, about 10 miles from the Park, I didn't think we would be able to do any dirt work Saturday morning due to muddy conditions. I was hoping most of the volunteers would not come. Teagan e-mailed about the mud and I told her not to come. Since it was too late to cancel the workday and keep volunteers from showing up, I thought we could still trash some social trails and cut invasive plants. But there had been no rain at the Park at all. And the volunteers came in large numbers, including four JNROTC groups. As usual, Adam was there to look after us and taught me his secret place to hide truck keys. (I was the only one who didn't know).

Danny, Harry and friends trashed the new social trail on top of Quarles' brigade's earthworks just off the Mountain Road and trashed the new dangerous social trail to the quarry. They then disappeared into the wilderness to kill evil plants.* Geoff's JNROTC crew built a new rock step in a very steep place. Because this steep area has bedrock to the surface,

Geoff used one of the big timbers from Bruce's old barn to build a second step. Ken took another JNROTC crew and corrected the 3 water problems at the trail head and cleaned muck out of the drainage ditch. Jerry had another group work on the drainage ditch built to protect the picket posts just below the lower end of the trail. Katie and David and Bob each took large crews to remove the old creep berm scars on the lower side of the trail. Dave couldn't stay long but arrived very early to load tools. Most important of all, Rena grabbed the coal shovel and cleaned the silt off the asphalt at the trail head. Trail ambassadors in large numbers rerouted traffic, registered volunteers, and supported the dirt people. All in all, we did more work than I anticipated.

Even without Scott, we mustered a large group of crew leaders and TA's for the monthly President's debriefing lunch after the workday. A good time was had by all.

Thanks to all who helped – we will do this again on August 11.

* *Danny wants you to know that the evil plants were bush honeysuckle, nandina, chinaberry, and privet.*

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SCA RETURNS

SCA will again provide a group at the Park to improve trails, attack invasive plants, and experience the Park and other sites in the Atlanta area. It has been a real joy to work with SCA young people in the past. The leaders will arrive on July 21 and members the next week. Tentatively, Bill will assist the SCA leaders with the trail work the week of July 23, and Harry/Cam will assist with invasive plant work on Monday and Tuesday July 30 and 31, and Jay and Bruce will assist with trail work starting August 1 until they leave, all subject to change based on the weather, the Park's needs, and the SCA leaders' ideas. (SCA - Student Conservation Association)

Bill Gurry

August 11, 2018 Work Day Plans

Our workday for August 11 will be on the Kolb Farm West Trail at the John Ward Creek area on the west side. We will park and muster in the meadow across from the **Cheatham Hill Road parking lot** (NOT to be confused with Cheatham Hill Drive to the Illinois Monument). Please note that it will be a 1 to 1 1/4 mile hike to the work site (and another mile back).

Bill Gurry

Park Visitors Beware!

Don't let thieves turn a day on the trail into a major headache.

That's the message from the rangers at Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park, who say car break-ins are on the rise here.

The park warned of the uptick in robberies on its Facebook page, but Park Ranger Jake Boling said park goers can have fun without worry by following some simple tips.

"Don't let this be a tool of fear to scare you away from the park, just try to visit the park responsibly," he said.

- Boling said the best thing park guests can do travel light, taking only what they need.
 - "A really good rule of thumb is if you're coming to the park for recreation, try not to bring anything you're not carrying with you," he said.
 - That could mean leaving the purse or wallet at home and just keeping a few bucks or a credit card and an ID in your pocket.
 - If you must stow valuables in your vehicle, put them out of sight, preferably locked away in the trunk, before getting to the parking lot.
 - "It's a crime of opportunity," Boling said. "If they see something they want, in a few seconds, it's theirs. The only thing that stands in their way is a car window."
 - Another common mistake is hiding car keys under the car, Boling said. The ranger said some experienced thieves know the hiding spots and can make off with your belongings without even having to break the window.
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Trail Ambassador Report

July 9, 2018

Currently have 63 Trail Ambassadors (TA)

Have 16 Trail Ambassador Candidates (TAC). 7 have completed 1 or more requirements.

Have 6 TAC who completed at least one of the requirements but have not progressed or been actively involved in the last 6 months

Conducted 1 Trail Ambassador orientation

From April 01 – June 30, 2018, TAs supported the following events:

- 4 - Artillery Demonstrations
- 2 - Infantry Demonstrations
- 2 – Life of a Soldier
- 1 – Bird Walk
- 1- Kid Cannon Crew
- 2 – Raptor presentations
- 1 – Carrie Berry
- 1 – Civil War Hygiene
- 1- Civil War Sharpshooter
- 1 – Leave No Trace
- 1 – Trail Ambassador guided hike – Jay Haney
- 7 – Field Trips
- 1 – Marietta Summer Camp
- 1 – Guided tour of 10 members of Northern Virginia Recreational Vehicle group– Jay Haney assisting
- Junior Ranger Day
- 154th Battle Anniversary which included 2 TA led hikes, support for all but 1 of the infantry and artillery demonstrations, 3 shifts of information desk, parking lot access control for 2 shifts each day and support for one of the mountain top hikes.
- 3 – Club trail work days
- **Student Volunteer Invasive Plant Management Program** – Led by Cam Graham , will start again in August 2018

TA Future Plans:

Continue working with Amanda on the Trail Ambassador T-shirts project

Present at least 1 TA orientation

Develop more TAs who can support registration on trail work days

Janie Brier

Kennesaw Mountain Trail Club
Trail Ambassador Director

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Additional Volunteers needed! Call today!

KMTC Annual Business Meeting

The Kennesaw Mountain Trail Club's Annual Business Meeting will take place on Saturday, September 15th 2018 starting at 10:00AM in the Education Room at the Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park Visitor Center. New Club Officers/Directors will be elected and installed for the coming year, select Directors will report on their activities for the year past, new changes/updates to the Club By-Laws will be presented for consideration/vote, and a look-ahead to upcoming Club activities will be provided.

Per our current By-Laws, all Voting Members (Officers, Directors, Trail Ambassadors and Crew Leaders) and Community Volunteers (individuals who have participated in, at least, one club event/activity during the current calendar year) are welcome to attend the Annual Business Meeting.

The nominees for election to office for the 2018 – 2019 year are:

President	Don Olds
Vice-President	TBD
Secretary	Bob Brier
Treasurer	Tom Okenberg
Trails Director	Bruce Rugg
Communications	Fred Feltmann
Community Volunteers	Rena Bailey
Trail Ambassadors	Janie Brier
Invasive Plants	Danny Leigh
Program Planning	Jay Haney
Fundraising	Scott Mackay
Technology	Jerry Givan
Historian	TBD

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 2017 (October 2016- September 2017 and Fiscal 2018 (October 2017- Present):

FY 2017

ATLANTA OUTDOOR CLUB
ALLATOONA HS BETA CLUB
ALLATOONA HS NJROTC
AUSTIN MIDDLE SCHOOL
BENCHMARK PHYSICAL THERAPY
BETA ALPHA PSI (KSU)
BOY SCOUT TROOP 252
BOY SCOUT TROOP 540 - EAGLE SCOUT PROJECTS
BSA TROOP 703 - EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT
CAMPBELL HS BETA CLUB
CUB SCOUT PACK 11
CUB SCOUT PACK 405
CAMPBELL HIGH SCHOOL BETA CLUB
HILLGROVE HIGH SCHOOL NJROTC
HOME DEPOT
INTERNATIONAL ACADEMY (SMYRNA)
KEEP COBB BEAUTIFUL
KENNESAW MTN HS NJROTC
KENNESAW MOUNTAIN HS KEY CLUB
KING'S ACADEMY JROTC
KSU
KSU DELTA SIGMA PI
KSU HONORS BETA CLUB
MCEACHERN HS BETA CLUB
NORTH ATLANTA CHURCH
POPE HS HONOR SOCIETY
RANSTAAD TEMPORARY STAFFING
VENTURE CREW 75
VOLUNTEER KSU
WOODSTOCK HS NJROTC

FY 2018

ATLANTA OUTDOOR CLUB
ALLATOONA HIGH SCHOOL HONOR SOCIETY
ALLATOONA HS NJROTC
BETA ALPHA PSI FROM KSU

BSA TROOP 75
BSA TROOP 17, ARAGON, GA
BSA TROOP 1011
CAMPBELL HS
HARRISON HIGH SCHOOL
HILLGROVE HS NJROTC
KENNESAW MOUNTAIN HS NJROTC
KENNESAW MOUNTAIN HS KEY CLUB
KENNESAW MOUNTAIN HS AP MAGNET
ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE CLASS
KSU
KSU BETA ALPHA PSI
KSU PHI SIGMA PI
PACK 405, MCEACHERN UMC
PHI SIGMA PI FROM KSU
POPE HS HONOR SOCIETY
POPE HS SCIENCE NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY
SERVICE DAY - KSU
VENTURE CREW 540
VOLUNTEER KSU
U.S. ARMY TRAINING CLASS



The following groups participated at our July Work Day:

ALLATOONA HS NJROTC
HILLGROVE HS NJROTC
KENNESAW MOUNTAIN HS NJROTC
WOODSTOCK HS NJROTC
SWINERTON CARE CREW
ATLANTA OUTDOOR CLUB

We had a total of 55 volunteers participate this past month, along with our crew leaders, Trail Ambassadors and Board Members.



Under very close supervision, Rena grabs the coal shovel to remove accumulated silt from the trail head.

2018 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 40+ 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. For these expenses, we rely on your donations.

Each year we kick off a new round of fund raising and this is the 2018 big “ask”. We need your help with this, even small donations help.

As we approach our 16th year in operation, we ask you to please think ‘15’, like \$15.. \$30.. \$45..... \$150... \$1500. All donations to the Trail Club support our work at the park, and are tax deductible.

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

- Use Guidestar on the bottom of our home page on the Trail Club website <http://www.kennesawmountaintrailclub.org>
- Subscribe to Amazon “Smile” where they will donate to us based on your purchases
- Send a tax deductible contribution to:

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

ALSO: Please check with employers about matching donations.

* Corporate name is KEMO Trail Corps, Inc., a 501(c)(3) organization.



Kennesaw Mountain Trail Club Calendar

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Event</u>
August, 2018			
8/11	8:00 am - 12 pm	Cheatham Hill Rd Field across from Parking Lot	Trail Work Day
September, 2018			
9/8	8:00 am - 12 pm	TBD	Trail Work Day
9/22	8:00 am - 12 pm	TBD	National Public Lands Day
October, 2018			
10/13	8:00 am - 12 pm	TBD	Trail Work Day

Be sure to look over the August Activities listed on pages 13 through 15 that are being presented by the National Park Service at Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park during the month of August.

Register for Our Work Days!

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

signup.com/go/VvavYQj. By registering, we can be better prepared with the amount of tools, bottled water, gloves, etc. on hand.



Mark Your Calendars!

Upcoming Work Day Schedule:

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. Registration will open at 8:00 am across the street from the Cheatham Hill Rd Parking Lot and usually we are finished by 12:00 p.m. Please arrive there by 8:30 am. 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 **Highly** recommended.

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@](mailto:kmtctrails@kennesawmountaintrailclub.org)

kennesawmountaintrailclub.org at least 4 weeks in advance. Trail work can be performed any day of the week.

We work closely with the Park Service and assist the park staff by providing critically needed volunteer effort to install signs, build bridges, and maintain the 20+ miles of trails. Since our beginning in 2002, the Trail Club has donated over 45,000 volunteer hours to Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park.

We hope to see you at a work day soon!

7/14/18 Work Day Photos

Photos by Fred Feltmann



Infantry Demo - 7/8/18

Photos by Fred Feltmann, Demonstration given by Amanda Corman.



Above: Fire!

Below: A dragonfly takes respite on Amanda's rifle while she's talking with a park visitor.



Farewell To The Whistle Stop Restaurant

Whistle Stop Restaurant closed, going out of business as of 7/29/18. No need to say where it was but it was important to the Trail Club. For at least the last eight years, several of us or groups of us had met there for early morning breakfast and planning sessions. Frequently, there'd be three or four people, other times 15-20; but every time was a good time. After some friendly banter, the topic would turn to what work had been or needed to be done at the park. Mostly, logistical problems were resolved and we had many. Moving equipment, supplies and determining how to best utilize our volunteers took a whole lot of planning. But things were never too difficult at Whistle Stop. The place was very comfortable and the service nice and friendly (much like the way Trail Club treated the volunteers at the park).

We hosted many groups at Whistle Stop and it made as much of an impression on them as working with the trail club did. One large group of college students from Iowa came for a work day and we treated them to lunch. Funny thing was that I said that they could order anything they liked, but I didn't want to see anyone eating corn. Of course, I thought that corn was all they grew in Iowa but that's not the case.

Same as with Whistle Stop, which was not only a place to eat - it was a place to get together, see and make friends and share plans and achievements at Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park. Like the Trail Club, they were glad that you came. That's important and they will surely be missed.

Whistle Stop - Thanks for the good times. Best wishes for future endeavors.

Doug Tasse

Former President and Trail Director



An Humanitarian Act

During the War Between the States, there were numerous flags of truce raised during the various battles. During these truces, brothers and cousins would hug across the lines. The men on both sides would play checkers, and cards with each other as if they were best friends. Wounded soldiers were given assistance and the dead were frequently buried. The truces lasted for several hours or even days sometimes, and the men would then start shooting as rapidly as possible with the intent of killing each other.

Along the Cease Fire Trail that runs parallel to Cheatham Hill Drive, an unusual humanitarian act occurred on June 27, 1864. The place is a short half mile from Whitlock Avenue. Following each Union assault, there were wounded Union soldiers lying helpless and facing a new danger. "A sizeable brushfire, ignited by embers of hundreds of discharged weapons falling amidst dry leaves, twigs and pine needles, crackled in front of Polk's brigade." (**Kennesaw Mountain, June 1864**, Baumgartner, p. 129) The Confederates watched in horror as the flames moved slowly toward the dead and severely wounded of the Union troops lying in the field. Screams could be heard through the air.

Lt. Col. William H. Martin commanded the Combined 1st and 15th Arkansas Regiments. Martin shouted, "Cease firing and help get out those men!" The Confederates scaled the Earthworks to help the Federals and soon Rebels and Yankees alike, had moved the dead and wounded and tamped out the fire (**Kennesaw Mountain, June 1864** Baumgartner, p. 129-130).

When the work was finished, a noble Federal officer, Colonel John I Smith, of the 31st Indiana Regiment was so impressed by the generosity that he pulled "a brace of fine pistols" from his belt and presented them to Martin. Colonel Smith then stated, "Accept them with my appreciation of the nobility of this deed. It deserves to be perpetuated in the deathless honor of every one of you concerned in it; and should you fight a thousand other battles and win a thousand other victories, none will be so noble as this." (*Confederate Veteran, May 1911*)

Sadly, the "Confederates can lay no garland on his (Lt. Col. William H. Martin) grave today, but the admiration of the women of the South is his until the sea gives up its dead." (*Confederate Veteran, February, 1904*).

There is no further mention of the pistols following the War.

Rena Bailey

Thanks to Phillip Whiteman and Rusty Bradley for their contributions for this article.

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Volunteer Sign-up website* <http://signup.com/go/VvavYQj>

* updated



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Kennesaw Mountain News Release

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Veterans History Project at Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park

In the winter of 2017-2018, Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park conducted oral interviews of local area veterans who served from WWII to the present. The purpose of this undertaking was to bring history to life through these personal stories from those within the community, and then to share this information to a wider audience through various means. A vital component of the park's Veterans History Project is to bring greater awareness of soldier stories from diverse perspectives in order to compare and contrast veterans' experiences from differing wars and conflicts; this even includes comparing modern soldier stories to the life of a Civil War soldier. In conjunction with the oral interviews, teacher and student workbooks were created to help bring this information into the classroom and to facilitate discussion and reflection on how these events shaped people's lives.

In late May, in partnership with the Library of Congress and the Atlanta History Center, two oral history workshops were offered at the park to allow for the sharing of best practices concerning how to conduct oral interviews, specifically with veterans.

The park has now submitted all of the 17 oral interviews that were conducted for this project with the Library of Congress (LOC). These files are now part of the LOC's Veterans History Project. Audio snip-its of these interviews are now featured on the park's website at www.nps.gov/kemo (in the Stories section under History and Culture).

For more information about this project, please contact the park at 770-427-4686.

Ethnographer Susan Caolo (who conducted the interviews) and Jim Bligh (Vietnam Veteran who participated in the project).



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<http://kennesawmountaintrailclub.org>



Georgia Salutes You, Vietnam Veterans!
 A Certificate of Honor & Lapel Pin Ceremony
 Hosted by
Cobb County Board of Commissioners
Saturday, August 25, 2018, 2 p.m.
Cobb County Civic Center
548 S. Marietta Pkwy, Marietta, 30060



It is never too late to say **“Thank You”** for serving in the military. The **Vietnam Veteran** never received a simple acknowledgment of their personal sacrifice for military service to our country during the Vietnam War.

In conjunction with the Defense Department’s ongoing 50th Anniversary Commemoration of the Vietnam War, the Georgia Department of Veterans Service, in partnership with the Office of Governor Nathan Deal, has created the **Vietnam War Certificate of Honor** program for these veterans. This ceremony will involve presentation of the Defense Department’s Vietnam War 50th Anniversary Lapel Pin and the State Certificate of Honor.

Every Georgia veteran with honorable service during the Vietnam War is eligible to receive this certificate and lapel pin. This includes veterans with service in-country and those who served in other capacities. Each certificate, signed by Governor Deal and GDVS Commissioner Mike Roby, is personalized with the veteran’s name, rank, branch of service, dates of service printed over the Seal of the State of Georgia and includes the official U.S. Department of Defense’s Vietnam War Commemorative Partner logo.

Eligibility dates are those recognized by the Defense Department’s Vietnam War Commemoration Program Office in Washington, D.C. - June 1, 1954 to May 15, 1975.

Interested in Attending? Complete & return this form with a copy of your DD 214

Name (as you wish it read): _____

Address: _____ Phone: _____

Branch of Service: _____ Rank: _____

Dates of Service: _____

MAIL
 GA Dept. of Veterans Service (Certificates), 2 MLK Jr. Drive SE, Atlanta, GA 30334
OR
EMAIL to bzeringue@vs.state.ga.us
OR
FAX to (404) 656-7006

DEADLINE TO SUBMIT is Thursday, August 16, 2018

****Must submit this form and a copy of DD Form 214**

For more information about this event call GDVS Public Information at (404) 656-5933



KENNESAW MOUNTAIN BEYOND THE WAR

By Andrew J. Bramlett

Monday, August 6 - 11am

**Kennesaw Mountain NBP
Visitor Center**

**Come learn stories about
what has happened at
Kennesaw Mountain both
before and after the Civil War.**

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Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park Interpretive Programs for **August**

****All park programming is free and open to the public. No registration required unless noted. Programs start at Visitor Center except when otherwise specified.**

Everyday @ 1:00 pm

Ranger Led Museum Tour

August 4 @ 9:00 am – 11:00 am “Old Time Children’s Games”

For kids and for the kids-at-heart...try your “skill” at wooden games such as graces, hoops and sticks, and stick horse races that were common over a century ago! Though these games (or sports) might not be popular anymore, come discover just how fun they can be! These activities will be held outside at the pavilion near the Visitor Center.

August 4, 5 @ 11, 12, 2 & 3:00 ‘Infantry Demonstrations’

Come out and enjoy an interactive infantry demonstration at Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park. This program will consist of a step-by-step description and demonstration of basic infantry tactics and culminate in a rifled musket firing. Please note that rifled musket firings are loud, especially to those with hearing sensitivity (i.e. dogs, children, etc.).

August 5 @ 11:00 am - 3:00 pm ‘Civil War Music’

Music during the Civil War served many functions. Not only did it help to organize and rally, but also went a long way to boost morale amongst the soldiers. Come join the musicians of Decatur Fife and Drum as they demonstrate this through performance and discussion of 19th century fife and drum music.

August 11 @ 11:00 – 11:30 am ‘The Importance of NPS Battlefields’

This 30 minute ranger-led program discusses the importance of preserving historic battlefields and the preservation efforts taken by the National Park Service.

August 11 @ 8:00 am – 12:30 pm ‘Kennesaw Mountain Trail Club Work Day’

Volunteers are needed for each work day to help park staff maintain the 20-plus miles of trails of Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park. The workday for August 11 will be on the Kolb Farm West Trail at the John Ward Creek area on the west side. Volunteers will park and muster in the meadow across from the **Cheatham Hill Road parking lot** (NOT to be confused with Cheatham Hill Drive to the Illinois Monument). Please note that it will be a 1 to 1 1/4 mile hike to the work site (and another mile back).

The NPS Volunteer Services Agreement is required. A parent must sign the form if the child is under 18 years old. The form and directions to the registration site are available on the club’s website:

www.kennesawmountaintrailclub.org.

August 12 @ 11:00 am – 12:30 pm ‘Guided Mountaintop Hike’

Join us for a ranger hike to the top of Big Kennesaw Mountain. The hike will focus on local and Civil War history, as well as some of the ecology of the area. This is an outdoor program, so please prepare accordingly. Length of the hike will be approximately 2 miles, and will be weather dependent.

August 18 @ 10:00 – 11:30 “Guided Mountaintop Hike”

Junior Volunteer Andrew Bramlett will be leading this hike that will focus on changes that have occurred at or near the mountain over the last 154 years. Learn about the pickets and trench lines, about the natural springs that supplied the soldiers their water, and even about the orchards that were part of the Kennesaw Mountain landscape. This hike is truly a “hike through time” as you will discover how Kennesaw Mountain has been shaped and changed by man’s activities. This is an outdoor program, so please prepare accordingly. Length of the hike will be approximately 2 miles, and will be weather dependent.

August 19 @ 11:00 am - 3:00 pm ‘Civil War Music’

Music during the Civil War served many functions. Not only did it help to organize and rally, but also went a long way to boost morale amongst the soldiers. Come join the musicians of Decatur Fife and Drum as they demonstrate this through performance and discussion of 19th century fife and drum music.

August 19 @ 11, 12, 2, & 3:00 ‘Artillery Demonstrations’

Artillerists explain the steps of firing a cannon by detailing the role of each person working their positions. Afterwards, the process is performed in real time and the cannon is fired. Please note that cannon firings are very loud, especially to those with hearing sensitivity (i.e. dogs, children, etc.). ***This demonstration will take place at Cheatham Hill (location is off Cheatham Hill Drive - the parking area for the Illinois Monument)***

August 19 @ 11:00 am – 12:30 pm ‘Cheatham Hill Guided History Walk/Talk’

Historian Stuart Berkowitz is leading a number of guided walks and history talks on the historic battle at Cheatham Hill. The walks last approximately an hour and are free of charge. No advance registration is required.

August 25 @ 11:00 am – 12:30 pm ‘Guided 24-Gun Battery Hike’

This program will consist of a ranger guided 3 mile hike along the 24 Gun Battery Trail. It will focus on the importance of preservation, protection, and history within the National Parks. This is an outdoor activity, so please dress and plan accordingly. The event will be cancelled in the event of inclement weather.

August 26 @ 11, 12, 2 & 3:00 ‘Infantry Demonstrations’

Come out and enjoy an interactive infantry demonstration at Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park. This program will consist of a step-by-step description and demonstration of basic infantry tactics and culminate in a rifled musket firing. Please note that rifled musket firings are loud, especially to those with hearing sensitivity (i.e. dogs, children, etc.).

*** Outdoor programs (Living History programs and hikes) may be cancelled in the occurrence of inclement weather).*

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

Sponsors/Partners Corner

Many thanks to our Sponsors and Partners for their support!

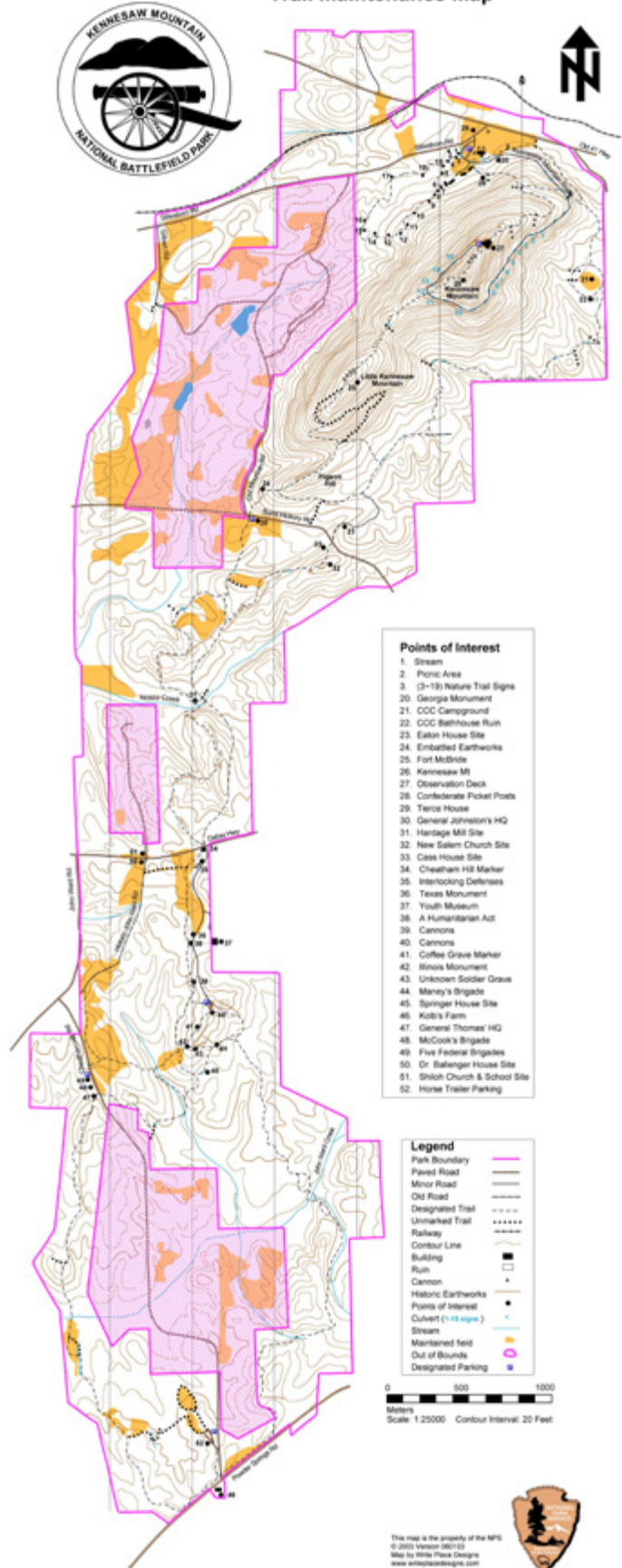


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KENNESAW MOUNTAIN NATIONAL BATTLEFIELD PARK

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