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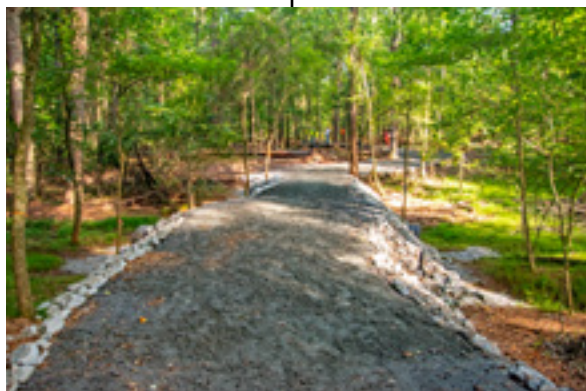
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New Salem Church Trail/ New Trail Reroute

The New Salem Church Trail has been rerouted at the new Burnt Hickory crossing and is now open on both sides of the road. Minor work still needs to be done on the new trail reroute, but it is now open for walkers and hikers. Photos of the completion of the reroute may be found on page x, herein.



Thank you all for your patience and understanding.

Ladrick Downie

Facility Manager
Kennesaw Mountain National
Battlefield Park

September Newsletter Deadline

If you wish to have an article published in the September Newsletter, please submit it to Fred Feltmann at faf1948@bellsouth.net no later than August 19th!

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

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! Starting in July, there will be only one Fundraising effort. The KMTC and Friends Fundraising effort will be consolidated into one and will be displayed in the main section of this newsletter. Please note you will have the ability to commit your pledge to either the Friends and / or to specific aspects - e.g. KMTC, Living History.

Park Update Notes

Updated

- *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 - a future project study is in progress
 - 2nd shuttle bus is being proposed to move people about the park
- Reroute of New Salem Church Trail is almost finished – expecting completion *Fall, 2023. The newly rerouted trail is now open - there is still finishing work to be done.*
- 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
- Bicycle racks & multi-use trails to complete in June 23 - *Completed!*
- 160th battle planning has started (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
- *Plans for Mountain Top restrooms are in process*
- *New Rotary intersections will be installed at Stilesboro and Old 41 and at Kennesaw Ave and Old 41 Work to begin in 2025*
- EV Charging Stations
 - A joint NPS/Friends study is being done to install EV charging stations at various parking lots in the Park.
 - Electrical power lines have been installed.

Patrick Gamman
 Superintendent

Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park



Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park Guidebook

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

Newsletter Sign-up

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

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

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Additional Volunteers needed! Call today!

Calendar of Events - Friends/KMTC

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Event</u>
August			
8/9	6:00 pm - 8 pm	Visitor's Center	Friends of KMNBP Meeting
8/12	8:00 am - noon	Picnic Area, Visitor Center	Work Day
September			
9/9	8:00 am - noon	Pigeon Hill Parking Lot <i>Tentative</i>	Work Day/National Public Lands Day Work to be done on Hardage Mill Trail
9/13	6:00 pm - 8 pm	Visitor's Center	Friends of KMNBP Meeting
9/16	TBD	Visitor's Center	KMTC Annual Business Meeting
October			
10/11	6:00 pm - 8 pm	Visitor's Center	Friends of KMNBP Meeting
10/14	8:00 am - noon	TBD	Work Day

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

See pages 6, 7 and 10 for a listing of NPS-sponsored events for the month of June.

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 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), 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 Reroute is now unofficially open! There is still some detail work that needs to be done, which will be done in the upcoming months, one of the items being new signage.

Fiscal 2023 General Schedule of Events

August 9, 2023 *Friends of KMNBP Board Mtg*
August 12, 2023 **Trail Work Day**
September 09, 2023 **Trail Work Day/ National Public Lands Day**
September 13, 2023 *Friends of KMNBP Board Mtg*
September 16, 2023 *KMTC Annual Meeting*
October 11, 2023 *Friends of KMNBP Board Mtg*
October 14, 2023 **Trail Work Day**
October 24, 2023 *KMTC Board Meeting*

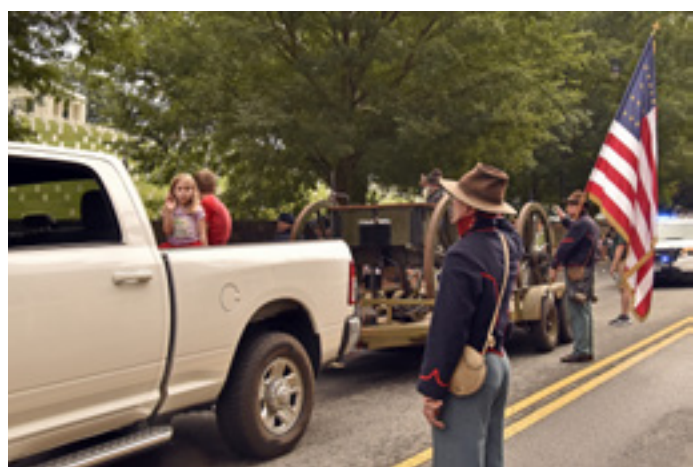
If interested in attending the KMTC Board meeting, contact **Donald Olds**:
president@kennesawmountaintrailclub.org

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



Marietta Independence Day Parade - 7/4/23

Photos by Fred Feltmann





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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](http://www.nps.gov)

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

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<http://kennesawmountaintrailclub.org>

Kennesaw Mountain History Hiking Challenge

Spend some time learning the history behind some of your favorite trails and earn a prize!

Between Memorial Day and Labor Day, attend two Ranger-led history hikes

- ⇒ Pigeon Hill Hike
- ⇒ Mountain-top Hike
- ⇒ Assault Trail Hike
- ⇒ 24 Gun Battery Hike
- ⇒ CCC Camp (New for 2023!)

Along with hiking the following trails on your own

- ⇒ Mountain Loop Trail (5.8 miles)
- ⇒ Kolb Farm Loop (5.1 miles)
- ⇒ Noses Creek and Cease Fire Trail to Illinois Monument (5.6 miles)

Then, turn in your log sheet to the Visitor Center to claim your prize!

Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park **HISTORY HIKING CHALLENGE!**

Spend some time with our rangers and learn about the history of your favorite hiking spots!

How does it work?

- Between Memorial Day and Labor Day, attend at least two Ranger-led History Hikes and hike all of the “On Your Own” trails
- Have a Ranger sign off on your log sheet after you have completed a hike
- Once the log sheet is filled, turn it in to the Visitor Center for your prize!

*Prizes are first come first serve. Proof of valid entrance (daily passes, Kennesaw Annual or America the Beautiful annual/lifetime passes) must be shown to gain credit for trails hiked. For additional questions, call the Visitor Center at 770-427-4686.

History Hikes	Date Completed	Ranger Signature
Pigeon Hill Hike		
Mountain-Top Hike		
Assault Trail Hike		
24-Gun Battery Hike		
CCC Camp Hike (New for 2023!)		

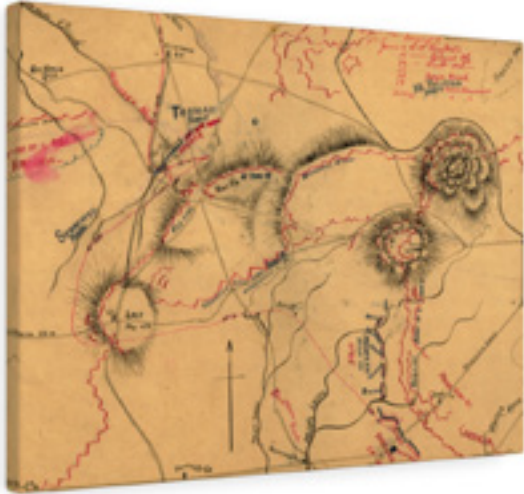
“On Your Own”	Date Completed	Ranger Signature
Mountain Loop Trail (5.8 miles)		
Kolb Farm Loop (5.1 miles)		
Noses Creek and Cease Fire Trail to Illinois Monument (5.6 miles)		

Ranger programs are scheduled for the next month at the end of the current month. Scheduled ranger programs are posted on our website, Facebook page and in the Visitor Center. Programs are subject to change due to weather. Please call 770-427-4686 in advance to confirm times and locations.

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

When a Memory Returns

This year's Fourth of July was special; I got to visit with friends at the Marietta parade staging area. Mainly I was happy to see that volunteers and staff from Kennesaw Mountain NBP were participating. It had been years since they were in the parade. It sure was good to see some of the staff and the ones who've been doing Living History, Ambassador and Trail Club work for a long time and great to see that new folks have come aboard. I'm not too good at recalling dates, but it was at least six or seven years ago since the "Mtn" had parade participation. I can't recall how many times I'd marched up Roswell Street to the Square. Before being with the Trail Club, I volunteered working the parade, even being the pace setter for more than several years.

From the 8th grade through 12th I was a drummer in the high school band. Of course that was too many years ago to think of but Atlanta used to have a lot of parades and I marched in them all; and it really was rain or shine; and believe me, no one beats a bass drum louder than me!

I guess that it was the rain this year that brought back some memories. As I mentioned, I met up with people at the staging area, it wasn't too hard to find folks because an earlier rain shower thinned out the crowd. Not the folks from the Mtn; they were grouped around their cannon on a trailer. It was a good visit, and my group was ready to parade - it's good to let the community see the organizations.

But it was eight years ago that some of the same people were around the cannon trailer back at the Park Maintenance area, getting ready to go to the parade and it was raining. In fact "we" were all waiting there to see if the parade would be held. I already had the park's new four seat Gator decorated and parked at my house...I was at the park picking up tools for our group of volunteers and the Teens (from SCA (Student Conservative Association)) who were camping and working with us at the time. Well, it turns out that the parade was canceled that year. The Trail Club did the parade the following 2 years and then no more until this year. And that was also the time that I had to leave volunteering at the park.

While waiting in the rain when the parade was called, I had a good time talking with a fellow Marine, Lance Corporal Squire "Skip" Wells, he was in active reserves and home for the holiday. Skip was a member of the Cannon Crew, a prestigious post. We were both soaking wet, but he was so proud to be there dressed in his very own Living History "Blues," dashing doesn't even come close to how he looked. We talked some about the Corps but also about how much he enjoyed bringing others to run and hike the trails and being a member of the Team. That was the last time that I saw Skip, and I used to rail him about "Whose Truck is That with all USMC stickers!" On July 16, 2015 a terrorist shot and killed LCpl Wells along with four other service members at his duty station in Chattanooga, Tennessee.

That year, 2015, I cried when I was awarded Volunteer of

the year at the Park. Yes I'd worked for many years on the trail and with all the people, but Skip had given his life to warn others. Tough doesn't come close to describing that.

Health concerns cut out the work at the Mtn. But like many at an older age, they return to a good memory. I joined the Marine Corps League and have now served as an officer for several years. Of course one of the first things that I did was get our unit in the parade, now our third time in it. And I'm proud to say that "Skip" is right there with us!

Thanks and Semper FI,

Doug Tasse

Commandant, L/Cpl Squire "Skip" Wells Detachment 647
(previously was Greater Atlanta Detachment)

Marine Corps League

Past President KMTC and Crew Leader!



Unknown Photographer



*Left - Mike Collet,
Trails Director -
KMTC*

Right - Doug Tasse

Photo by Fred Feltmann



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

*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!

The full August Schedule will be sent out separately, once it is available.



Fundraising Committee Formed

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

New this month is a revised Pledge Card. As part of the planned merger of the Friends and the Trail Club, we are consolidating the fundraising process. The revised pledge card allows the donator to designate where his/her donation will go. The options are:

- Friends - General
- KMTC
- Living History
- Endowment Fund

The Friends fund will support the overall organization and the funds will be apportioned to all sub tier organizations, as needed.

Regarding the KMTC option, funds donated will be used specifically to do maintenance, restoration and development of new trails at the Park.

Regarding the Living History option, funds donated will be used toward the Living History sub tier organization's operations at the Park.

The endowment fund will be used establish a future base of funds for all activities within the Friends of Kennesaw Mountain, such as development of new trails, facilities and equipment for any of the sub tier Friends organizations.

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

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 Dipjar - New Donation Option!

The Friends are offering visitors at the Visitor Center another option to donate - the Dipjar. Visitors will be able to use their credit card to donate \$25 to the Friends while at the Visitor Center. In addition, the Friends will have a portable version at various events sponsored by either the Friends or KMTC. The portable version will offer the opportunity to donate \$10 at these events.



Scott Mackay
President, Friends of KMNB

Contact List - Updated 4/25/23

POSITION	NAME
President	Scott Mackay
Vice President	Donald Olds
Secretary	Kim Sherk
Parliamentarian	Jason Shepherd
Treasurer	Tom Okerberg
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Newsletter Editor	Fred Feltmann
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Social Media	Andrew Bramlett
Fundraising	Bart Henderson
	Kathy Bearden
Citizen Science Program	Jessica Stephenson
	Reaves
Disbursements	Lewis Bramlett
Archives	Vacant
Membership	Vacant
Outreach	Matthew Dobson*
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

<https://friendsofkmnbp.org/>

Website - NPS

[www.nps.gov/kemo.gov](http://www.nps.gov/kemo)

Facebook Page - Friends

<https://www.facebook.com/FriendsofKMnBP>

Facebook Page - NPS

<https://www.facebook.com/KMNBP>

Twitter

<https://twitter.com/FKmnbp>

Instagram

<https://www.instagram.com/FriendsofKMnBP/>

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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) - June status

Updated

- Painted Rock Restoration (National Park Lands Day) - **Completed; additional work days to be planned**
- 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 (Scott Mackay participated)
- Support the battle anniversary (159th Anniversary - **June, 2023**). **Help to advertise, set-up as it occurs**
- Support Volunteer Fair planning in process (**Date TBD**)
- 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) - **Purchased; installed, June 2023**

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

- Fund Raiser - **May 17th, Marietta Wine Market - 5 - 7 pm (Success!!)**



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 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. **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

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																																				
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KMTC



Workday 07-08-23

On Friday, July 7, Aron, Bill, Eric, Rich R, Tom, and Mike reviewed the work plans.

We had 14 crew leaders for the workday. They were Aron, Bill, Curt, Eric, Fred, Geoff, Rich B, Rich R, Robert, Scott, Stewart, Todd, Tom, and myself. We had 7 volunteers and 3 Trail Ambassadors. They were Kathy, Rena, and Wendy. They directed traffic and conducted registration. Fred took pictures and Geoff monitored the parking lot. We had volunteers from Boy Scout Troop 1916, the Atlanta Outdoor Club, The Light of the World, and individuals.

On Saturday, I conducted a safety talk to the volunteers at the entrance to Hardage Field, then lead them to the worksite using the new Multi Use Sidewalk along Burnt Hickory. We turned right going south where the sidewalk met reroute and proceeded to where the new part of the trail met the current trail. We formed two groups. The first group using the timber carriers naturalized and eliminated both social trails coming from Burnt Hickory Road. The second group proceeded to debern the edges of the Crush & Run Trail, taper the trail removing the high spots caused by the Bobcats, move the logs back to the edge of the trail that had been bumped by the Bobcats, and add stones on both sides of the conduits. We stopped when we approached the parked Bobcats. We crossed Burnt Hickory Road, went to the conduit on the north side. We took the stones we had piled to the side on the reroute in January and placed them on both sides of the conduit further up the trail.

Our next workday is Saturday, August 12, 2023. I have before and after pictures.

Mike Collett
Director of Trails

August 12, 2023 Work Day

We will be working on the Mountain Trail, near the Visitor Center, this month. We will meet in the Picnic area, near the Visitor Center. Registration will open at 8 am. Parking will be in the field adjacent to the Picnic area. Temporary parking passes will be issued at the registration table.

Bring gloves, wear close-toed shoes and wear long pants - poison ivy may be an issue in some areas. Water will be provided, but you may wish to bring a water bottle as well.

We will be working from the base of Kennesaw Mountain working toward the top. We will be working on primarily

drainage issues. If we have extra time, we will also eliminate out trail creep and social trails.

Mike Collett
Trails Director, KMTC

July 13, 2023 Summer Camp

This day was the Summer Camp with the Marietta City Schools. We had 4 buses of kids (preK - 7th grade, a total of 205 kids), and they were moved to various activities around the park. I spent the day down in the Cheatham Hill area with Living History volunteers. We had a group at the Tennessee Battery and another group at the Mississippi Battery. Then we hiked them down the Assault Trail and crossed over to the picnic area at Cheatham Hill where the bus met them with their lunch and then took them over to the Visitor Center for a program with Cobb Water...and other activities. It was a long day for them, but they were very attentive.

Kathy Van Valkenburg
Trail Ambassador Co-Director

Photos by Kathy Van Valkenburg



KMTC Annual Business Meeting

The Kennesaw Mountain Trail Club's Annual Business Meeting is presently scheduled for September 16, 2023 at 9 am in the Education Room of the Park Visitor's Center. Club Officers/Directors will be elected and installed for the coming year, an update on Park status & activities, and a look-ahead to upcoming Club activities will be provided. Also, select Club Officers/Directors will report on their areas of responsibility. 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 proposed slate of nominees for election to office for the 2023 – 2024 year are:

Officers:

President – Donald Olds

Vice President – Raj Gupta

Treasurer -- Thomas Okerberg

Secretary – Laurie Poppell

Directors:

Trail Ambassador Director – Co-Directors –Wendy Turner

Kathy Van Valkenburg

Trails Director – Mike Collett

Community Volunteers Director -- Rena Bailey

Communications Director - Fred Feltmann

Newsletter Editor – Fred Feltmann

Fundraising Director -- Scott Mackay (President of KEMO Friends Group)

Information Technology Director -- Jerry Givan Webmaster/(past president)

Invasive Plants Director - Danny Leigh

Records Management – Laurie Poppell

Nominations will also be accepted at the meeting from the floor.

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)

BOY SCOUT TROOP 1916

THE CITADEL CLUB OF NORTHWEST GA

GA TECH ROTC

HARRISON HIGH SCHOOL

HILLGROVE HS NJROTC

KING'S ACADEMY HS AJROTC

KSU

KSU VOLUNTEER DAY STUDENTS

MARIETTA HS SPORTSMANS CLUB

THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD

This Past Month's Volunteers

For our July's work day, we had 14 crew leaders, 1 trainee, 3 Trail Ambassadors and 7 volunteers. Thanks! The volunteers were comprised of the following groups, along with a couple of individuals:

ATLANTA OUTDOOR CLUB

BOY SCOUT TROOP 1916

THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD

Thanks!


“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 21 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

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.”

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!



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 (Masks are optional). 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 August's work day, parking and registration will be in the field near the Visitor's Center. Vehicle Entrance Passes will issued at registration. Registration will open at 8 am and all volunteers will gather in the picnic area adjacent to the field.

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 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.



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NPS Website		https://www.nps.gov/KEMO
Facebook Page		http://www.facebook.com/kmtcsocial
Volunteer Sign-up website*		www.tinyurl.com/27ef2vph

** updated*

Appearances Can Be Deceiving

Photos by Fred Feltmann

As you approach the end/beginning of the New Salem Church Reroute, it apparently looks like the trail that connects the Brumby trail to the Pigeon Hill/Kennesaw Mountain Trail is now closed (left photo). But fear not, The trail is still open, as you can see when you get closer (right photo). The redesigned "gate" is to preclude horseback riders from continuing on this trail toward Pigeon Hill and thence onto the Little Kennesaw/Kennesaw Mountain trail. But hikers/walkers are free to continue on. If you are to take trails along the Blue Ridge Parkway, you will encounter similar barriers to preclude horseback riders and cattle from going the wrong way on trails.

Fred Feltmann



Work Day - 7/8/23

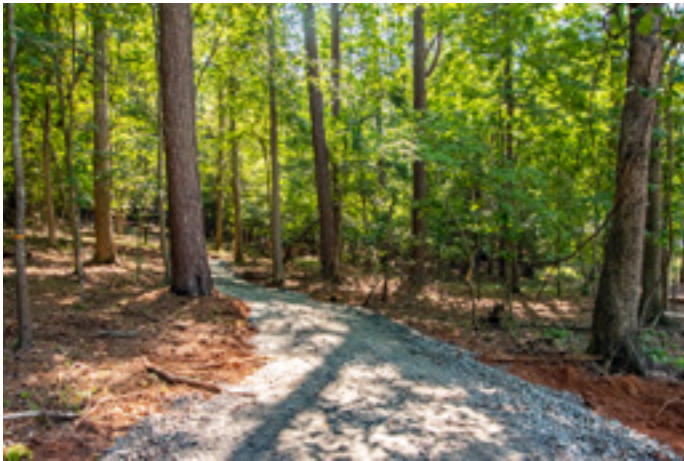
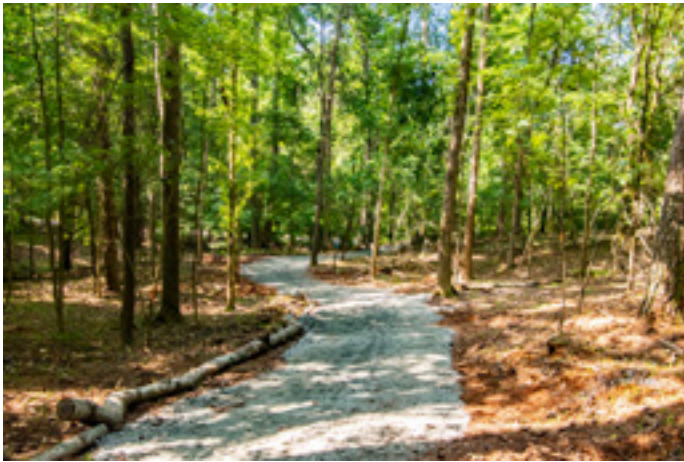
Photos by Fred Feltmann



New Salem Church Reroute

Photos by Fred Feltmann

Following are photos of the New Salem Church Reroute, which incorporates the relocated Burnt Hickory Rd. Trail Crossing. As can be seen in the photos, below, there are much safer sight lines regarding the Road Crossing. The crossing is immensely safer for horses and horse riders, as well as hikers and walkers. The trail reroute and crossing are now open for all trail users and horses/horseback riders.



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KENNESAW MOUNTAIN NATIONAL BATTLEFIELD PARK

Trail Maintenance Map

