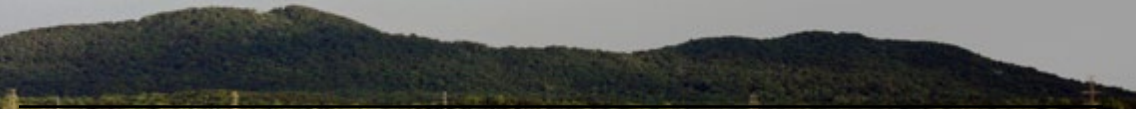




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Work Day 11/9/19

By Bill Gurry

Led by Crew Leaders Danny, Harry, Rich, Bill, Donald, Scott, Fred, Ken, Eric, Geoff, Kelly, Cindy, Eric, Andy, Jerry, and Curt in his cold-weather jester's cap, volunteers continued work on the Noses Creek Trail, all the way from near the Burnt Hickory Road parking area to just north of Dallas Highway, over 1 ½ miles from end to end. We almost completed the work.

This has been a tough project. It was requested by the Park because it was so rough for emergency, law enforcement,

and maintenance vehicles to pass. Although this is heavily traveled trail, this was not really "trail" work, but more "dirt/gravel road" repair.

The toughest part was trying to get the water off the road. The three most important things in gravel/dirt road construction are drainage, drainage, and drainage. Noses Creek was tough because the road is often the lowest place around. Judging from my last walk in the rain with Geoff, we did pretty well. But, it will require annual maintenance.

While the rest of us were getting muddy, the invasive plants crew was off near the Brumby Trail/Little K cutoff trail cutting privet. Over time, this effort has really improved the entire appearance of the Park, and I have heard more than one compliment from regular visitors along these lines.

Another BIG thanks to Andy for doing the ditch witch work on Friday ahead of the volunteer work and helping me flag the work. And thanks to Geoff for fixing the wheelbarrow and other tools.

Thanks to trail ambassadors for your support – and Rena , who worked with Hoka One to sponsor pizzas and snacks! Good stuff.

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Thanks Volunteers!

I appreciate you all immeasurably. I've been here for 4 years (has it been that long?), and I am amazed at the impact and contributions of all of you. Your dedication, reliability, and subject area expertise are inspiring. We truly have the best people in the best positions. You all are here rain or shine, working double shifts (sorry, still no overtime approved), and overall providing outstanding services to the visitors and the park. The Trail Club helps us on the trails and with the field trip process of 'herding cats.' Living history is here bringing the resource alive and adding the much needed smell of gunpowder to our interpretive programs. Visitor services tirelessly weather answering the same questions, giving the same directions, and filling in the gaps behind the scenes.

So, I say thank you to you all. For making my job easier and much more enjoyable for one, but also for your dedication to a resource that I care about. I already call many of you friends, and to those I don't know as much, I look forward to working with you soon.

Jake Boling
Park Ranger

Trail Ambassador Highlights

November was a busy month for the park and for the Trail Ambassadors. We were able to support 2 field trips serving over 200 children ranging from 5th – 12th grade. There were originally 4 scheduled but 2 field trips cancelled. My thanks to Karen Petrella, Rena Bailey, Cam Graham, Cindy Baerman, Rusty Bradley and Gayle McAlister for supporting these events.

Trail work day started cold and windy without much improvement. Braving the temperatures to support this event were Rena Bailey, Karen Petrella, Debbie Dement, Cam Graham, Jay Haney, Tammy Shakur and Stuart Haase.

I hope everyone attended one of the entry pass/fee program training sessions. This program went live on 11/13/10. Despite the best planning, there are and will be glitches in the implementation of a fee to visit a park which has been free to the public for decades. If you encounter frustrated or angry visitors please give them a comment card which they may submit by mail or in person to the visitor center. A copy of the comment card was sent by e-mail to the Trail Ambassadors. There are more comment cards available in the visitor center.

Have a wonderful Thanksgiving/Holiday Season!

Janie Brier

Trail Ambassador Director



Autumn!

Photo by Anne Page Mosby, 11/6/19

Audio Files Transcriber!

The Friends of KMNBP is in need of an Audio Files Transcriber - **Contact Scott Mackay at box2105@mindspring.com for more details.**

WINTER

Parking Pass Sales

It has been brought to our attention by several customers that information about a fee kiosk or machine is being disseminated in the parking areas.

We WILL NOT be implementing these machines. We will only be selling passes via www.recreation.gov and the visitor center. We really appreciate everyone's patience during this transition.

If you have any questions or concerns, please let us know and we will be happy to answer them.

All the best,

Amanda Corman

Park Ranger

Walker School Returns To Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park

On 11/20/19, the Walker School brought 35 9th graders to Kennesaw Mountain for a service project. Cam Graham led the effort and was assisted by Rena, Gayle, Fred and myself.

The students did maintenance on the Brumby Trail in the area where the school did water runoff control 5 years ago. They also cleaned leaves and silt out of the CCC building foundations at Camp Brumby.

Rena promised to make sure no more leaves will fall on the foundations for the remainder of the fall season.

Bill Gurry

Trails Director, KMTC



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Additional Volunteers needed! Call today!

You Have to Burn Up Those Calorie (Or can you wait)

While at the gym a lady was talking to a friend VIA cell phone (not hand held) while using an exercycle. Ok, I know that one's really not supposed to do that, but there was no one else there and it was no harm (except for letting anyone know your business, even if in this case it was only me). The conversation was amusing because she was, like me, as she stated, not there to lose weight; just merely to sort of keep what was there from not getting out of shape.

She went into great detail of what would be served for Thanksgiving dinner, simply put somewhere over 3000 calories + deserts and alcoholic beverages. Wow - that's really over consumption.... but not to worry she planned to get herself and friend over to Kennesaw Mountain for a hike after the meal.

Ya, Ok I'd like to see that happen. Just thinking about it was something that I knew I wouldn't be doing, There was one thing that I did know; I know that people do enjoy coming to the Battlefield Park to hike and burn off calories. As she remarked to her friend its a safe place to go. With this being the Thanksgiving and Holiday Season one should be thankful that the trails are safe to use, That is made possible by the Law Enforcement Ranger's patrols, the Trail Ambassadors being out on the trails and the park maintenance staff and Trail Club workers keeping the trails in shape.

Now there are several things to note about this writing.

Kennesaw Mountain is a good place to hike and walk off the calories.

The park is a safe place to go.

Hiking is not recommended if too much alcohol is consumed (if you don't know what that means- you probably shouldn't take a hike).

And, if you don't want someone to know your business don't carry on a conversation via the phone while at the gym.

And, I'm thankful that I can now use a gym.

Happy holidays to all.

Thanks,

Doug Fasse
Past President, KMTC

A Note From A Facebook Member:

Thanks! We always appreciate the work of the volunteers who come out each month!

*Season's
Greetings*

NOSES OR NOYES CREEK

By Bill Gurry

On modern maps and in our current lexicon, it is "Noses" Creek. However, look on older maps and read the Civil War reports and correspondence and some books, you will see that the creek is called "Noyes" Creek. I have always thought that Noyes rhymed with "toys." Not so.

In his book, *Kennesaw Mountain*, Dr. Earl J. Hess writes on page 17 that some pronounced the word "Noyes" as "Noses" and eventually, Noses came into usage. I didn't understand until Saturday.

After the Saturday workday I attended a lecture by Robert (Bob) D. Jenkins, Sr. in the VC on his second major book, *To the Gates of Atlanta*, that covers the movements of the armies from the night of July 1, 1864 at Kennesaw Mountain to July 19, 1864, the night before the Battle of Peachtree Creek. By happenstance, the Colonel of the 39th Ohio of Grenville Dodge's XVI Corps at Kennesaw Mountain was Edward Noyes. This came up in Bob's description of an action on the way to Atlanta, not Kennesaw Mountain. Bob said that "Noyes" was pronounced "no-yes." He made us all repeat "no-yes" five times fast, and it morphed into "noses."

I have asked historians how they know how people's names and places of long ago are pronounced. I was told once that a trick is to look at diaries of semi-illiterate soldiers who are likely to spell the names way they are pronounced, not correctly. For example, General "Deas" was spelled in a diary as "Days." This is the way I tend to spell, which was a great frustration to my Phi Beta Kappa Mother for over 60 years.

Trail Skills Workshop/Crew Leader Training - January 11, 2020

On Saturday January 11, 2020, there will be a Trail Skills Workshop for all Crew Leaders from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm starting in the Education room at the Visitor Center. This program is intended for both new and existing Crew Leaders. Park and club policies and procedures will be covered. A discussion of what being a Crew Leader at Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park is will also be included.

The thrust of the program is trail building and maintenance techniques. Most of the morning will cover an introduction of these skills and a review of the terms. In the afternoon we will break into groups and go into the field to look at current trail conditions and actually build sustainable dips. Lunch and materials will be provided.

To register go click it on Sign Up at <http://www.kennesawmountaintrailclub.org>. Please direct any question to jay@jayDphotos.com.

Jay Dement

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 2018 (October 2017- September 2018 and Fiscal 2019 (October 2018- Present):

FY 2019

ALLATOONA HS NJROTC
ATLANTA OUTDOOR CLUB (AOC)
BOY SCOUT TROOP 008 (EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT)
BOY SCOUT TROOP 144 (EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT)
BOY SCOUT TROOP 200 (EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT)
BOY SCOUT TROOP 277 (EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT) (3 PROJECTS)
BOY SCOUT TROOP 287 (EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT) (2 PROJECTS)
BOY SCOUT TROOP 433 (EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT) (2 PROJECTS)
BOY SCOUT TROOP 442 (EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT)
BOY SCOUT TROOP 445 (EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT)
BOY SCOUT TROOP 540
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BOY SCOUT TROOP 700 (EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT)
BOY SCOUT TROOP 797
BOY SCOUT TROOP 797 (EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT) (2 PROJECTS)
BOY SCOUT TROOP 1011 (EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT)
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BOY SCOUT TROOP 8880 (EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT)
CUB SCOUT PACK 204, MARIETTA
GUMBERLAND SCHOOL
DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION
FLIGHTWORKS
FRIENDS TO THE FORLORN PITBULL RESCUE
GEORGIA TECH
HARRISON HS BETA CLUB
HARRISON HIGH SCHOOL KEY CLUB
HARRISON NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY
HILLGROVE HS NJROTC
KENNESAW MOUNTAIN HS
KENNESAW MOUNTAIN HS HOPE
KENNESAW MOUNTAIN HS NJROTC
KSU
KSU BETA ALPHA PSI
MARIETTA HS
MT PARAN CHURCH
PACESETTER STEEL
SCA
SPRAYBERRY HS HOPE

Thanks!


TRUST

US ARMY

VOLUNTEER KSU

WHEELER HS

WOODSTOCK HS NJROTC

FY 2020

ALLATOONA HS NJROTC

HILLGROVE HS NJROTC

The following groups participated in our November work days:

BOY SCOUT TROOP 89

RIVER RIDGE HS ARMY JROTC

KING'S ACADEMY HS ARMY JROTC

ALLATOONA HS NJROTC

TRUST (KSU)

WALKER HS

We had 96 volunteers, along with Crew Leaders and Trail Ambassadors who participated in the November Work Days. Thanks, for a job well done!

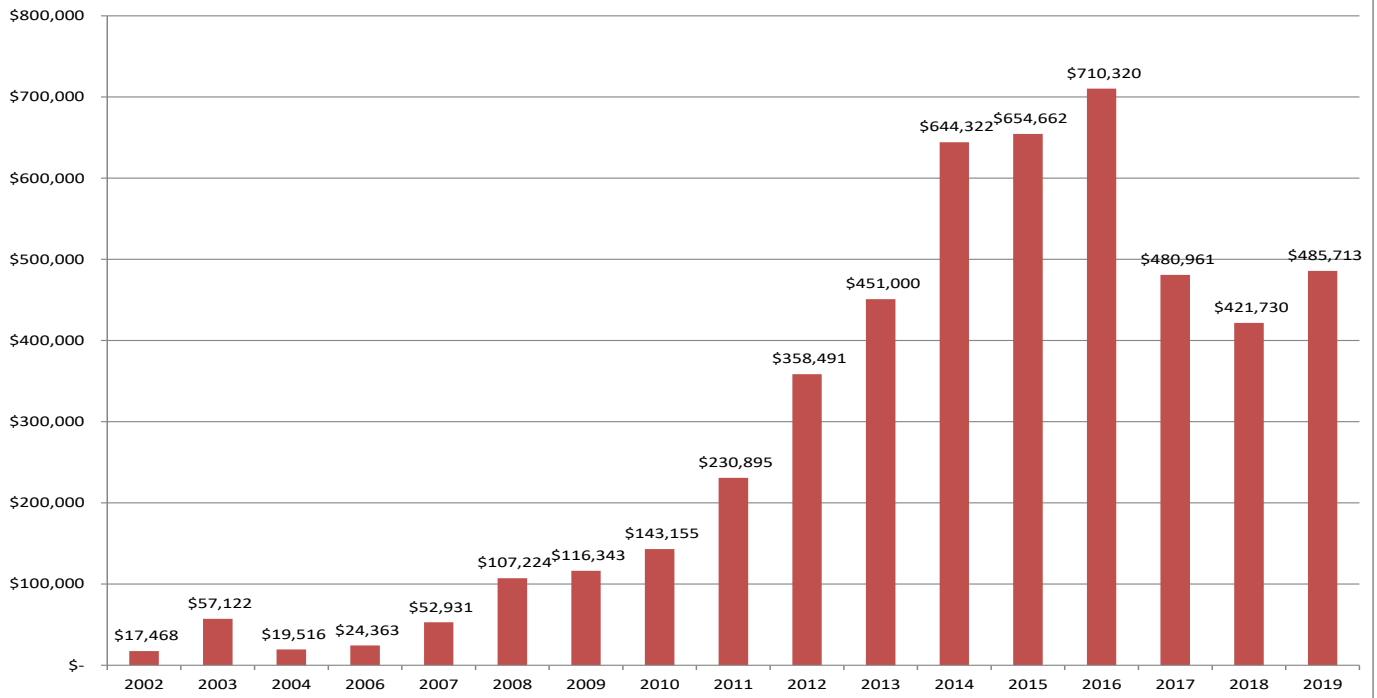
Wanted: Membership Chair!
"The Friends of Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park is looking for a personable, self-starting, take-charge volunteer to lead their membership team. Contact Scott Mackay at box2105@mindspring.com"



Crew Leaders Wanted

Want to take on the opportunity to make a difference in trail maintenance at Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park? See Bill Gurry at our December work days, or contact him at trails@kennesawmountaintrailclub.org. Our next Crew Leader Training class is tentatively scheduled for January 11, 2020.

Kennesaw Mountain Trail Club-Value of volunteer hours

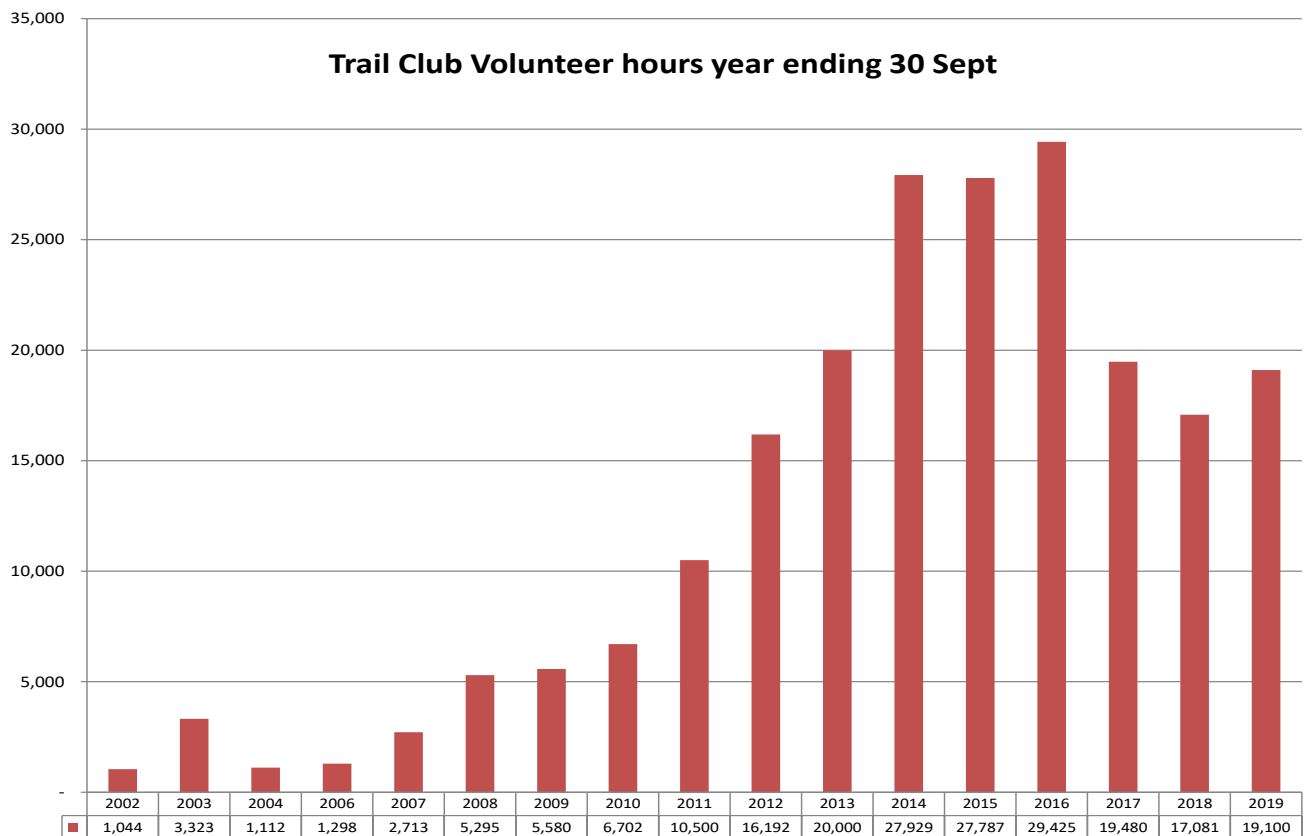


FY 2019 Volunteer Service Hour Summary

We had a total of 19,100 hours of service for FY 2019. We continue to have highly successful work days and support to various programs with NPS. This in spite of the weather cancellation of several of our work days over each of the past 3 years (the primary reason for falloff from 2016). Since the inception of the Trail Club, we have donated the equivalent of approximately \$5,000,000 worth of work, based on the value of our labor (approximately \$25 an hour). Thank you for your efforts - with your help we have made a difference!

Jay Haney

Trail Club Volunteer hours year ending 30 Sept



2019 VOLUNTEERS OF THE YEAR

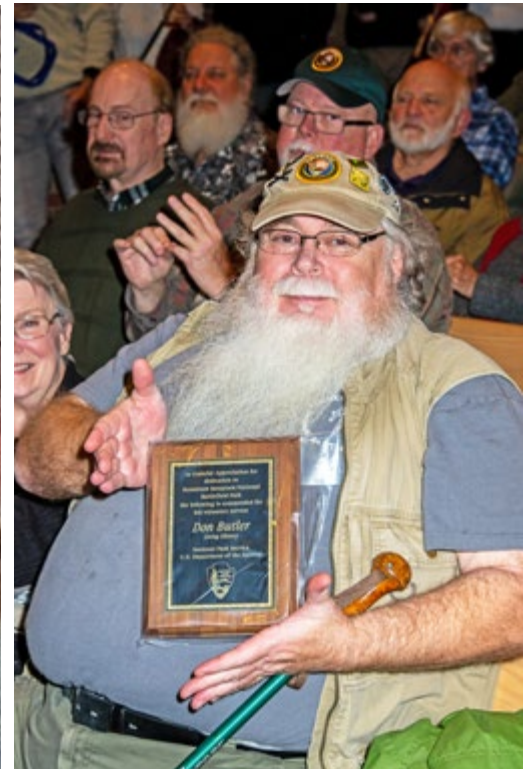
By Bill Gurry

At the 2019 volunteer appreciation dinner, Fred Feltmann was named the Trail Club Volunteer of the Year, White Sox fan Gloria Downey was named Volunteer of the Year for the Visitor Services, and Don Butler was named Volunteer of the Year for Living History.

In 2002, Fred was one of the founders of the Kennesaw Mountain Trail Club. Fred has led hundreds of boys and advisors on expeditions to Philmont Scout Ranch in New Mexico, a 137,000-acre wilderness park and working ranch set aside for backpacking and other activities for Boy Scouts and their adult “advisors.” Philmont elevations range from 6,500 to 12,441 feet – the equivalent of 8 1/2 consecutive climbs up Big Kennesaw Mountain. 11-day treks must be done with about 50 pounds of gear and food. These treks are an adventure of a lifetime for most of the boys and advisors. I know - I am one. Fred also has led many, many backpacking trips for scouts and others on the Appalachian Trail and other trails around the southeast, including full-pack weekly training hikes over Kennesaw Mountain and back. And you should see how fast Fred can climb a spar pole (or used to climb).

And there’s a link from Fred’s Philmont treks to the formation of our trail club. On training hikes for a 2002 adult Philmont trek, Fred and Richard Angeli observed the erosion and other problems with the trails at Kennesaw Mountain. They developed an idea to form a volunteer organization at Kennesaw patterned after the Appalachian Trail Club to deal with these problems. Working with then Superintendent John Cissel and Marian Harris at the Park, the Kennesaw Mountain Trail Club was born.

So there’s a link through Fred from Philmont to the eleventy million volunteer hours the Trail Club has invested over the last 18 years. So, congratulations, Fred – thank you and “good hiking” to you.



2019/2020 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 2020 big “ask.” We need your help with this, even small donations help. We will conclude this drive at the end of FY 2020 (September, 2020).

As we approach our 18th year in operation, we ask you to please think ‘20’, like \$20.. \$40.. \$60..... \$200... \$2000. 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 <https://smile.amazon.com/> - look for KEMO Trails Corps
- 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.



DECEMBER 14 WORKDAY

We will muster at the amphitheater for the December 14 workday. Parking will be at the Old Highway 41 parking lot.

**We will rollout our volunteer work day entrance pass system.
Volunteers will be issued a daily entrance pass for December 14 only
and will be asked to park in a designated area.**

Registration will be at the Old Highway 41 parking lot.

Work will consist of light maintenance to clean out ditches and old water bars, knicks, dips, debarming, cutting branches and grass away from the trail, repairing steps, gather trash, etc. Crews may have to walk two or three of miles or more carrying one tool during the workday, stopping every now and then to do some light maintenance. Volunteers are cautioned to decide if this type of work is agreeable before coming.



BEFORE AND AFTER

Noses Creek Trail near parking lot

I went to Noses Creek to see how the section on the north end where the roots problem was looked after the rain. It looks great.

Bill Gurry

BEFORE (left)– Park vehicles can't drive down road/trail due to roots and erosion

AFTER (right)- after one big rain



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Facebook Page		http://www.facebook.com/kmtcsocial
Volunteer Sign-up website*		http://signup.com/go/VvavYQj

* updated

Kennesaw Mountain Trail Club Calendar

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Event</u>
December, 2019			
12/14	8:30 am - Noon	Visitor Center	Trail Work Day - Register at SignUp, below.
January, 2020			
1/11/20	9 am - 4 pm	Visitor Center	Trail Skills Workshop/Crew Leader Training - be sure to sign up, below, for this training session!
February, 2020			
2/8/20	8:30 am - Noon	TBD	Trail Work Day - Register at SignUp, below.

Note: In case of inclement weather and our regular work day is cancelled, we may schedule a make-up work day - see our website for details! We will confirm this in our cancellation notice.

Check pages 13 - 16 for NPS/Kemo-sponsored activities for December, 2019 and January, 2020.

Register for Our Work Days!

Be sure to register online for our Work

Days at <http://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 at the new parking lot, .2 miles north of the Visitor Center on Old 41 and usually are finished by 12:00 p.m. It takes approximately 5 minutes to walk to the picnic area near the Visitor Center - 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 recommended.

See December Work Day article on Page 8 for special note regarding the need for a parking pass for Work Days - we will provide one for Volunteers working on the Work Day.

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 45,000 volunteer hours to Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park.

We hope to see you at a work day soon!

11/9/19 Work Day

Photos by Fred Feltmann



Volunteer-In-The-Park Appreciation Dinner

Photos by Fred Feltmann



11/20/19 - The Walker School Service Project

Photos by Fred Feltmann





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

****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**

December 7 @ 11:00 am – 11:30 am ‘Life of a Soldier’

Life for the common infantry soldier during the Atlanta Campaign was less than ideal. The sacrifice made by those men pave the way for the nation that we live in today. Come out and enjoy an interactive ranger presentation that will honor their sacrifice, as well as illustrate how soldiers lived and fought on the campaign trail in 1864.

December 8 @ 2:30 pm – 3:00 pm ‘Welcome To Kennesaw Mountain’

Kennesaw Mountain has a been special place for hundreds of years.. to the Native Americans that called the area home and held the mountain sacred, the soldiers that fought here during the Civil War, and now, as the most visited National Battlefield in the country. This 30 minute program introduces you to the past and present of this special place.

December 14 @ 11:00 am – 12:00 pm ‘The Western and Atlantic Railroad’

The Western & Atlantic Railroad would experience many extraordinary events that would not only lead to the development of the city of Atlanta but also major changes to the South and ultimately the nation. This program will discuss the origins of the Western & Atlantic Railroad and the history of the rail line from its creation through the end of the American Civil War.

December 14 @ 8 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 trails of Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park. The NPS Volunteer Services Agreement is required. A parent must sign the form if the child is under 18 years old. **For registration information, forms, and location, please visit the club’s website: www.kennesawmountaintrailclub.org**

December 15 @ 2:30 pm – 3:30 pm ‘Guided Assault Trail Hike’

Follow in the footsteps of the Union and Confederate soldiers who fought here in that summer of 1864 with this guided hike. A ranger will take you along the Assault Trail, detailing the events of the Battle of Kennesaw Mountain and Cheatham Hill. The approximate length of this hike is 1 mile and will be weather dependent.

This program is **not at the Visitor Center; parking is at 902 Cheatham Hill Rd., Marietta (Recreation Area # 3 parking lot)*

December 21 @ 11:00 am – 12:00 pm ‘Guided Mountaintop Hike’

Join us for a ranger-led hike to the top of Big Kennesaw Mountain. The hike will focus on local and Civil War history, as well 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.

December 22 @ 2:30 pm – 3:30 pm ‘Christmas in the Civil War’

The holidays are usually a time when we join with our loved ones and reflect on the joys of the prior year and look forward to the promise of a new year. Join our park rangers as they discuss how a Civil War soldier would have experienced the holiday in December 1864.

December 28 @ 11:00 am – 11:30 am ‘Native American Program’

Long before the Civil War, the lonely mountain was home to several communities of Native Americans. Explore the history, mythology and daily life of these first peoples with one of our Rangers. Experience their early culture through everyday tools and hunting equipment.

**December 29 @ 2:30 pm – 3:00 pm ‘Civil War Hygiene;
Silent But Deadly’**

Times were tough for the campaigning soldier in the 1860’s. This 30 minute program focuses on the poor hygiene of the average soldier during the American Civil War and explores how this led to large casualty rates and widespread diseases.

*** 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*



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

****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

January 4 @ 11:00 am – 11:30 am ‘Atlanta Campaign Map Talk’

This 30 minute ranger-led program focuses on the 1864 Atlanta Campaign and how the Union and Confederate forces moved through the north Georgia countryside to the city of Atlanta. This program will also utilize the various interpretive maps and signs within the Visitor Center.

January 5 @ 2:30 pm – 3:30 pm ‘Guided Mountain Top Hike’

Join us for a ranger-led hike to the top of Big Kennesaw Mountain. The hike will focus on local and Civil War history, as well 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.

January 11 @ 11:00 am – 12:00 pm ‘Guided Assault Trail Hike’

Follow in the footsteps of the Union and Confederate soldiers who fought here in that summer of 1864 with this guided hike. A ranger will take you along the Assault Trail, detailing the events of the Battle of Kennesaw Mountain and Cheatham Hill.

The approximate length of this hike is 1 mile and will be weather dependent.

****This program is not at the Visitor Center; parking is at 902 Cheatham Hill Rd., Marietta (Recreation Area # 3 parking lot)***

January 11 @ 9 am – 4:00 pm ‘Kennesaw Mountain Trail Club Crew Leader Training’

For registration information, forms, and location, please visit the club’s website:

www.kennesawmountaintrailclub.org

January 12 @ 2:30 pm – 3:00 pm ‘Memorial Field Walk’

Join us for a short, ranger-led history walk in our Memorial Field in front of the Visitor Center. This program will consist of an in depth look at the Battle of Kennesaw Mountain and the diversionary attack that happened there.

Please prepare accordingly, as this is an outdoor program.

Program will be weather dependent.

**January 18 @ 11:00 am – 11:30 am ‘Freaky Funky Furs:
Animals of Kennesaw Mountain’**

Come out and enjoy a ranger-led program on different animal species found here at Kennesaw Mountain. The program will utilize pelts from different animals found at our park to help teach visitors more about the diverse habitat here and the animals that call the park ‘home’!

January 19 @ 2:30 pm – 3:30 pm ‘Guided Mountaintop Hike’

Join us for a ranger-led hike to the top of Big Kennesaw Mountain. The hike will focus on local and Civil War history, as well 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.

January 25 @ 11:00 am – 12:00 pm ‘Guided Environmental Trail Hike’

Come out and enjoy a guided hike on one of our least traveled, but most informative trails. On this 1.3 mile gentle walk, you will see great examples of the varied geography of Kennesaw Mountain, the faint attack at the base of Big Kennesaw Mountain, and much more.

January 26 @ 2:30 pm – 3:30 pm ‘Guided Assault Trail Hike’

Follow in the footsteps of the Union and Confederate soldiers who fought here in that summer of 1864 with this guided hike. A ranger will take you along the Assault Trail, detailing the events of the Battle of Kennesaw Mountain and Cheatham Hill.

The approximate length of this hike is 1 mile and will be weather dependent.

This program is **not at the Visitor Center; parking is at 902 Cheatham Hill Rd., Marietta (Recreation Area # 3 parking lot)*

*** 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*

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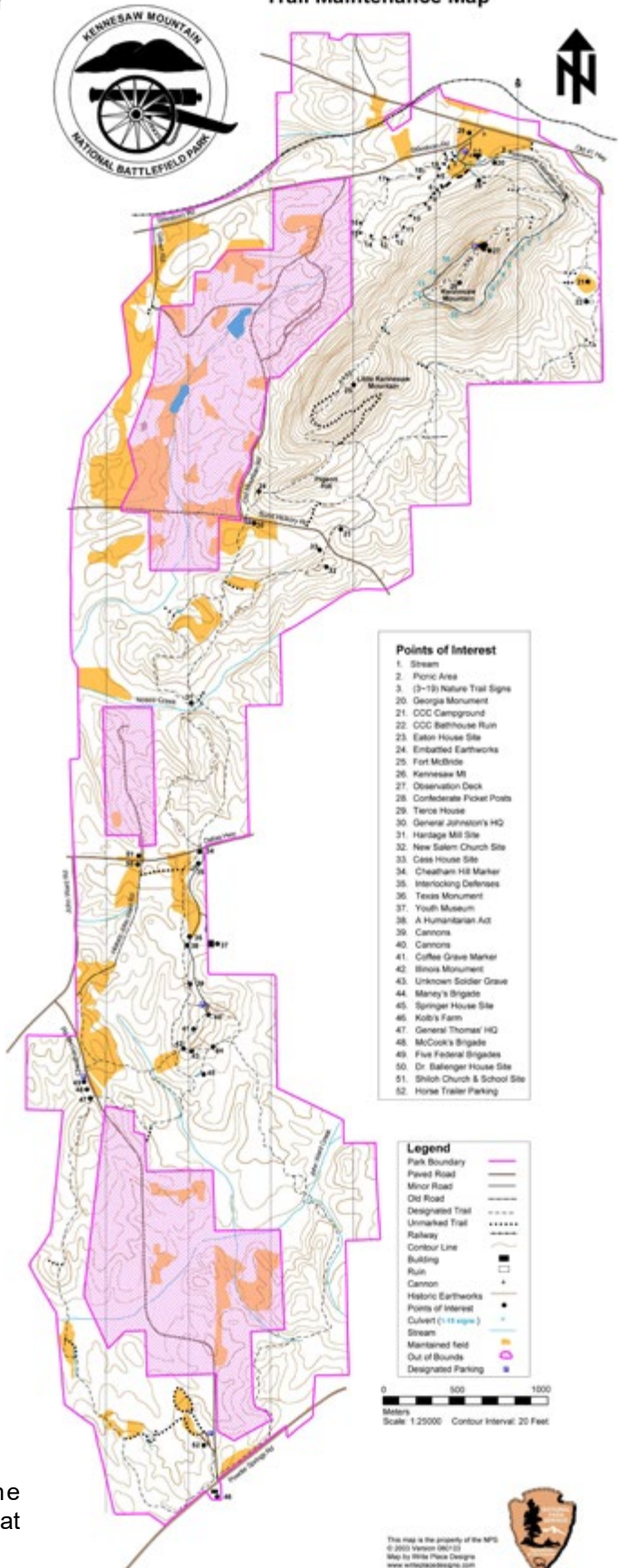


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January Newsletter Deadline

If you wish to have an article published in the January Newsletter, please submit it to Fred Feltmann at faf1948@bellsouth.net no later than **December 17th!**