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COVID-19 Policy Update

COVID-19 levels within Cobb County has been lowered to Medium.

Because of this change within the COVID numbers, masks are not required in federal buildings.

It is your choice to wear a masks in the park's Visitor Center. Park management will continue to monitor the COVID levels for the county and will inform everyone if there is a change. For current levels for Cobb County:

<https://tinyurl.com/29hmmmap4>

If you have any questions please contact me at KEMO_Volunteer@nps.gov or 770-427-4686 x0.

Sincerely,

Amanda Corman

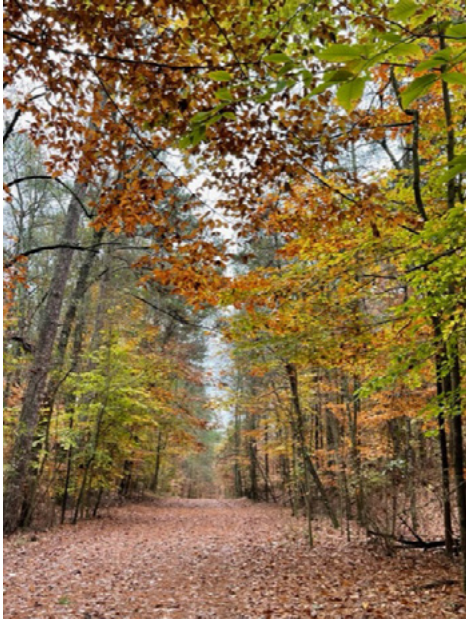
Park Ranger/Volunteer Coordinator
Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park
770-427-4686 x0

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 20th!

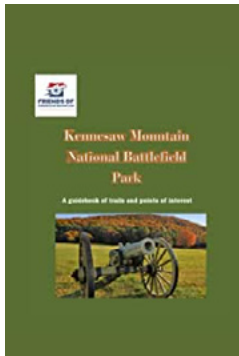
List of Abbreviations

- 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



Autumn at Kennesaw Mountain

Kathy Bearden



Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park Guidebook

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

“Earthworks” is published monthly jointly by the Friends of KMNBP & the Kennesaw Mountain Trails Club.

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Additional Volunteers needed! Call today!

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!

Wallis House Restoration 2023+

- House will be restored by professional contractors
- Volunteers will help clean up landscape and prepare for restoration
- A trail will be built from the parking area (trail club project)



HAPPY NEW YEAR 🎉

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Calendar of Events - Friends/KMTC

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Event</u>
12/10	8:30 am - noon	Visitor Center	December Work Day
01/14	8:30 am - noon	Pigeon Hill Parking Lot	January, 2023 Work Day - May be cancelled because of weather! See page 21 for weather policy.
01/18	6:30 pm	Visitor Center	Friends Board Meeting - contact Scott Mackay, if you wish to participate.
01/14	9:30 am - noon	Visitor Center	Trail Ambassador Training Class

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

Current Status Of Park

All NPS outdoor events at Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park are being conducted.

All trails are open, except as noted, below. All parking lots are open. The Mountain Road parking lot is open when the Mountain Road is open.

Visitor Center is now open; masks are *optional*.

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

The Mountain Rd. is open to motorized vehicles on weekdays only (excluding major holidays), 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 Salem Church trail is currently closed where it crosses Burnt Hickory Rd. while the multiuse trail is being constructed there and Salem Church Trail reroute is being completed. Current plans are to have the reroute completed by April, 2023.

*Season's
Greetings*

WINTER



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

**All outdoor programs are weather-dependent.*

**All programs are held at the Visitor Center unless otherwise noted.*

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

December 10 @11 am: Cheatham Hill Walk

“Hell had broke loos in Georgia, sure enough” (Sam Watkins, ‘Company Aytch’). Join this ranger led walk along the Confederate defenses of the Dead Angle and learn about the fated assault during the Battle of Kennesaw Mountain. **This walk will begin from the parking lot at the end of Cheatham Hill Dr.**

December 11 @ 11 am: 24-Gun Battery Hike

On a low rise just 1.5 mile west of the Visitor Center sits the remains of the Union 24-Gun Battery. This was a collection of artillery pieces aimed at the Confederate position on the peak of Big Kennesaw Mountain. On this short, moderate hike, one of our rangers will detail the history of the area and it’s significance to the battle. The hike will leave from the Visitor Center.

December 17 @ 11 am: Atlanta Campaign Map Talk

Over the course of 15 weeks during the summer of 1864, two massive hosts of men battled for the future of our nation. From Chattanooga to Atlanta. William Sherman and Joseph Johnston would pit their armies against each other in a massive contest known as the Atlanta Campaign. Join one of our rangers as they give an overview of this key part of the Civil War story.

December 18 @ 11 am: A Civil War Christmas

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

December 24 @ 11 am: Guided Mountain Top Hike

This Ranger- led hike will take you roughly 1 mile up to the peak of Big Kennesaw Mountain. Along the way, you’ll learn about the flora/ fauna of the area and the history that shapes us from pre- history, through Civil War and on to today. The hike is semi- strenuous so bring water and good shoes.

December 31 @ 11 am: Curator’s Museum Tour

Museums are places that we can go to get an up close and interactive look back into a period of history. A lot of work and research goes toward putting that experience together. Join our park’s curator for a special museum tour focusing on how our collection came together!

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

On The Threshold of Liberty

Fred Feltmann
October, 1986

(Inspired by a PBS Special - "The Making Of Liberty" - on the reconstruction of the Statue of Liberty and the Mark Isham theme of the same title.)

Of this Country,
I am.

Its roads and rivers are my arteries,
My veins.

Its people,
My lifeblood.

Their ideas,
My knowledge.

Their goals,
My will.

I am Liberty.
Liberty for all.

As my gaze is searching,
So is their desire for freedom

My torch is for all.
To show them the way.
To open their hearts.
And their minds,
for all.



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Wnk-PKI69I>
Mark Isham's song - "On The Threshold of Liberty"



Salem Church Trail/ New trail reroute

Just a reminder that the Salem Church Trail at Burnt Hickory crossing is closed. This is a part of the multi trail project from Cobb D.O.T. The trail itself is not closed just at the crossing at Burnt Hickory. Work will begin shortly on the new trail reroute by my staff and the trail club. I expect this work to be complete in two months. Any further questions or concerns please tell them to contact me by email at carlos_hurston@nps.gov or office at ext. 235. Thank you all for your patience and understanding.

Carlos Hurston
Facility Manager

Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park

Expect delays at Dallas Hwy and Whitlock Ave

Some work continues on the trail segment along Whitlock Ave, and some delays can still be expected. Significant delays are expected along Dallas Highway/Whitlock Avenue between John Ward Road and Cheatham Hill Drive. Crews will be working in the area from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on weekdays, and road capacity will be reduced to one lane.

Traffic delays are expected to be worse in the afternoon in the westbound direction. Alternate routes are recommended.

For more information, contact Cobb DOT at 770-528-1623. Expected completion is July 30, 2023. Click [here](#) for general info on Cobb County projects.

See also:

<http://www.cobbcommute.org/1311#/> - Dallas Hwy

<http://www.cobbcommute.org/1257#/> - Cheatham Hill Rd..

Proposed and Existing Trails in Cobb County

For those who would like to know what the existing trails in Cobb County are, check out <https://geo-cobbcountyga.hub.arcgis.com/apps/55470d12c0814f1f8c68e96724610e87/explorer>.

Regarding proposed trails for Cobb County, check out the following link:

<https://www.cobbcounty.org/transportation/planning/trails>. This website has both proposed and current trail maps.



Park Update Notes

- Thank you for the painted rock clean up! This will be an ongoing project.
- Road safety study is having a meeting with the park to discuss alternative and recommendations
- Bathrooms at Illinois Monument parking to start in December
- Road to summit is a future project study in progress
 - 2nd shuttle bus is being proposed to move people about the park
- Reroute of Salem Church Trail has started – expecting completion in about 4 months. 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”
- Environmental Trail upgrade to ADA is progressing. Putting Illinois Monument in as a project – but it will take time to get approved - These will be long term projects - cost will be significant.
- More special speakers are being planned for over the winter
- Reforestation project - April (Plant hardwood trees at various locations within Park boundaries)
- Bicycle racks & multi-use trails to complete in June 23
- Construction of new trail from Brumby Trail to Salem will occur this winter/spring
- 160th battle planning will be starting in January 23 (monthly meetings)
- Cannon Restoration - 23 cannons
 - All cannon barrels are from the Civil War
 - All carriages are replicas and will be refurbished/rebuilt
- EV Charging Stations
 - A joint NPS/Friends study is being done to install EV charging stations at various parking lots in the Park.

Patrick Gamman

Superintendent

Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park

Park Updates

Carlos Hurston, NPS

(These are in addition to those noted above!)

Kudos to Ladrick from coming in working OT on this past Saturday for NPS Lands Day to assist with volunteers in the paint rock cleaning. The KEMO post made NPS headlines.

Law Enforcement has a new Ranger, Jasmine Jones. She is a permanent Law Enforcement Ranger.

David and Zoe, did a tremendous job with the trail rehabilitation work on Camp Brumby trail. You will now be able to access the fire road with government vehicle, emergency vehicle as well as gators.

We have been given approval from SEAC/Ga. Historic Preservation office to begin the trail reroute at the s-curve at Burnt Hickory. This is priority number one this fall and we will start the trail reroute soon. I have asked Mike Collett for assistance from the Trail Club.

Michael Christman has created a pollinator garden as well as adding enhancements to the landscaping around the Visitor Center, it looks amazing. Through Michael's hard work and expertise the garden now attracts gold finches, hummingbirds, bees, monarch butterflies. I have received numerous compliments on the garden this year; job well done. This is all apart of an historical landscaping garden project that has been approved by region(Our fee dollars at work). We will be continuing with upgrades throughout the fall.



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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](#)

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<http://kennesawmountaintrailclub.org>

The Friends of Kennesaw Mountain Establish a 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



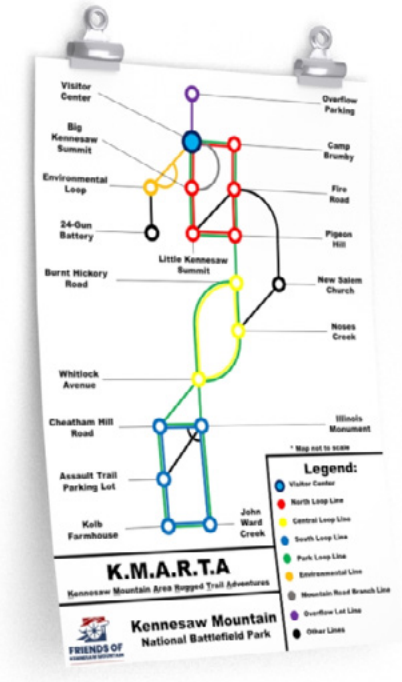
Some of the items for sale.



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COACH VINCE DOOLEY, HISTORIAN

By Bill Gurry

Coach Vince Dooley passed away on October 28, 2022. Coach Dooley was well known throughout Georgia and the college football world as the legendary coach and athletic director of the Georgia Bulldogs, including an NCAA national football championship in 1980 and including a multitude of honors.

Coach Dooley was accomplished in many other fields besides college athletics. Among other things, he wrote two books on horticulture and growing flowering plants, he wrote two children's books, and he was an officer in the United States Marines.

And he was a well-known historian and active in history preservation. Coach Dooley had a masters degree in history from Auburn. He co-edited a book, The Legion's Fighting Bulldog about Lieutenant Colonel William Gaston Delaney of Cobb's Legion Calvary (of special interest to me because I had a great great grandfather in Cobb's Legion Cavalry – also the unit to which the mythical Ashly Wilkes belonged in the film, *Gone with the Wind*). He told me once that the best part of writing this book was that he and his co-editor had their meetings at a good bar-be-que in Athens.

He served on many history related preservation boards, including the American Battlefield Trust (ABT), the Georgia Historical Society, and was the honorary chairman of the Friends of Chickamauga-Chattanooga Centennial campaign. He and his wife Barbara were frequent tourists on history tours, especially when the tour leader was the former Historian Emeritus of the NPS, Ed Bearss. He was a member of the Civil War Roundtable of Atlanta and a member of the Georgia Battlefields Association (GBA) and a frequent tourist on the GBA annual tour. He also led the annual Vince Dooley Conference on Leadership in the Civil War at Kennesaw State University. The conference attracted top historians from around the country, and the last speaker was always himself. When ABT donated historical land to Wayne County to preserve the Revolutionary War battle of Kettle Creek, Coach Dooley gave the historical address to educate the attendees at the dedication of the historical significance of the battle there.

On tours, at meetings, and at conferences, Coach Dooley was very approachable and congenial, including letting people take photos with him. A couple of times on tours, the waiters didn't charge the Coach or anyone at his table for drinks, to the benefit of a certain KMNBP volunteer who shall remain nameless.

He will be missed by many, including those active in history preservation.



Coach Dooley with the late Ed Bearss, Historian Emeritus of the NPS, former KMNBP Historian Willy Johnson, Professor Brian Wills of KSU on Big K during a 2013 Cobb Civil War Roundtable tour of Kennesaw Mountain.

Park Moments



Kathy Bearden - Morning Fog



Fred Feltmann - Joro Spider



James Turner - one of many cacti that can be found around Pigeon Hill & other parts of Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park

What to Make of This

Driving through the park along Whitlock Ave/Dallas Hwy I couldn't help noticing the new paved trail with the adjacent black metal fencing. Also noted the new stacked rail fencing just beyond the metal fence. That to me was a pretty stark reminder that there is a new addition to an old area, and the old stack fence is now new. It's confusing, I know, but it's relevant to what is done at the park.

There is a lot of wear and tear on the trails; so many visitors. Keeping it looking original is not easy. As you who have worked on a project know what you do is very limited and restricted to keep the park's historical grounds unchanged.

To do that sometimes things have to be added. The wood fencing eventually wears down, so new wood fencing is placed; it gives the area a calm natural look. Pallets of locally sourced rocks are used to bolster the stability of a trail. And sometimes large rock is purchased to support an area; the rocks are carefully matched to look as natural as if pulled off the mountain; however keep in mind that the purchased rock is only used in designated trail area. Also local sourced wood chips and dirt/gravel is used because you don't want invasive insects, plants or disease to be brought into the park.

It takes individuals to know what to use and how to do it. And after you've worked caring for the park you'll notice what's new and different. But best, the thing is that you'll feel the pride knowing that you kept it looking the same.

I like seeing the pictures of the work that you do!

Thanks,

Doug Jasse



A Tribute to a Group of Dedicated Volunteers

Jake Boling

I know I do a lot of 'my job is cool' posts, but stuff like this is more than that. We start a few hours earlier, setting up camp, building a fire, making that little corner of the field look right. Then, we banter and plan and discuss best tactics to present and the best way to do it. All to honor and interpret this important piece of history. I couldn't be more proud and humbled to work with such smart and dedicated folks. Until next season, squad..



Bradley A Shumpert is with Jake Boling and 3 others at Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park.

Last infantry demonstration program of the year. Had a great time with all of you fellas.

Bradley A Shumpert

It's the best medicine I need every month. Keep keeping history alive brother!

Cheryl Branch

Jake Boling, I couldn't be happier that you landed on your corner of the world. You are doing something that's important, helping keep history alive, educating people and loving to go to work. Doesn't get any better! □

Cheryl Branch

Amanda Branch



Fund Raising Committee Formed

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

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.



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

Citizen Science Program Coordinator - This individual would work with the NPS staff to coordinate volunteer projects around the Park regarding such things as:

- Compile data to monitor health in the park
- Water sampling
- Bird species counts
- Flowering plant species counts
- Effects of our changing climate

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@TheFriendsOfKMNBP.onmicrosoft.com

Contact List - Updated 11/16/22

POSITION	NAME
President	Scott Mackay
Vice President	Donald Olds
Secretary	Kim Sherk*
Parliamentarian	Jason Shepherd
Treasurer	Tom Okerberg
Communications	Fred Feltmann
Newsletter Editor	Fred Feltmann
Website	Mark Angeli
Social Media	Andrew Bramlett
Fundraising	Vacant
Disbursements	Lewis Bramlett
Archives	Vacant
Membership	Vacant
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 Holly Ringle
Grant Writer*	

Board Members:

Kathy Bearden
Lewis Bramlett
Bart Henderson
Scott Johnson
John Nash
Jason Shepherd
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
Website - NPS
Facebook Page - Friends
Facebook Page - NPS
Twitter
Instagram

<https://friendsofkmnbp.org/>
www.nps/kemo.gov
<https://www.facebook.com/FriendsofKMnBP>
<https://www.facebook.com/KMNBP>
<https://twitter.com/FKmnbp>
<https://www.instagram.com/FriendsofKMnBP/>

* updated



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) - October status

- Painted Rock Restoration (National Park Lands Day) - **Next project work day - 4/23**
- 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
- Support the battle anniversary (159th Anniversary - **June, 2023**). **Help to advertise, set-up as it occurs**
- Support Volunteer Fair planning in process (**current date of fair will be April, 2023???**)
- 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) - **in process**

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

- Fund Raiser - **TBD**



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



Five Ways To Donate

You can support the Friends in 5 ways:

1. Directly through our website - <https://friendsofkmnbp.org/giving-membership/donate/>
2. Through Guidestar (Network for Good) - <https://www.nfggive.com/donation/83-4627827>
3. Through Amazon Smile (By way of donations when you make a purchase on Amazon) - <https://smile.amazon.com/ch/83-4627827>
4. QR Code:



5. 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 8.

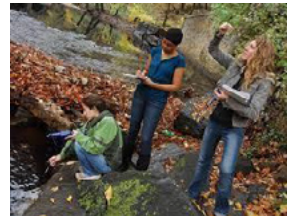
In addition, the fund an Endowment Fund. Details will be discussed at future Board meetings.

Friends of Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park 2023 Pledge Card		
Name _____	Individuals	One Payment _____
Address _____	\$15 Corporal (Student) _____	Quarterly Payment _____
City, State, Zip _____	\$25 Sergeant _____	Monthly Payment _____
Phone _____	\$100 First Sergeant _____	Does your company match? Y__ N__
Email _____	\$300 Ordinance Sergeant _____	Invoice me _____
	\$500 Quarter Master _____	(Monthly __ Quarterly__)
	\$1,000 Sergeant Major _____	Check enclosed _____
	\$1,500 General _____	(Payable to "Friends of KMNBP")
	Other Amount \$ _____	Credit Card Number: _____
Complete and mail to:	Corporate	Expiration date _____
Friends of Kennesaw Mountain	\$150 Company _____	Security Code _____
Attn: 2023 Pledge	\$300 Regiment _____	I wish to remain anonymous _____
905 Kennesaw Mountain Drive	\$500 Brigade _____	
Kennesaw, GA 30152	\$1,000 Division _____	
	\$15,000 Corps _____	
	\$25,000 Army _____	
	Other Amount \$ _____	

Citizen Science Program?

- Involve visitors with science in the park
- Compile data to monitor health in the park
 - Water sampling
 - Bird species counts
 - Flowering plant species counts
 - More?
- Work sheets for now, app later?

Need a volunteer to explore how we would go about this – we will need to present our plan to the park



Interested in the investigation of the development of this potential program? Contact Scott Mackay at President@TheFriendsOfKMNBP.onmicrosoft.com

Electric Vehicle (EV) Charging Stations

- Plan for initial level 2 chargers*:
- Visitor Center = 2
- Old 41 = 4
- Burnt Hickory =2
- Cheatham Hill Road = 2
- Visitors will be able to charge EVs using their credit cards
- Park will supply equipment & power
- The Friends will handle sales transactions and pass proceeds to the park for projects
- Adopt a charger.org is trying to find a sponsor to provide some free EV charging to park visitors
- Many national parks now have or are looking into installation of EV charges



- Cobb EMC approved to start power feeds in October
- Charger installation is out for bidding

CT4000 Family Level 2 Charging Station
**2 vehicles per station*

Scott Mackay is coordinating these two projects with the Park staff.

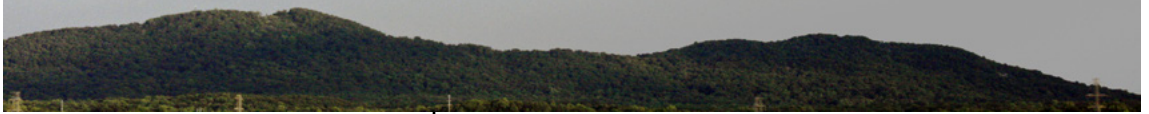
Bicycle Racks Fund Raising Project

- Goal is to support park with a fund raising campaign for bicycle racks and to encourage alternative transportation use when visiting the park
- Current goal is \$1800 for 5 racks
- Signage is also needed est \$1800
- Get word out through social media and ask donors to tag their donation with “#Racks”
- Recommended locations study has been presented to the park





EARTHWORKS



Workday 11-12-22

We had 14 crew leaders for the workday. They were Bill, Eric, Robert, Todd, Tom T, Ann, Donald, Tom G, Rich, Curt, Geoff, Dave, and Mike. We had 35 volunteers and 9 Trail Ambassadors. They were Rena, Wendy, Karen, Debbie, Cam, Kathy, Laurie, and David. They directed traffic and conducted registration. Fred and James took pictures. We had volunteers from Hillgrove NJROTC, Allatoona NJROTC, Georgia Tech ROTC, the Atlanta Outdoor Club, and individuals.

On Saturday, we split into 6 groups. Bill and Ann worked on lines 1 and 2 of the workplan working from the bottom of Pigeon Hill going up de berming and replacing rock from a berm missing them. Curt and Todd worked on lines 3 and 4, just above Bill's group, de berming and replacing rock from a berm missing them and trashing out trail creep just below the bench going up pigeon Hill. Robert and Geoff worked on line 5, the fence David and Zoe put up on Pigeon Hill. They added more trash to both sides attempting to both prevent people from going around the fence and keeping them off the cactus growing near the downhill side of the fence, people are walking over the cactus to get around the fence. Tom T and Tom G worked on lines 6 and 7 on top of Pigeon Hill. They removed both shelters, dispersed the materials (the plan was to use this material for trashing, however due to the heavy rain the day before the ground was slick making it unsafe to move the material up the hill) and trashed the trail creep on and going down Pigeon Hill in several places. Donald and Dave worked on lines 8 and 9 at the saddle between Pigeon Hill and Little Kennesaw. They de bermed and trashed trail creep. Eric and Rich worked on lines 11 and 12 rebuilding steps in both locations. These 2 lines were the highest priority due to steps missing and causing it to be unsafe coming downhill. On line 11, I would have to sit down and drop when going downhill, going up was not much better. Mike roamed between groups answering questions and ensuring compliance to the workplan.

All in all, we had a good day. Thanks to all who pitched in.

On Thursday, November 10, Eric, Bill, Harry, Tom T, Tom G, Rich, and Mike reviewed the work planned and put the 13 flags out.

Our next workday is Saturday, December 10, 2022. Tentatively we are to work on the erosion issues from the saddle of Kennesaw Mountain going up Little Kennesaw.

Mike Collett
Trails Director

Come join us for Trail Ambassador Training!

Trail Ambassadors help the park in a variety of ways. TA's hike the trails, help the patrons, assist with trail workdays and assist the park with a variety of educational programs. The TA training will be Saturday, January 14 from 9 am to 1 pm at the Visitor's Center at 900 Kennesaw Mountain Drive, Kennesaw, 30152 Following the training, you will be required to shadow a regular Trail Ambassador at a couple of events. This gives you a chance to find out what activities that you enjoy and to see the breadth of activities that Trail Ambassadors do. There is something for everyone!

At the training on Saturday, January 14, you will cover the history of the park, park regulations, responsibilities, and the uniform. Being an active Trail Ambassador looks nice on a resume. It shows leadership skills, and community involvement. If you hike the trails, then wear the uniform and count the time as volunteer service.

TA's must be 16 years of age. 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>

Participants are encouraged to wear casual clothes and closed toed shoes. Coffee and donuts will be provided.

Parking will be in the field near the Visitor's Center. A temporary vehicle pass will be given out at registration. (Regular KEMO or NPS park passes are not accepted in the field.)

If you have any questions, please contact Gail McAllister or Wendy Turner at ambassador@kennesawmountaintrailclub.org for more information. We look forward to seeing you there!

Have a great day!

Rena Bailey

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)
GA TECH ROTC
HILLGROVE HS NJROTC
KSU
MARIETTA HS SPORTSMANS CLUB

This Past Month's Volunteers

For our November work day, we had 16 crew leaders, 9 trail ambassadors and 35 volunteers. Thanks! The volunteers were comprised of the following groups:

ALLATOONA HS NJROTC
AOC
GA TECH ROTC
HILLGROVE HS NJROTC
KSU

“Other” Volunteers Needed!



Interested in being more active with the Trail Club (or the Friends), but don't want to do Crew Leader or Trail Ambassador work? See page 8 for a list of activities/functions needed to maintain the organizations and contact the various department heads to volunteer!

Crew Leader & Trail Ambassador Positions Available!

Contact Mike Collett (regarding Crew Leader positions) or Gayle McAllister/Wendy Turner (Trail Ambassador positions) if interested.

A training class for prospective Crew Leaders will be held 8 am - noon on October 22nd. See page 2 for more details.

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

Mike Collett - trails@kennesawmountaintrailclub.org

Gayle McAllister/Wendy Turner - ambassador@kennesawmountaintrailclub.org

December Work Day

For the December work day, we will be working on the section of trail from the saddle between the Mountain Road and Little Kennesaw Mtn. going toward Little Kennesaw Mtn.

Be sure to sign up using the Signup link on page 21.

Parking will be in the field next to the Visitor Center amphitheater. Temporary parking passes will be provided for volunteers.

January, 2023 Work Day

For the January work day, weather permitting, we will be working part of the Salem Church trail reroute going north from Burnt Hickory Rd. and going toward the Brumby Trail.

Be sure to sign up using the Signup link on page 21.

We will be assembling in the field on the east end of the Pigeon Hill Parking Lot. Temporary parking passes will be provided for volunteers.

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.” 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.

* Our Corporate name is KEMO Trail Corps, Inc., an IRS 501(c)(3) non-profit corporation.



Register for Our Work Days!

Be sure to register online for our Work Days at tinyurl.com/27ef2vph. By registering, we can be better prepared with the amount of tools, bottled water, gloves, etc. on hand.



Mark Your Calendars!

Upcoming Work Day Schedule:

We are back in the business of trail maintenance! See the sign-up links, above. We are still limiting our numbers, but anyone one is now welcome to sign-up.

The Trail Club will provide supervision and tools. Volunteers should wear work clothes and closed toed shoes. Participants are encouraged to bring their own water, work gloves and masks. The NPS Volunteer Service Agreement and COVID forms are required, signed by a parent or guardian, if the student is under 18 years old. The forms are available on the trail club web site: <http://www.kennesawmountaintrailclub.org/volunteer.php>

For December's work day, parking and registration will be in the field near the Visitor's Center. Vehicle Entrance Passes will issued at registration.

If your school, church, business, or community organization would like to schedule a special work day as a team building or public service activity once we

resume our work day schedules, 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.

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 Amazon Smile (By way of donations when you make a purchase on Amazon) - <https://smile.amazon.com/> -set up/log in and search for "KEMO Trails Corps"
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!

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<http://kennesawmountaintrailclub.org>

KMTC Contact List - Updated 9/17/22

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

* **updated**

****When asked for charitable organization, search for “Kemotrail Corps Inc”**

*Before/After photos of a trail issue resolved during the 11/12/22 Work Day. Photos by Mike Collett.
Put in a set of rock steps to reduce the step down at this point in the trail.*



11/12/22 Work Day

Photos by Fred Feltmann



11/12/22 Work Day

Photos by James Turner

Photos by Kathy Bearden



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KENNESAW MOUNTAIN NATIONAL BATTLEFIELD PARK

Trail Maintenance Map

