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Trail Management: Here With KMTC

One of the major, if not the major part of our Trail Club is managing the many volunteers and groups who work at and visit the park. That's why we have Crew Leaders as well as Trail Ambassadors as the core of our organization. Due to the many volunteers we work with and the extraordinarily large number of park visitors, managing groups of people is very important.

The club is very fortunate to have many members who either have held or now hold the job title of, "Manager." Of

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Happy Endings!

During the 150th Commemoration of the Battle Of Kennesaw, an emergency arose atop Big Kennesaw Mtn. One of the Park Visitors developed chest pains and the paramedics were called. During the time between the call and their arrival, a pair of Kennesaw Mountain Trail Club Crew Leaders, who were in the area at the time, administered first aid and stayed with the visitor. He was taken to Kennestone Hospital for treatment, and survived the ordeal.

Fast forward to our work day on February 9th, 2016. A pair of crew leaders were discussing various occurrences around the park, and touched upon this incident of what things the crew leaders have done. Another crew leader, silently listening to the various deeds, piped in that he had one better. He asked, "do you remember the name of the visitor, who was taken to Kennestone Hospital?" They answered, "no." To which he replied, "It was me! Thank you for your aid. I'm here in part to thank you all for what you did." Unbeknownst to us, Jim had become a certified crew leader for the Kennesaw Mountain Trail Club after his recovery from the incident.

Fred Feltmann



From Left to Right - Jay Dement, Jim Barbaree, & Bill Gurry. Jay and Bill were the Crew Leaders, and James was the visitor at the time. Photo by Fred Feltmann.

Not Everything Green Is Good

Often times the winter woods look grey and “dead” compared to the other seasons with spring flowers, summers full of green leaves, or fall leaves full of color. There are a few bushes in Kennesaw National Battlefield Park that are evergreen during the winter, but unfortunately, many of those bushes are probably not native to Georgia.

Three of the evergreen bushes you might see at the park during the winter are leatherleaf mahonia, bush honeysuckle, and Chinese privet. Leatherleaf mahonia has one to several stalks with prickly leaves similar to holy bushes and this time of year the mature plants are topped with yellow flowers. In a few months those yellow flowers will have turned into berries that look similar to a bunch of small grapes. Unfortunately, birds will eat the berries and create new colonies of this non-native invasive plant.

There are several types of non-native bush honeysuckle that grow in the park, but winter honeysuckle is the only evergreen bush honeysuckle and it’s the only one to bloom during the winter. The flowers have a lemon fragrance and remind us of why this plant was brought to this country. Unfortunately, this invasive plant does displace native plants with it’s aggressive growth and spreading habit.

The third invasive and most common non-native you might notice during the winter is Chinese privet. It grows great in sun or shade from rocky terrain to wet creek bottoms so you may notice it almost anywhere in the park from near the top of Big Kennesaw to the banks of Ward Creek. Privet blooms during the spring with purple drupes (berries) developing in the fall and sometimes holding onto them through the winter. Birds and other wildlife will eat and spread the seed so there is no telling where privet may start growing next.

Getting rid of these bullies of the plant world is not easy, but with time and persistence set on controlling these plants we are slowly maintaining these invasives and promoting native plants. Each monthly work day (and usually several days during the month) we work to cut back and treat invasive plants at the park. In the short term the treated areas might look “messy” with brush piles throughout the woods, but birds and other wildlife will use the brush as cover.

Even though Chinese privet is one the most visible non-native invasive plant in the park and throughout the southeast, it’s not the number one plant in terms of acres covered in the SE. Have a guess which plant it might be? I’ll give a hint... it’s not kudzu. Next month I’ll reveal the answer.

If you think you know the answer or if you have questions/comments about invasive plants in the park or would like to help

control them... shoot me an e-mail at the following:

Plants@kennesawmountaintrailclub.org



Photo from the Jan work day of privet cleared along the field near the Burnt Hickory parking lot.

Photo by Danny Leigh.

Danny Leigh
Plants Director

FEBRUARY 13 2016 TRAIL WORK DAY PLAN

February’s Work Day will be a continuation of the repairs on the backside of Little Kennesaw Mountain and Pigeon Hill. This will be from the switchback down to the Little Kennesaw Cut-off Trail. Work Day will run from 11:30 AM to 4:00 PM. Meet at the Burnt Hickory Parking Lot around 11:30.

Some of the work we will be doing includes improving drainage, rock crib walls to support the trail sides, dirt ramps over rocky areas, and small tree and root removal. We supply tools, gloves, water and snacks. Please dress for dirty work; sturdy shoes & clothing.

It helps us plan if you could pre-sign up on “Volunteer Spot” & if possible, refer to FACEBOOK & “like” us!

VOLUNTEER!! YOUR PARK NEEDS YOU!!

Thank You!

Ken Hale
Trails Director

Kennesaw Mountain Trail Club Website Updates

In an effort to offer Park Visitors a better idea of the types and physical effort required to hike the trails at Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park, we have provided a rating of the various trails. There are also maps on our website! (<http://kennesawmountaintrailclub.org/>) Take a look and tell us what you think. Send your thoughts to Fred Feltmann - comdirector@kennesawmountaintrailclub.org

Fred Feltmann

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Additional Volunteers needed! Call today!

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 2015 (October 2014- September 2015) and Fiscal 2016 (October 2015 - Present):

FY 2015

ALLATOONA HIGH SCHOOL BETA CLUB
ALLATOONA HIGH SCHOOL- NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY
ALLATOONA HIGH SCHOOL NJROTC
AMERICORPS
ARRIS INTERNS
APTEAN ACARE
BOY SCOUTS TROOP 29
BOY SCOUT TROOP 75
BOY SCOUT TROOP 89
BOY SCOUT TROOP 144
BOY SCOUTS TROOP 204
BOY SCOUT TROOP 252
BOY SCOUT TROOP 277
BOY SCOUT TROOP 455, ATLANTA
BOY SCOUT TROOP 540
BOY SCOUT TROOP 703
BOY SCOUT TROOP 773
CHASTAIN ENCLAVE SUBDIVISION
CUB SCOUT PACK 405
CUB SCOUT PACK 702
DELTA CHI FROM GA TECH
DEMOLAY
INTERNATIONAL ACADEMY OF SMYRNA BETA CLUB
E. PAULDING AFJROTC
FRESENIUS MEDICAL CARE
GIRL SCOUT TROOP 2040
HANDS ON ATLANTA
HILLGROVE HIGH SCHOOL FBLA
HILLGROVE HIGH SCHOOL NJROTC
HILLGROVE NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY
HISTORY CLUB OF AUSTIN MIDDLE SCHOOL, PAULDING COUNTY
HOLDER CONSTRUCTION
KAPPA SIGMA FRATERNITY, KSU
KAPPA SIGMA- SPSU
KENNESAW CRUSADERS
KENNESAW MOUNTAIN HIGH SCHOOL NJROTC
KSU ACCOUNTING CLASS
KSU- ONLINE ACCOUNTING CLASS



KSU GREEK DAY OF SERVICE
LAMBDA Upsilon LAMBDA, GEORGIA STATE UNIVERSITY
MARIETTA TREE KEEPERS
McEACHERN HIGH SCHOOL BETA CLUB
McEACHERN HIGH SCHOOL- NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY
McEACHERN HIGH SCHOOL ROBOTICS TEAM
MOUNTAIN ROAD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL- BETA CLUB
NORTH COBB CHRISTIAN SCHOOL
PHOBIO, INC.
RAINBOW GIRLS
SOGETI
STUDENT CONSERVATION ASSOCIATION
TAP MIDDLE SCHOOL BETA CLUB
TEENS HELP OTHER PEOPLE
THE NORTH FACE STORE
THETA CHI- IOTA RHO, SOUTHERN POLYTECH
TRUST, KSU
U. S. NAVY CHIEF SELECTS
VENTURING CREW 75
VENTURING CREW 1011
WALKER HIGH SCHOOL
WALKER HIGH SCHOOL SOPHOMORE CLASS
WHEELER HS HELPING HANDS CLUB
WOODSTOCK HS NJROTC

FY 2016

ALLATOONA HS NJROTC
BANK OF AMERICA
BOY SCOUT TROOP 4 EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT, KENNESAW, GA
BOY SCOUT TROOP 75, EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT
CUB SCOUT PACK 353
HILLGROVE HS NJROTC
KSU ACCOUNTING CLASS 4600
McEACHERN HS ROBOTICS TEAM
U.S. NAVY RESERVISTS
VENTURING CREW 1011
WOODSTOCK HS NJROTC

The following Groups participated in our December Work Days:

We had 64 volunteers at our December Work Day.

ALLATOONA HS JROTC
BOY SCOUT TROOP 29
BOY SCOUT TROOP 75
BOY SCOUT TROOP 422

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course, there are many types of managers. They can do systems management, financial management, fiscal managers (a biggy) , logistics and human resource management & many others. Some may manage from an office, a computer or by walking a work site. They all have one goal: seeing that a job is done efficiently and beneficially for a company or organization. In our trail club, having a friendly experience and completing the work safely are also important goals.

In our trail club, we 'managers' really do like to participate. That's the joy of volunteering for us- being an active volunteer. So when you see one of us wearing the Yellow Vest of a crew leader or the Trail Ambassador uniform, sometimes it sure looks like we're one of the workers. That's because that old adage of, 'the hardest part of managing is managing' is true. We like to work and hike. It's amazing that we also like to share our knowledge of trail work and like to use the term 'managing by example.'

Only problem is that we may tend to take over (boss/manager - two different things). So to all you wonderful volunteers, if we get in your way, ask the question: how many managers does it take to move that rock, dig that stump out or keep pace on the trail? Just watch us and you'll find out. Or, better yet, jump in and let us know that since you now see how it's done – you can do it.

We greatly appreciate everyone's help in making Kennesaw Mountain National Battle Field Park the outstanding place that it is. The National Park System Rangers here are excellent managers, we're happy to assist and we're thankful for our volunteers. Managing here is fun and safe, and we find that friendly works well here.

Thanks,

Doug Jasse
KMTC President

PS: Please see page 7 – very important information!

A Special Thanks... Continued from Page 3

KENNESAW MOUNTAIN HS JROTC

MCGLESKY YMCA

NORTHWEST ATLANTA YMCA

WOODSTOCK HS JROTC

Thanks!!!!

City/County Multi-Use Trail Plan

During the first week of the month the park hosted a two-day meeting to discuss the future expansion of multi-use trails. These are the wide sidewalk trails that have been popping up all over area that connect walkers, runners, and bicyclists from their neighborhoods to parks, city squares, and such. The River to Mountain Trail that runs along old highway 41 is one of these trails.

Creating these trails requires close coordination of all entities involved to resolve the need, the location, the regulations that must be met, the studies that must be conducted, and where the funding to build and maintain might come from. In the case of trails that travel on Kennesaw Battlefield's property, it requires coordination between the state of Georgia, Cobb County, the City of Marietta, and the park itself. Details to resolve over time include defining more exact construction costs and securing the sources of funding. This meeting started those conversations.

During the meeting the teams looked at Cobb County's proposed trail plan which incorporates inputs from the City of Marietta (see image). It illustrates the master trail plan that has been evolving over the past decade. The City of Marietta is currently building their pieces along Whitlock Road (SR120). Cobb County has been building sections leading to the park with the most recent piece being on John Ward Road. Sections to connect east/west through the park along Burnt Hickory Rd. and SR 120 were of higher interest to move forward next, along with the length of Cheatham Hill Road. Building these soon will connect more neighborhoods to the park and make travel along those routes much safer. Imagine being able to ride your bike or walk from your home to the park and even farther without use of a motor vehicle. Also, running groups and bicycling groups will have more loop options using **these city/county multi-use trails that are along current roads that pass through and around the park** (**Note:** cycling is not permitted on any of the Park recreation trails – only on the designated city/county multi-use **paved** trails).

We are looking forward for the next steps to occur soon that will move these multi-use trails from a planning status to being funded, constructed, and opened for use.

This link presents the initially proposed/completed city/county multi-use paved trails: - http://www.cobbcounty.org/images/documents/16-0105_CobbTrailMap.pdf

Scott McKay

FUTURE PROJECTS - SPRING 2016

In February we will continue improving the Little Kennesaw Trail above and below the big switchback area. Excessive rain and cold weather are big factors this time of year so we work as often as permitted.

The Environmental Trail needs some minor repairs, mostly for drainage, but also for surface repairs to smooth it out on the left side just above the picnic area.

The East/West Kolb Farm Trail near the Horse Parking Lot needs a lot of work. A minor reroute is in progress to improve safety on the ramp; Cobb County is working here too to prevent horses and hikers from falling into the road there. Trail areas on both sides of the road are badly weathered. In mid January, work was done to improve the horse parking lot, lots of trees and brush were cleared out by Crew Leaders and a group of volunteers brought in by Lucy.

Another possible near future area is by the Texas Monument along the Cease Fire Trail.

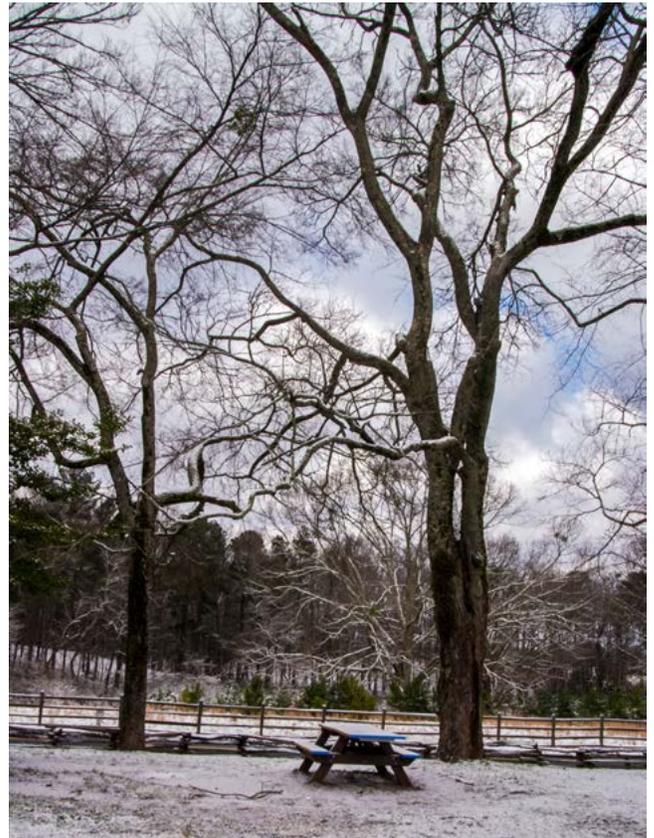
In February, we also anticipate supporting the cannon relocation and installation at the 24 Gun area.

Suggestions for future or immediate trail projects should be brought to the attention of Doug Tasse or Ken Hale.

Ken Hale
Trails Director



Photos by Fred Feltmann



Leave No Trace ~ AWARENESS COURSE

Where: REI, Kennesaw GA

When: April 14, 2016, 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm

Jay Dement, Master Educator, will conduct this informative session on the principles of Leave No Trace for Outdoor Ethics. Participants who enjoy the outdoors will be informed and educated about the effect of their recreational impacts. Tools will be presented so we can become better stewards of the backcountry environment. All KMTC members who attend the course will receive a Leave No Trace patch.

To register go to <http://goo.gl/forms/luDclfPcY6>



Kennesaw Mountain Trail Club Calendar

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Event</u>
February, 2016			
2/13	11:30 am - 4 pm	Burnt Hickory & Old Mountain Rd.	Trail Work Day (<i>Note Winter work day time change!</i>)
2/27	2:00 pm	Visitor Center	Lecture Series: I Feel Freedom In My Bones http://www.nps.gov/kemo/planyourvisit/event-details.htm?eventID=5013148-307230
March, 2016			
3/12	8:30 am - 1 pm	TBD	Trail Work Day (<i>Note - Starting in March we will return to our normal work hours!</i>)
April, 2016			
4/2	8:30 am - 1 pm	Visitor Center	Civil War Symposium Park Day
4/9	8:30 am - 1 pm	TBD	Trail Work Day

A Rainy Day In The Park

The recent heavy rains have had an adverse impact in the Park, and we are doing our best to make "a walk in the Park" a more safe and enjoyable experience, in spite of the rain. For a look at what we've done so far, and what is yet before us, Bill Gurry did a study over the last several weeks. It may be found at http://www.kennesawmountaintrailclub.org/images/2016/Trails_In_The_Rain.pdf. Come and help on our work days, as we work to correct/improve some of the affected trails.



Right - John Ward Creek at flood stage during a recent heavy rain storm - photo by Bill Gurry.

Mark Your Calendars!

Upcoming Work Day Schedule: (*Winter Schedule*)

Our trail work days are open to the public on the 2nd Saturday of each month and are a wonderful way to get outside & enjoy nature while helping preserve the national park for future visitors. We will meet at 11:30 am at the Burnt Hickory & Old Mountain Rd. Parking Lot this month and usually are finished by 4:00 p.m. (***Please arrive by 11:15 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.

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.

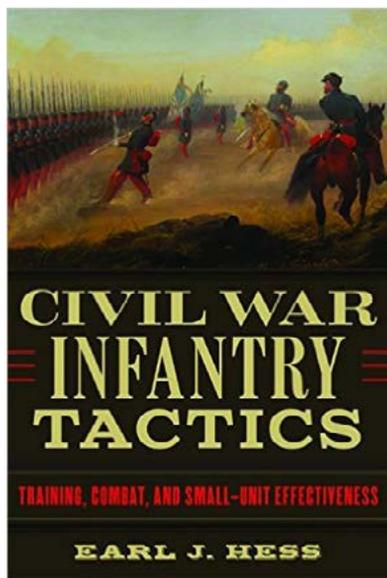
We hope to see you at a work day soon!

Historian Report for Earthworks— February 2016

By: Jay Haney

Book Review

Dr. Earl J. Hess has been a student of Civil War history since he was a teenager, growing up in rural Missouri. He completed his B.A. and M.A. degrees in History at Southeast Missouri State University. His Ph.D. in American Studies, with a concentration in History, was awarded by Purdue University in 1986. He has taught at a number of institutions, including the University of Georgia, Texas Tech University, and the University of Arkansas. Since 1989, he has been at Lincoln Memorial University, in Harrogate, Tennessee, where he is Associate Professor of History, past director of the History Program, and holds the Stewart McClelland Chair. Dr. Hess has published nearly twenty books, over twenty journal articles, and more than a hundred book reviews for academic history journals. He has conducted numerous manuscript evaluations for academic presses and article reviews for academic journals. He is widely recognized as a leading scholar and author on Civil War history. Among his 20 books is **Kennesaw Mountain: Sherman, Johnston and the Atlanta Campaign.**



Civil War Infantry Tactics: Training, Combat, and Small-Unit Effectiveness. By Earl J. Hess. Baton Rouge: Louisiana State University Press, 2015. 368 Pages

American Civil War-era writers “defined tactics as ‘the art which teaches how to bring your force to bear upon the enemy to the best advantage in actual combat’” (p. xxi). In his new book, *Civil War Infantry Tactics*, Earl J. Hess, one of America’s leading scholars of tactical military history, continues his life-long investigation of these linear operations on the Civil War’s conventional fields of battle. Hess, whose

controversial and impressive 2008 book **The Rifle Musket in Civil War Combat: Reality and Myth** challenged the long-standing argument that the rifle musket was responsible for higher engagement casualty rates, builds upon his earlier careful work and pursues his research of tactical operations from a different direction: that of training, combat, and small-unit maneuvers during the war.

For those readers who have not already mined the wealth of information in his previous book, Hess distills the major points from that volume in a learned Preface. In his 1859 volume on the rifle musket, West Point professor and future Confederate general Cadmus Wilcox argued that soldiers needed training to use the rifle musket effectively because of the parabolic arc of the bullet’s trajectory when fired. Hess believes Wilcox’s argument was prescient and went largely unread by officers responsible for the almost non-existent arms training of the 1860’s volunteer armies. In short, Hess asserts that most Civil War fighting took place at close ranges, less than one hundred yards, for long durations of time. The volume of fire soldiers faced, not the increased potential ranges of rifle musket technology, was what made casualties high on the battlefields.

The scope of his new book addresses the drill manuals, training process, and practical use of tactics in the field and in combat. Because Hess is a lucid writer, the arguments from his new book can be distilled easily. He argues that the linear tactical system was not “obsolete.” Breech-loading and magazine-fed rifles were not issued with enough frequency to make an impact. Most commanders could handle their men on the field of battle and chose the correct formations. There were notable exceptions, but he argues most achieved “proficiency” in the tactical system outlined in the three major military manuals available. As evidence for this thesis, Hess examines four hundred battlefield examples from the Union and Confederate armies drawn from battle reports in the Official Records. A final body chapter examines the experiences of other volunteer armies in American history. Students of the war will also benefit from the excellent glossary of terms used by Civil War soldiers in combat included in the book.

Ultimately, Hess believes that historians have accepted the pre-Civil War predictions and post-bellum assessment of the rifle musket’s contributions and the limitations of linear tactics at face value. According to Hess this uncritical acceptance of what he refers to as the myth of the rifle musket is based on scholarship with limited primary evidence at its base. For Civil War historians and readers alike, Earl J. Hess has once again presented a must-read book that provides arguments that shifts our thinking about the nature of combat on the conventional field of battle during America’s bloodiest war.

Barton A. Myers

Washington and Lee University Lexington, Virginia

Think Fifteen (15) for Kennesaw Mountain Trail Club

Please pay attention, or as I like to say: **LISTEN UP! (Read this....please)**

For almost the last four years, I've served as the Trail Director. While performing as a volunteer, along with several thousand others over the years, we've made significant improvements to Kennesaw Mountain NBP. I believe that we'll all agree that we enjoy aiding the park.

While many of our projects are funded by the park, there is frequently a need to supplement with additional money to complete our work. I'm sure that you, like me, enjoy showing off all the work volunteers have done. The funds from the Park do help with the upkeep, but without our volunteer labor, the park simply would not be as it is today and what it will be in the future.

We need money for our 'uncommitted funds; this money is used to cover additional expenses for our projects, the purchase and maintenance of both tools and equipment, gloves, water, snacks and other associated expenses. Also, we have corporation and insurance costs to cover. Please keep in mind that we are an all-volunteer organization, no paid staff or board members. **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."

I appreciate everyone who worked with me on the trails. **Now, as club president, I still need your help.** To everyone who comes and works, thank you. To everyone that supports our club, thank you too. **We need everyone to donate.**

As we approach our fifteenth year, I ask you to please think '15', like \$15.. \$30.. \$45..... \$150... \$1500. Get the idea? Together we do good work and have a good time but now we need your help to continue!!! Please send your tax deductible contribution to:

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

Donate Online: by using Guidestar on the Trail Club website

<http://www.kennesawmountaintrailclub.org>

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

ALSO: Please check with employers about matching donations.

Think Fifteen (\$)

Thank you,

Doug Tasse
KMTCC President



The “THINK 15” Campaign Is Winning!

The Kennesaw Trail Club was started in September, 2002. As now, the Kennesaw Mountain Battlefield Park did not have the paid personnel necessary to maintain the hiking trails in a safe and scenic condition.

Volunteers were only expected to provide “sweat equity.” It was recommended that they bring water and gloves, but all the tools were to be furnished by the Park.

No one in the Club was to receive any compensation for their efforts. There was never any membership dues because the expenses spent by the volunteers were minimal and were absorbed by the volunteers. If anything, membership dues might be a deterrent in recruiting members to join.

Nobody still earns any compensation for their work, even Club members who are currently volunteering over 500 hours per year. However the Club and its duties have greatly expanded.

The Club has received grants but those monies are restricted by the terms of the grant on what they can be spent on. The Club now has annually thousands of dollars worth of expenses which are paid for by the members.

These include our Ambassador Program of close to 50 volunteers. Their education, uniforms, hats, backpacks, name plate; first aid kits; pass out materials, etc are paid by the Club.

The expenses for the Crew Leader Training, such as printed materials; paid outside instructors; refreshments, etc. is paid by the Club.

The Club is required by the National Park Service to have liability insurance. This cost over \$1900 last year.

In order to receive grants and donations by outside parties, we are required to have our financial records audited by an outside, independent, certified auditor.

In addition, the Club has expenses of maintaining a website, buying trail materials, tools, repairing some Park equipment, renting Pit Stop Sanitation units, paying for refreshments for volunteers, printing of signs, printing of registration materials, education materials, other office supplies, business cards, rack cards, fuel for equipment, and many other expenses.

During our recent quarterly board meetings, I have been emphasizing that the Club is spending thousands of dollars more than we are receiving in donations. Continuing on this trend our remaining funds would soon be depleted.

On December 26, 2015, President Doug Tasse sent out a plea for donations from members. In part he said:

“I appreciate everyone who worked with me on the trails. **Now, as club president, I still need your help.** To everyone who comes and works, thank you. To everyone that supports our club, thank you too. **We need everyone to donate.**

As we approach our fifteenth year, I ask you to please think ‘15’, like \$15.. \$30.. \$45..... \$150... \$1500. Get the idea? Together we do good work and have a good time but now we need your help to continue!!!”

Several members have responded with donation from \$30 to \$500.

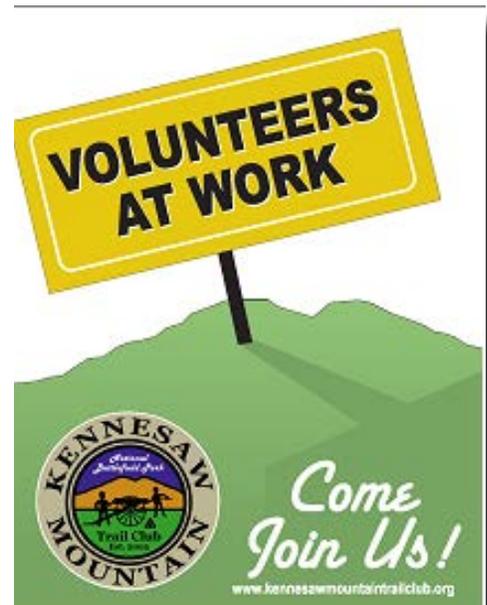
Therefore with the added revenue we are finally receiving more donations than the amount we are spending. Hopefully this trend will continue with additional donations. Some members are coordinating their donations with matching grants from their employer.

Please send your tax deductible donations to:

Think 15 Campaign
Tom Okerberg
Whitlock Accounting Services
739 Kennesaw Avenue NW
Marietta, GA 30060

Thank you for your support!

Tom Okerberg
Treasurer



January 9, 2016 Work Day

Photos by Fred Feltmann, except where noted.



9/16/16 Work Day/Eagle Scout Project

Photos by Fred Feltmann



Martin Luther King Work Day



Northwest Atlanta YMCA - photo by Amanda Corman.

Photos, below, by Scott Mckay.



Photos, above, by Cam Graham. MLK Work Day.

Photos Around The Park

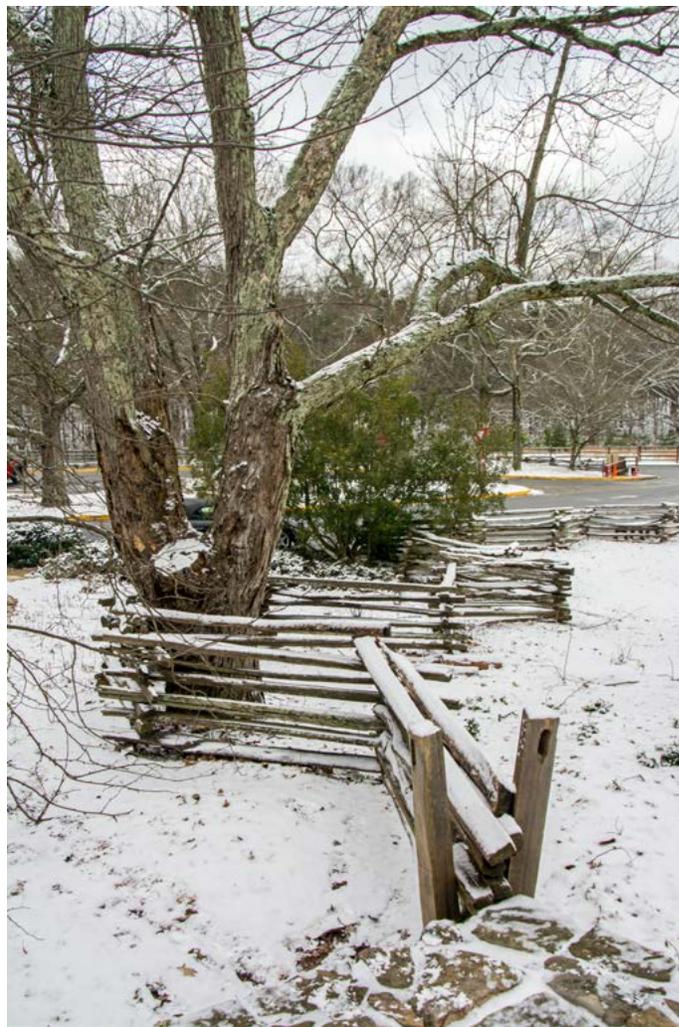


*Cobb County Culvert Replacement at Visitor Center.
Photo by Scott Mckay.*



*Snow!
Photos by Fred Feltmann*

*Every Kid In A Park Program - Cannoneers.
Photos By Fred Feltmann*



Challengers

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Kennedy.

King.

Scobee, Smith, Resnik, McNair,
Onizuka, Jarvis, and McAuliffe.

Challengers all.

To live a full life,
requires risk.

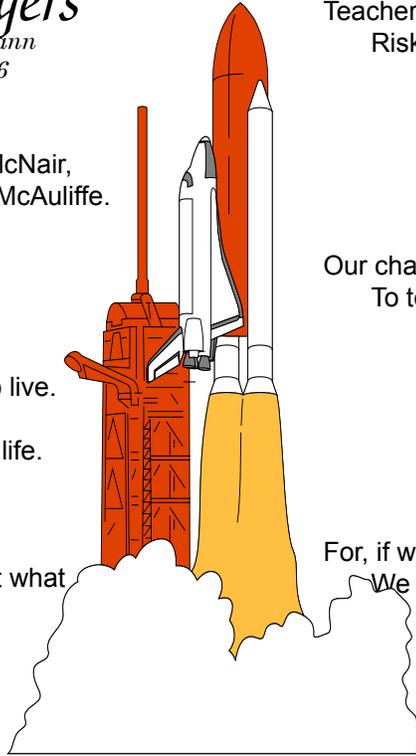
To take the challenge.

To explore the unknown.
That is what's required, to live.

Sometimes the challenge takes a life.

Sometimes it yields glory.
Sometimes one remains

in obscurity,
only you knowing that what
you did, made
a difference.



Teacher, minister, den leader,

Risk takers all.

Taking the time.

Daring to lead.

Daring to teach.

Daring to challenge our youth.

Our challenge?, Our risk?

To teach.

To prepare our youth,
so that they can

Take the challenge,

Make the decision,

and Trust in God,
and our fellow man.

For, if we do not take the challenge,

We give up our life,

Our opportunity.

Our freedom.

Contact List - Updated 01/4/16

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FIND YOUR PARK

Got your phone or tablet on you?

Then take a selfie here at Kennesaw Mountain with what you love about this site.



The National Park Service turns 100 in August 2016 and wants to celebrate by encouraging all visitors to “Find Your Park” - find what you love about America’s open spaces and historic, natural, and cultural places. Kennesaw Mountain wants to celebrate you, too, by showing you off!

Here’s how it works:

1. Take selfies posing with a “Found It!” sheet. The sheets are in the Visitor Center vestibule and at the front desk. Have fun with your photo but, above all, be sure the photo reflects your enjoyment of Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park.
2. Photos should be a minimum resolution of 2048 x 1536.
3. Post your photo to your Instagram, Twitter, or Facebook page. Be sure to use the hashtag, #KennesawBattlefieldSelfie.
4. Follow the rules - Please don’t take images that show violations of Battlefield policy (off designated trails, recreation in non-designated areas, outside of opening/closing times, drinking alcoholic beverages, etc.), or performing illegal activities (relic hunting, poaching, removing plant life), vulgar/disrespectful behavior, or pets off leash. These images should be family friendly!

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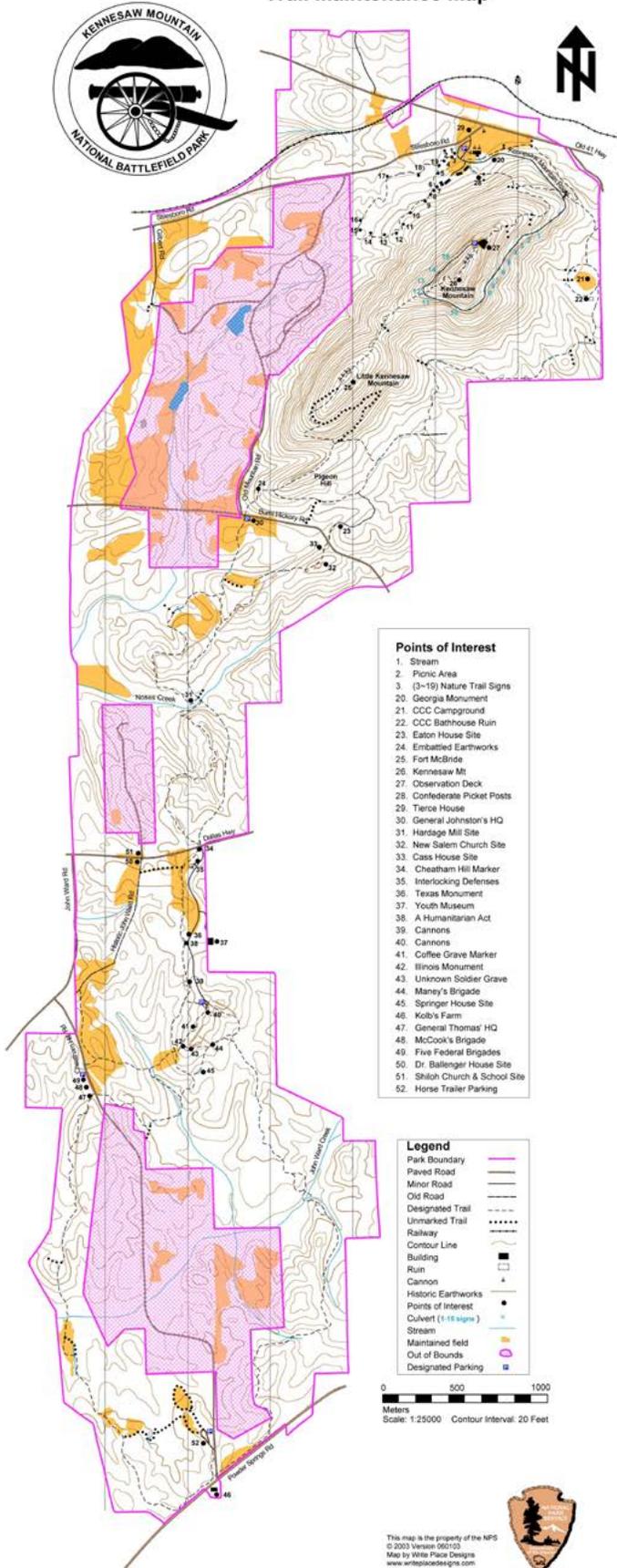


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KENNESAW MOUNTAIN NATIONAL BATTLEFIELD PARK

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March Newsletter Deadline

If you wish to have an article published in the March Newsletter, please submit it to Fred Feltmann at faf1948@bellsouth.net no later than February 20th!