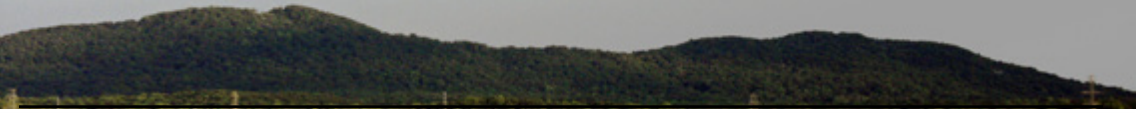




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## President's Corner

I have lived here for over 37 years and have never seen this much snow and cold here in Kennesaw. Despite that, most of our volunteer work has gone on just fine. Guided hikes are being conducted, living history events are being supported, trail patrols are being made, high school groups have been out working in the woods, and some pruning and invasive plants control has been accomplished.

However, our biggest activity, the second Saturday trail maintenance day, has suffered cancellation for yet another month. This January Saturday had wind chills below zero which would have led to cold hands, cold feet, probable frost bite,



dehydration, and an environment where people could get hurt.

On the plus side, many of the crew leaders came out for lunch at our favorite after the work day place.

More progress has been made on our 2018 fund raising plan. We have started drafting grant proposals to send out in the next few weeks. And we are attending an event with a national company to discuss our funding needs. If you work for a company that gives grants to non-profits national park support groups like ours,

please do mention us and help get us connected with the right people to hear our spiel.

And, if you would like to donate personally, please visit our website and click the "GuideStar" link. You can also donate a part of purchases you make with Amazon if you sign up for their "Smile" program. See instructions on how to select us on our website.

*Scott Mackay*

President, KMTTC

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## Shopping Online Helps Us!



If you make purchases at Amazon, you can help support the Trail Club! When making purchases at Amazon, simply log into [www.amazon.com/smile](http://www.amazon.com/smile)! If this is your first time logging in, you'll be asked to designate a charity. Simply designate the Kennesaw Mountain Trail Club(Search on Kemotrail Corps Inc ), and each time you make a purchase via Amazon.com/smile, a portion of your purchase will be donated to the Trail Club!

## February 10 Trail Work Day

February's Trail Work Day will be a continuation of the work done in November along the main trail from the Visitor Center to the Fire Road, on the trail that leads to the top of Kennesaw Mountain. Same times - 8:30 am till noon. Registration opens at 8 am in the Old Highway 41 Parking lot. Be at the amphitheater near the Visitor Center by 8:30 am.

## Anne Strand

After her many years of service, Anne is calling it quits this weekend. She has been a tremendous asset to the Club and to the Park. She has worked on virtually all of the grants the Trail Club has received. She worked tirelessly on the Ticket-To-Ride program, as well as the many other children's programs that have been conducted during the past several years. She (and her husband, David) worked on the 150th Anniversary Program in 2014 and headed up/worked on several committees regarding this endeavor.

She brought order to our "back office" and recruited new leadership as we grew over the years. If she said she would do something, you knew it would be done; and done with excellence. (Scott Mackay)

As far back as '07 & '08 she served on the committee that was working to make KMTC a sustainable organization and a valuable asset to the park and to the community. I believe looking at KMTC today most people would agree that the goal has been achieved in outstanding fashion. (Richard Angeli)

We thank her for her service and dedication to the Trail Club and to Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park.

*Fred Feltmann*

**PS** It was noted periodically during the January 27th Board meeting that the answer to the question was: Oh, Anne does(did) that. Thanks, Anne, for your dedication and keeping us on the straight and narrow!

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## December, 2017, Follow-up

One more December snow photo, compliments of Debbie Dement.

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## Anne Strand



We are sad to hear of your retirement from the position of Kennesaw Mountain Trail Club Secretary. We are truly grateful for your dedication not only to the KMTC but also to Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park. Your assistance has made such programs at the Ticket to Ride and Every Kid in a Park successful as well as successfully receiving a number of grants for the park and KMTC. Of course, I do not even need to mention the hard work and dedication you gave to the 150th Anniversary events.

You have been such a valued part of the park, its mission, and the National Park Service for so many years and will be greatly missed.

Please let us know if there is anything that we can do to make your transition from KMTC Secretary to member easier.

Warmest Wishes,

*Amanda K. Corman*  
Park Ranger

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## Thank You!

Over many years volunteering with KMTC as Outreach Director, Trail Director and President, one of my favorite things was calling Anne after wrapping up a Trail Day or special project to say thanks and fill her in on what was accomplished. Anne was not usually at the trail work site. She and other key Trail Club Members managed the parking and sign-in areas and so much else involved in the preparation for and follow-up after our official Trail Day. Anne was always excited to get the call and share the experiences from her viewpoint.

I know, along with other active Trail Club Members and Park Staff, that for those days - along with many other tasks at the Park - Anne was key to having a successful event. We all know how admirably she has performed no matter what task was entrusted to her.

Having served as a Kennesaw Mountain Trail Club Board Secretary for so many years is indeed remarkable. During her service on the Board, KMTC was nationally recognized as a top tier club and given the Hartzog Award. Anne and other KMTC members received the National Park Service Lifetime Achievement Award. Many feel indebted to Anne for that award and others, recognizing that without Anne's talents and dedication, KMTC would not have become the well managed, successful, fun and active volunteer club it is.

Thank you, Anne, for your contributions and work with KMTC, the Park and our community and especially for your friendship.

*Doug Jasse*  
Past President

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## Trail Ambassadors Lead the Way

Recently Ranger Marjorie asked if the Trail Ambassadors could help out the park "short staffing" situation by volunteering to lead two weekend guided hikes in February. Marjorie copied Jay Haney on her e-mail to me and Jay immediately volunteered to lead a hike. He was "all over it" before I even had a chance to advertise! After sending out a request for Trail Ambassadors to lead another hike, Cam Graham responded within minutes. I love it when people jump on an opportunity. It makes my job easy.

Cam will lead a hike on Sunday, February 11<sup>th</sup>, from 11:00 – 12:30. His route will be the 24 Gun Trail. Jay will lead a hike on Sunday, February 17<sup>th</sup> from 11:00 – 12:30 starting at the Illinois Monument to the Assault Trail and back. Jay and Cam requested me to advertise for 2 experienced Trail Ambassadors to assist. At this time there is still room for a Trail Ambassador to assist on the February 11<sup>th</sup> hike. The February 17<sup>th</sup> hike is fully supported.

I also want to take this opportunity to thank the many Trail Ambassadors who volunteered for the December and January club trail work days. Thirteen people volunteered for the December work day and eleven people volunteered for the January work day. That is an amazing number of people who were able to help out during the holidays. It is unfortunate the weather didn't cooperate and the work days had to be cancelled for two months. Hopefully February will bring out its' nicest weather for the February 11<sup>th</sup> work day. Please come out and join us for the morning. I am confident you will have a great time. If you always wanted to learn registration now is the time.

*Janie Brier*

## 'Sung' and 'Unsung' Heroes

In any large group, you have many 'sung' and 'unsung' heroes. In KMTCC, the 'sung' heroes are the Trail Ambassadors. They are the ones who walk the trails (usually in uniform) with a quick laugh, a ready smile, a bottle of water and a warm heart. The 'unsung' heroes are the dozens and dozens of community volunteers. Without them, there would be no Trail Work Days.

When, there are the Crew Leaders. Who are they? The men and women who wear the yellow vests and t-shirts. Are they Trail Ambassadors? A few are. Are they community volunteers that just want to do more? Many are. But, what happens to them that they magically become Crew Leaders and what do they do?

First, they go through a day long work shop and learn about water run-off, building steps, bridges and drainage ditches. They learn about the regulations and safety requirements that the National Park Service requires and much more. Finally, they get some On-The-Job-Training (OJT) with the more experienced Crew Leaders.

Before the Work Days arrive, the Crew Leaders frequently walk those trails in the cold, the wind and the pouring rain to find the water problems. There is always some equipment to repair. They also have to purchase and move the rocks, dirt and heavy equipment to location. In the past, that was done by Doug Tasse, Past President, Larry Shogren, (and Larry's truck) and a few extra volunteers. Finally, the Work Day arrives.

The Crew Leaders arrive at the Park garages early morning (I don't know about the 'bright' part) about 6:45 am with a cup of coffee in hand. Not much is said, but all of the rakes, shovels, clippers, etc. are loaded onto a truck. Gators are loaded with water, snacks and work gloves and somehow everything is in place in an hour. The crew leaders are in place for the safety talk with a smile on their faces and everything is ready to go.

The crews are assigned and off they go to their exact location on the trail. That seems so simple, doesn't it? With over 22 miles of trails that need to be walked, examined and maintained, there is clearly a comprehensive plan for that maintenance. Bruce Rugg, Trail Director, with his crew, gladly take on that responsibility under the supervision of the Park Staff.

On Work Days, everything is in place and the work is begun. Chatter, jokes, laughter and pictures are taken all up and down the line. Finally, about 11:30 am to 12:00 noon, work is finished and we all go home. Right?

Not so fast! Those Crew Leaders have to load the equipment, trash and everything goes back to those Park garages. Remember those garages that were seen at 6:45 am? Tools are cleaned, repaired and put away. Water, snacks and work gloves are put away and a quick inventory is taken. Gators and trucks are put away and everybody meets for the debriefing (aka lunch) between 12:30 and 1:00 pm.

There are lots of laughs and conversation about the work day, both good and bad and finally we all go home about 2 pm. Now remember those Crew Leaders have been at work since before 7:00 am and they go home to start their days all over again as husbands, wives, fathers, and mothers.

Thank you Crew Leaders and the National Park Staff for all the work you do behind the scenes!

*Rena Bailey*

*(in collaboration with Bill Gurry, Donald Olds and Bruce Rugg)*

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

### FY 2017

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



### FY 2018

KENNESAW MOUNTAIN HIGH SCHOOL KEY CLUB  
KENNESAW MOUNTAIN HIGH SCHOOL AP MAGNET ENVIRONMENTAL  
SCIENCE CLASS  
KSU BETA ALPHA PSI  
KSU PHI SIGMA PI  
VOLUNTEER KSU  
U.S. ARMY TRAINING CLASS

## Volunteers Needed For Veterans Oral History Project

Marjorie Thomas, Park Ranger, has requested assistance with the Veterans Oral history project being done in conjunction with the Library of Congress. Specifically she needs

- People with transcribing skills like court reporters
- People who would like to be trained by Library of Congress to conduct oral histories

For training for this effort, see the article below!

*Jay Haney*

## Library Of Congress Oral History Class

Many of you may be familiar with the Veterans History Project that has been taking place here at park for the last few months. Although the project is almost complete, it has been a project of love for our intern, Susan Caolo, who has been working diligently meeting veterans, conducting interviews, and much more.

As part of the project, Susan has made a wonderful contact at the Library of Congress. The Veterans History Project is organized and maintained by the Library of Congress, but as you can imagine, they do so much more with the information sent to them.

Due to the wonderful connect Susan has made, the Library of Congress has offered to conduct an Oral History Training class at Kennesaw Mountain NBP. That is if we have enough individuals who are interested in taking this class. We need at least 25 participants to sign up before the Library of Congress will be able to schedule the program.

If we have enough participants, the course will be held here at the park; however, we currently do not have any additional information to provide you at this time.

If you are interested in participating, please let me know by the close of business, FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 2018. Once I have a list compiled, Marjorie Thomas, Chief of Interpretation, will work with the Library of Congress to schedule the class. Once the class has been scheduled, we will provide more details about the date, time, and any additional information.

If you have any additional questions, please let me know.

All the best,

*Amanda K. Corman*  
Park Ranger

## Small Group Work Projects

### Continue...

Harry Carpenter and I continue clearing storm damaged trees and limbs on the Environmental and 24-Gun Trails. However, I thought you would like to see these photos. Before - work in process - after.....

Harry cut the tree down and sectioned the trunk with his bow saw. I used my reciprocal saw to cut limbs. We both did a lot of pushing and dragging to position the trunk sections along the side of the trail.

Regards,

*Cam Graham*

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*Above - "Before." This is the result of the December snow.*

*All photos on this page compliments of Cam Graham.*



*Below - "After." Harry and Cam work party.*



# Trail Ambassador Report

## January 27, 2018

Trail Ambassador Director Standard Practice submitted for review

Currently have 60 Trail Ambassadors (TA)

Have 20 Trail Ambassador Candidates (TAC). 8 actively working on requirements. 3 have completed more than 50% of the requirements.

Have 3 TAC who completed at least one of the requirements but have not progressed or been actively involved in the last 6 months

Presented TA orientation January 14th with 5 attendees

Since the beginning of FY18 TA have supported the following events:

- 1 – Saturday lecture series
- 2 – Artillery Demonstrations
- 2 - Infantry Demonstrations
- 3 – EKIP (Every Kid in the Park)
- 11 – Life of a Soldier
- 1 – Marietta Mentoring
- 4 – Ranger Led Hikes
- 1 – Civil War Christmas
- 2 – Club trail work days. December and January cancelled due to weather. Encouraging to note there were 12/DEC and 10/JAN who volunteered. Hopefully increased support for work day will continue.

Student Volunteer Invasive Plant Management Program – Led by Cam Graham

Kennesaw Mountain High School: Key Club and Magnet Environmental Science Class:

Completed two volunteer service days - 28 student volunteers for 157 hours. Cleared privet on the boundary of the Kolb Farm homestead, Trimmed hedges in the family cemetery, and removed privet along the East / West Kolb Trail junction near the intersection of Powder Springs Road and Cheatham Hill Road.

Three additional volunteer service days scheduled - Complete privet removal at Kolb Farm Trail site and assist with privet removal adjacent to Activity Field Two near the CSX right-of-way. Up to 15 student volunteers expected each day.

Pope High School: National Honor Society:

Two scheduled volunteer service days - privet removal adjacent to Activity Field Two near the CSX right-of-way. Up to 30 student volunteers expected each day.

Adult volunteers for this program include: Harry Carpenter, Karen Petrella, Janie Brier, Danny Leigh, Jay Haney, and Teagan Nuss.

### TA Future Plans:

- Will present 2 Trail Ambassador led hikes:
- Cam Graham, 2/11/18, 24 Gun Trail Hike
- Jay Haney, 2/17/18 Illinois Monument to Assault Trail Loop
- Three dates planned for Kennesaw Mountain High School Key Club and Magnet Environmental Science Class: 2/3, 3/3 and 3/24
- Present orientation quarterly, more frequently if staffing permits



## 2018 Fund Raising

Your volunteer hours help greatly for the many projects we do in the park and we greatly appreciate you contributing your “sweat equity” alongside our 40+ staff volunteers who routinely support each event. We are a non-profit all volunteer organization. However, like any business, we do have bills to pay.

Many of our projects are funded by the park or through grants we apply for. These funds are typically targeted for specific projects and do cover the big expenses such as rocks, stone dust, dirt, wood beams, bridges, fences, and such. But, after all the big stuff is paid for, we still have need to cover our day-to-day operating expenses for things like saw blade sharpening, fuel, tool repairs, equipment maintenance, work gloves, bug spray, drinking water, snacks, and porta-potties. For these expenses, we rely on your donations.

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

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

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

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

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

ALSO: Please check with employers about matching donations.

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



# Kennesaw Mountain Trail Club Calendar

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Event</u>
<b>February, 2018</b>			
2/10	8:00 am - 12 pm	Picnic area near Visitor Center	Trail Work Day
<b>March, 2018</b>			
3/10	8:00 am - 12 pm	TBD	Trail Work Day
<b>April, 2018</b>			
4/14	8:00 am - 12 pm	TBD	Trail Work Day

## February Park Sponsored Events

For a list of Park-sponsored events for January, see pages 11 and 12!

### Register for Our Work Days!

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

[signup.com/go/VvavYQj](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.

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](http://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](mailto: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!



## **BEFORE AND AFTER**

Bill Gurry

Sherman wrote that, prior to arriving at Kennesaw Mountain in June 1864, it had rained for 19 straight days. One of his soldiers said 21 days of rain. Since Sherman rode a horse and lived in cabins, houses, or tents, and the soldier walked and lived in the muddy trenches, I think the soldier may know better on this one. It still rains. The combination of rain and millions of feet on the trails is our biggest challenge.

### **BEFORE**



This is a shot near the Kolb's Farm Connector trail. Note the little water bar here that actually is holding water on the trail. During heavy rains this whole low area floods and some of the trail used to flood as well.

### **AFTER**

If you really want to see how our work is doing, take a hike during or just after a heavy rain. We had 10 inches of rain in the 10 days before this picture was taken, and it was still raining after a 3" rain event when I hiked. I waited until the lightning stopped (always, safety first) and took off on the south loop to see the good and the bad. I only saw one other person out there in the rain all day.



This is the new bridge and turnpike. The entire area to the right upstream was flooded. I don't believe the old culvert could have carried the flow, and about 100 feet or so of trail would have been flooded. There is rip rap under the bridge to protect the abutments. Without it we would eventually lose the bridge to erosion since these bridge abutments are not sunk into the ground. This is a great piece of work.



**Anne & David Strand**

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

\* updated



## **Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park**

### **Upcoming Interpretive Programs**

All park programming is free and open to the public.

No registration required.

Programs start at Visitor Center except when noted otherwise.

### **Everyday @ 1:00 pm**

#### **Ranger Led Museum Tour**

Join a Kennesaw Mountain Park Ranger for an in-depth exploration of our museum chronicling the events surrounding the Battle of Kennesaw Mountain.

### **February**

#### **February 3 @ 11:00 am – 12:30 pm ‘Guided Mountaintop Hike’**

Join us for a guided 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, strenuous, and will be weather dependent.

#### **February 4 @ 11:00 am – 3:00 pm ‘Civil War Music Program’**

Music during the Civil War served many functions. Not only did it help to organize and rally, but also went a long way to boost morale amongst the soldiers. Come join musician and living historian KD Sellers as she demonstrates this using the fife.

#### **February 4 @ 11:00 am – 12:00 pm ‘The Western & 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.

#### **February 10 @ 8:30 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. Parking and registration is at the overflow parking lot on Old Highway 41. The NPS Volunteer Services Agreement is required. A parent must sign the form if the student is under 18 years old. The form and directions to the registration site are available on the club’s website.

**\*\* The event will be cancelled in the event of inclement weather.**



**February 10 @ 10:00, 1:00, 3:00 ‘The Unsung Hero’  
(each program is 45 minutes in length)**

This program, in honor of Black History Month, highlights the role that African Americans played in the Union Army serving first as undercooks and then as stretcher bearers. This program, offered by historian Brad Quinlan, provides researched information of the sacrifices of these unsung heroes of the war.

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

This program will consist of a guided 3 mile hike along the 24–Gun Battery Trail and will focus on the importance of preservation, protection, and history within the national parks. This is an outdoor activity, so please dress and plan accordingly. Participants should meet in the Visitor Center lobby. This hike will be led by a member of the Kennesaw Mountain Trail Club.

**\*\*The event will be cancelled in the event of inclement weather.**

**February 17 @ 11:00 am – 12:30 ‘Guided Assault Trail Hike’**

Learn more about the fateful Union assault on Cheatham Hill during this guided hike. This trail is one mile, round trip and is classified as moderate to easy. Hike will begin and end at the Illinois Monument (at Cheatham Hill). This is an outdoor activity, so please dress and plan accordingly. This hike will be led by a member of the Kennesaw Mountain Trail Club.

*\*This program is **not at the Visitor Center**;  
parking is at 957 Cheatham Hill Dr, Marietta (ie. the Illinois Monument parking lot)*

**\*\* The event will be cancelled in the event of inclement weather.**

**February 18 @ 11:00 – 11:30 am “Shaping Lincoln: Abraham Lincoln Before his Presidency”**

In recognition of Abraham Lincoln’s 209<sup>th</sup> Birthday, this 30 minute ranger-led program discusses Abraham Lincoln prior to his presidency and what shaped the 16<sup>th</sup> President of the United States of America.

**February 24 @ 11:00 – 12:00 ‘Civil War Earthworks’**

Used for centuries as protection on the battlefield, earthworks played a vital part in the American Civil War. The program, to be conducted at Cheatham Hill, will address the use of earthworks during the Civil War and the importance they had during the Atlanta Campaign and the Battle of Kennesaw Mountain.

*\*This program is **not at the Visitor Center**;  
parking is at 957 Cheatham Hill Dr, Marietta (ie. the Illinois Monument parking lot)*

**\*\* The event will be held in the Visitor Center in the event of inclement weather.**

**February 25 @ 11:00 – 11:30 am ‘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.

*\*Denotes off-site location other than Visitor Center*

**\*\* 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,  
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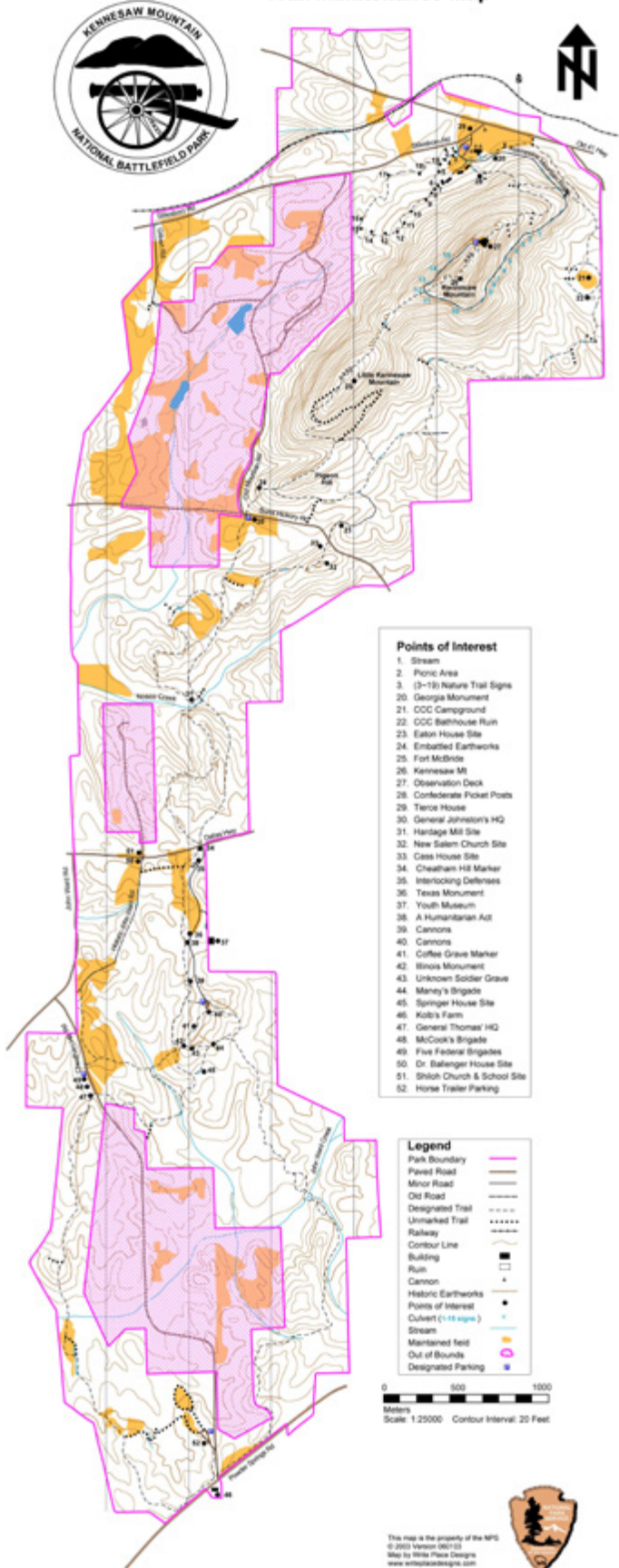


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### Trail Maintenance Map



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