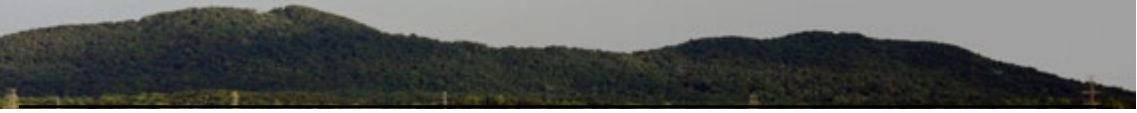




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January Trail Events

By Bill Gurry

As expected, dirt work proved to be slow in January. On January 11, we had a good turnout for Jay Dement's Crew leader Workshop. 18 attended. The January 20 Kennesaw State workday was cancelled due to temperature (21 degrees) well below our minimum. On January 9, Andy, Eric and Bob built a new dip, cleaned out a ditch, and tuned up an old water bar, all working well since the last rain.

For the February 8 workday, we shall muster at the amphitheater and continue light maintenance work on the 24 gun battery trail, the fire road on the mountain, the grand staircase, and Brumby Trail.

See you in the Park.

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Tis the Season - Poison Ivy

It's not too early to be alert for poison ivy! But, did you know it has cousins? What do you think mangos, and cashews have in common? Check out this article!

<https://www.scientificamerican.com/article/what-do-cashews-mangos-and-poison-ivy-have-in-common/>

Just to be on the safe side during these winter months - avoid those woody vines growing on the trees around Kennesaw Mountain when you're hiking or when your working as a volunteer during our work days. Also, remember, if you have your best friend - your dog - with you! He's not allergic to it when romping around in the woods, but he/she can get you - they can carry the oils on their fur - just waiting for you to pet it! (All the more reason to keep your best friend on a leash!)

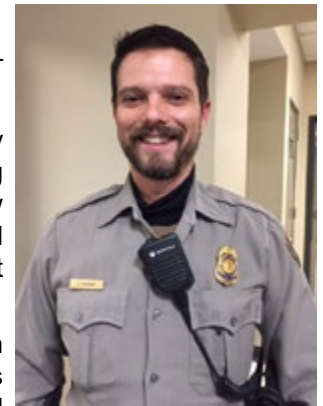
Acting Park Superintendent

Announced

Congratulations, Chief Ranger Anthony Winegar!

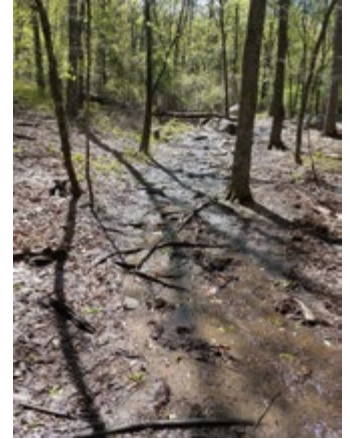
He received a 120 day temporary assignment as Acting Superintendent for Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park. Nancy Walther retired at the end of December, 2019.

The National Park Service is in the process of announcing this position and it will take several months to go through the announcement/application, interview and selection process.



February Work Day - 2/8/20

For this month's work day, February 8, 2020, we will be working on the Environmental Trail. We will be meeting at the Amphitheater at 8:30 am. Parking will be in the Old Highway 41 Parking Lot. At the registration table, you will be able to pick up a free Park Pass that is good for the morning. As a reminder, it takes about 5 minutes to walk from the parking lot to the Amphitheater near the Visitor Center. We will be working on the Environmental Trail for the next several months to make it more ADA aware. We look forward to your participation. Be sure to go to our SignUp website - see page 6 - to register.



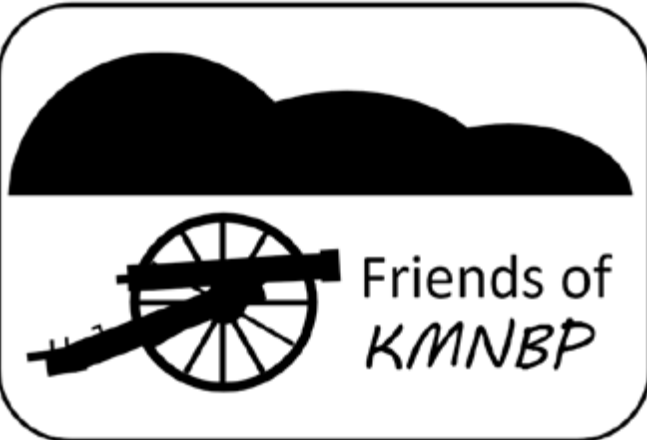
*Environmental Trail
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Right - Trip hazards*

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Additional Volunteers needed! Call today!



The Friends of KMNBP'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 FriendsOfKMNBP.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 KMNBP is to work in partnership with the National Park Service and the local community to raise annual funding for projects and activities in the Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park.

Programs supported: Outdoor Education
KEMO Trail Club
Living History
Trail Ambassadors

Open Positions: Membership Chair
Audio File Transcriber
1-Year Board Members

Contact Scott Mackay for info/details:

box2105@mindspring.com

A Special Thanks!

Each year we have various groups who come out and help us. Henceforth, we will make every attempt to list your group here for the current/past fiscal year. If you are participating as a group, be sure to let us know when you are registering!

Following is a list, in alphabetical order, of the groups who participated during Fiscal 2018 (October 2017- September 2018 and Fiscal 2019 (October 2018- Present):

FY 2019

ALLATOONA HS NJROTC
ATLANTA OUTDOOR CLUB (AOC)
BOY SCOUT TROOP 008 (EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT)
BOY SCOUT TROOP 144 (EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT)
BOY SCOUT TROOP 200 (EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT)
BOY SCOUT TROOP 277 (EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT) (3 PROJECTS)
BOY SCOUT TROOP 287 (EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT) (2 PROJECTS)
BOY SCOUT TROOP 433 (EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT) (2 PROJECTS)
BOY SCOUT TROOP 442 (EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT)
BOY SCOUT TROOP 445 (EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT)
BOY SCOUT TROOP 540
BOY SCOUT TROOP 540 (EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT) (3 PROJECTS)
BOY SCOUT TROOP 545 (EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT) (2)
BOY SCOUT TROOP 700 (EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT)
BOY SCOUT TROOP 797
BOY SCOUT TROOP 797 (EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT) (2 PROJECTS)
BOY SCOUT TROOP 1011 (EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT)
BOY SCOUTS T 8880
BOY SCOUT TROOP 8880 (EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT)
CUB SCOUT PACK 204, MARIETTA
GUMBERLAND SCHOOL
DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION
FLIGHTWORKS
FRIENDS TO THE FORLORN PITBULL RESCUE
GEORGIA TECH
HARRISON HS BETA CLUB
HARRISON HIGH SCHOOL KEY CLUB
HARRISON NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY
HILLGROVE HS NJROTC
KENNESAW MOUNTAIN HS
KENNESAW MOUNTAIN HS HOPE
KENNESAW MOUNTAIN HS NJROTC
KSU
KSU BETA ALPHA PSI
MARIETTA HS
MT PARAN CHURCH
PACESETTER STEEL
SCA
SPRAYBERRY HS HOPE

Thanks!


TRUST

US ARMY
VOLUNTEER KSU
WHEELER HS
WOODSTOCK HS NJROTC

FY 2020

ALLATOONA HS NJROTC
BOY SCOUT TROOP 89
KING'S ACADEMY HS ARMY JROTC
HILLGROVE HS NJROTC
POPE HS - NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY
RIVER RIDGE HS
RIVER RIDGE HS ARMY JROTC
TRUST (KSU)
WALKER HS

The following groups participated in our January work days:

CREW LEADER TRAINING CLASS

We had 18 training class members, including Crew Leaders and Trail Ambassadors.

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



“Orders! We Don’t Need No....!”

A recent two panel ‘Wizard of Id’ cartoon had first frame that read, “I’d Never Ask You To Do Something That I Wouldn’t Do Myself;” second frame, “Which Is Why I’m Ordering You To Do IT.” Ok, this is a cartoon strip but those words carry a lot of weight. Ha, they’re just words and not heavy like rocks & dirt; but still something to think about.

On Trail Days frequently there are one or several schools Junior ROTC groups that come to help. Now I’m not sure if they’re ordered to come out or if they’re asked. However, I do know that if one is in the military then better be ready to get and obey orders. However I do recall that a military advisor is with them and that some of the cadets seem to be of a higher rank or supervisory position. But, hey, they’re not in the service yet but they all seem to work well as a team and get the task completed. In fact, many times the club crew leaders say that its hard to get them to stop work.

Now the thing is that the club doesn’t fall into the realm of giving orders. Asking to do something is the order of the day. And thus the crew leaders ask others to help out. So why not an “Order,” that would be simpler it seems. Simple reason is that its hard to keep crew leaders and club members from pitching in and working. It’s that ‘do it myself thing’ that stops most people from giving orders.

In fact a major portion of crew leader training is how to do the trail work.

As I learned in the military “Orders is Orders” and ya better follow them. I actually never asked; ‘can’t you do that yourself.’ In fact the thought never even came up. As for myself, I was usually qualified to be able to do whatever I asked to be done. I also learned that the hardest part about being a manager is managing.

So all of you who do come out to help with the work remember that you’re being asked to do a job, not ordered; because, the person doing the asking can (most likely) do it. But, and that’s a big one, your help is needed and greatly appreciated.

Thanks,

Doug



Curt Spinney demonstrating what needs to be done on a project at our December 14, 2019 Work Day.

Interpretive Hike - Attack On Cheatham Hill - 1/26/20

50+ visitors and volunteers participated in an interpretive hike of the assault on Cheatham Hill conductive by Jake Boling, NPS Ranger. Thank you, Jake, for the outstanding interpretive presentation of the assault on Cheatham Hill.

Cam Graham



2019/2020 Fund Raising

Your volunteer hours help greatly for the many projects we do in the park and we greatly appreciate you contributing your “sweat equity” alongside our 80+ staff volunteers who routinely support each event. We are a non-profit all volunteer organization. However, like any business, we do have bills to pay.

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

Each year we kick off a new round of fund raising and this is the 2020 big “ask.” We need your help with this, even small donations help. We will conclude this drive at the end of FY 2020 (September, 2020).

As we approach our 18th year in operation, we ask you to please think ‘20’, like \$20.. \$40.. \$60..... \$200... \$2000. All donations to the Trail Club support our work at the park, and are tax deductible.

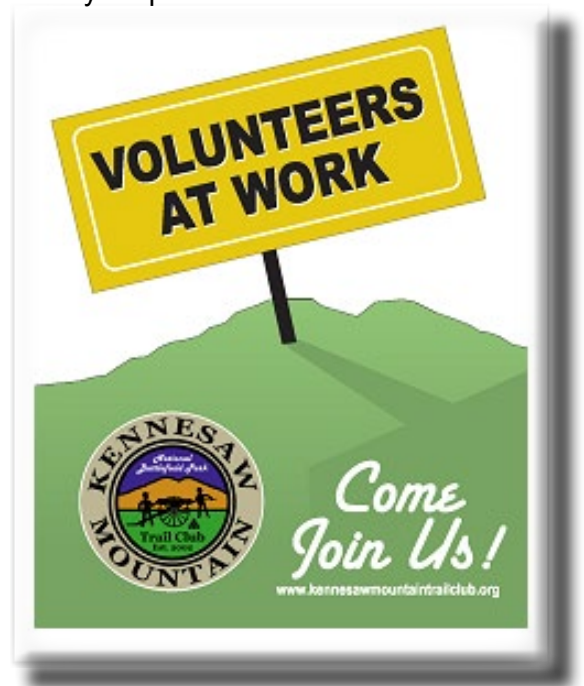
We are a nationally recognized club - having been presented the highest award in the National Park Service in 2014, “The Hartzog Award for Volunteer Group.”. There are several ways to donate:

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

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

ALSO: Please check with employers about matching donations.

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



Kennesaw Mountain Trail Club Calendar

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Event</u>
February, 2020			
2/8/20	8:30 am - Noon	Amphitheater - Near the Visitor Center	Trail Work Day - Register at SignUp, below.
March, 2020			
3/14/20	8:30 am - Noon	Amphitheater - Near the Visitor Center	Trail Work Day - Register at SignUp, below. Park Day
April, 2020			
4/11/20	8:30 am - Noon	Amphitheater - Near the Visitor Center	Trail Work Day - Register at SignUp, below.
4/18/20	TBD	Visitor Center	Junior Ranger Day - sponsored by NPS Staff

See pages 10 and 11 for additional events scheduled this month by the National Park Service!

Register for Our Work Days!

Be sure to register online for our Work Days at [http://
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,

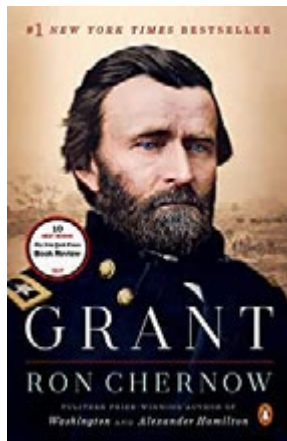
we'll post an announcement on the front page of the KMTC website at: www.kennesawmountaintrailclub.org

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!

Grant



A book review by Jay Haney

When Hiram Ulysses Grant was born 27 April 1822, the United States was an embryonic republic with a population of under 10 million, less than Annam at the time. It had an agricultural economy that relied on slave labor in its southern states. The Monroe Doctrine had not been declared and North Georgia was Indian land. The vast Louisiana purchase was yet to be settled, much less explored. There were no railroads or telegraph lines.

By his death on 23 July 1885, the USA was a burgeoning industrial power with a population of well over 50 million, 10 million more than France. The western Indian Wars were coming to a close. The country spanned the continent, linked into one nation by railroads and telegraph.

Grant lived in interesting times. Here is his story, his impact on arguably the most turbulent times in our national history. Hero of the War with Mexico, business failure, four star general, President, world traveler, Ponzi scam target, cancer victim who saved his families' fortune by writing his memoirs.

Written by Ron Chernow, perhaps the leading biographer of our day. Noted for his engaging prose and superb research, he gives a portrait of the General that clears the dead wood of our preconceptions and truly is a reconstruction of Grant's place in history.



Ranked #16 in the 100 Greatest American Currency Notes, the large-size Series 1899 "Black Eagle" \$1 Silver Certificate is among the best-known and most sought-after U.S. currency notes. Named for its famous vignette engraving, Eagle of the Capitol, and featuring impressive portraits of Abraham Lincoln and Ulysses S. Grant, this final 19th-century \$1 motif signaled the end of intricately designed U.S. currency notes. The Series 1899 Black Eagle note is also from an era when paper money was backed by precious silver, as the issue bears the statement one silver dollar payable to the bearer on demand. Speelman-White signatures.

- Product Type: Single Products
- Note Features: Blue Seal
- Note Size: Large
- Year: 1899
- Denomination: \$1



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Kennesaw Mountain News Release

Release Date: effective immediately

Fee Free Day at National Park Sites

Kennesaw, GA– Monday, January 21 is designated as a “fee free” day at Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park and other national park sites that charge an entrance fee. The fees are waived for the daily entrance pass only. Parks will still be selling park-specific annual passes, America the Beautiful Interagency Passes, and Senior Passes on this date. Fee free days provide an excellent opportunity for everyone to get out and explore a national park. There are five fee free days for 2020:

- January 21 – Martin Luther King Jr. Day
- April 18 – Start of National Park Week / National Junior Ranger Day
- August 25 – National Park Service Anniversary
- September 26 – National Public Lands Day
- November 11 – Veterans Day

For more information, please visit the park website at www.nps.gov/kemo or call 770-427-4686.

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1/11/20 Crew Leader Training Class

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Website

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Facebook Page

<http://www.facebook.com/kmtcsocial>

Volunteer Sign-up website

<http://signup.com/go/VvavYQj>

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

**All park programming is free and open to the public. No registration required unless noted.
Programs start at Visitor Center except when otherwise specified.

February 8 @ 11:00 am – 11:30 am ‘Shaping Lincoln: Abraham Lincoln Before his Presidency’

In recognition of Abraham Lincoln’s 210th Birthday, this 30 minute ranger-led program discusses Abraham Lincoln prior to his presidency and what shaped the 16th President of the United States of America.

February 8 @ 8:00 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 child is under 18 years old.

The form and directions to the registration site are available on the club’s website:

www.kennesawmountaintrailclub.org

February 9 @ 2:30 pm – 3:00 pm ‘Memorial Field Walk’

Join us for a short, ranger-led history walk in our Memorial Field in front of the Visitor Center.

This program will consist of an in-depth look at the Battle of Kennesaw Mountain and the diversionary attack that occurred.

Please prepare accordingly, as this is an outdoor program. Program will be weather dependent.

February 15 @ 11:00 am – 1 pm ‘Guided Mountaintop Hike’

Join us for a ranger-led hike to the top of Big Kennesaw Mountain. The hike will focus on local and Civil War history, as well some of the ecology of the area. This is an outdoor program, so please prepare accordingly.

Length of the hike will be approximately 2 miles, and will be weather dependent.

February 16 @ 2:30 pm – 3:00 pm ‘Life of a Soldier’

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

February 22 @ 11:00 am – 11:30 pm ‘Kennesaw Mountain Artillery Talk’

Come out and enjoy a ranger-led program on the variety of cannons used during the Battle of Kennesaw Mountain. This 30 minute program will compare and contrast the change in artillery technology which was used throughout the Civil War.

February 23 2:30 pm – 4 pm ‘Guided Environmental Trail Hike’

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

February 29 @ 2:30 pm – 3:30 pm ‘Guided Assault Trail Hike’

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

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

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

*** Outdoor programs (Living History programs and hikes) may be cancelled in the occurrence of inclement weather).*

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



*Some of the local residents of the Park.
Photo by Curt Spinney.*

Sponsors/Partners Corner

Many thanks to our Sponsors and Partners for their support!



<http://americanhiking.org>



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!

PS Even if you're just a "volunteer," you can also present an article for publication - and you won't be the first!

KENNESAW MOUNTAIN NATIONAL BATTLEFIELD PARK

Trail Maintenance Map

