



Whitlock Ave

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Current NPS Covid 19 Status - As of 7/28/21

- •There is a mask mandate for all persons to wear masks while indoors in the Visitor Center.
- · Shuttle bus is not restarting until March or so.
- · The theater has closed until further notice the NPS will not be showing the film at this time.

Please refer to https://www.nps.gov/aboutus/news/ public-health-update.htm for general info regarding Covid protocols.

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Expect Delays at Dallas Hwy and

Crews will start clearing work for the Whitlock Avenue trail segment of the Kennesaw Mountain Pedestrian Improvements on Monday, Oct. 25. 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

Cobb County Multi-use Trail System

Below is a link to the map for the Cobb County Multi-use Trail System:

www.tinyurl.com/yu6ybcm5

Trail Director Report

No workday was planned for January 8 due to traditionally expected inclement weather. Instead a class for Prospective Crew Leaders, a refresher for current Crew Leaders, and anyone else wanting to learn about trail maintenance was scheduled. This class had classroom and field portions. The classroom portion of this was cancelled due to covid and the field portion was cancelled due to very cold temperatures the day of the class. The class will be rescheduled in April. The new date will be published in the newsletter and on the website.

The next schedule workday is Saturday, February 12. We will be replacing fencing on Kennesaw Mountain starting at the Visitor Center.

> Mike Collet Trails Director

New Board Members

Please welcome Raj Gupta, Wendy Turner & Grace Loehr. They have joined our staff this past month.

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Volunteer Fair - 3/26/22

The NPS/KEMO staff will be hosting a Volunteer Fair, in conjunction with The Friends of KMNBP, on 3/26/22, from 10 am to 2 pm (Rain date will be 4/2/22.) The various organizations that volunteer at KMNBP will have displays to tell you about volunteer activities at the Park.

These organizations/activities include:

Visitor Services

- Cheatham Hill Guide
- Museum Tour Guide
- Shuttle Bus Guide
- Mountain Top Greeter
- Visitor Center Assistant
- Parking Lot Patrol
- Education Volunteers
 - o Field Trips
 - o Outreach programs

Living History

- Artillery Programs/Demonstrations
- Infantry Programs/Demonstrations
- 19th Century Civilian Programs

Friends of KMNBP

- Leadership
- Grant Administration
- Fundraising

Kennesaw Mountain Trail Club

- Board Members
 - o Leadership
 - o Training
 - o Grant Administration
 - o Newsletter Editor
 - o Eagle Scout Project Liaison
 - o Support NPS Special Programs
- Crew Leaders
 - o Haul/set up equipment
 - o Flag Trails
 - o Mountain Trails
- Trail Ambassadors
 - o Foot Patrols
 - o Support Education Programs
 - School Field Trips
 - Outreach programs
 - □ NPS guided Interpretive Hikes
 - o Parking Lot Patrol
 - o Safety Support
 - □ KMTC Workdays
 - □ Living History demonstrations

There may be other volunteer activities available at a future date. At that time we'll update this list.

New Work Day Registration Procedure - Visitor Center

For several years the Trail Club has been running registration at Old 41 and at the Picnic Area when we were working near the Visitor's Center. We did it that way because we were having 150 to 200 people and had to provide parking for a large number of cars. With the events of the past 2 years, our workdays are now down to about 50 people.

The smaller number created some surprising unforeseen problems that had nothing to do with parking. First, groups were being split up. The part of the group that was dropped off, found themselves standing around wondering where the rest of their group was. Second, the remainder of the group would be at Old 41 waiting for the last person to show up. Then the entire group would walk over to the picnic area together which precipitated forming crews 20 and 30 minutes after the last person arrived.

So, when we will be working in the area of the Visitor's Center, registration and parking will be near the Picnic Area. First, drop off's may be dropped at the 'bus parking spaces' near the entrance to the picnic area. Regular vehicles will go past the "Volunteer" sign, at the end of the loop, and receive a paper 'Temporary Vehicle Permit'. Vehicles will be parked on the administrative road or in the field adjacent to it. Please note that KEMO and NPS parking permits will NOT be accepted, as the cars will be parking in an 'Unauthorized Area'. Paper permits will be provided at the time of entry into this parking area and are good until 12 Noon for that workday only and cannot be reused.

Workday volunteers who wish to park in the regular lots are welcome to do so by using either their own regular vehicle pass or the 'Temporary Vehicle Permit'. Please remember that registration is at 8:00 am and that crews are in the field by 8:15 am.

As always, we, and our patrons, thank all of our Community Volunteers for your assistance in maintaining the trails at Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park. We look forward to seeing you at one of our workdays in the coming months.

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 2019 (October 2019- September 2020 and Fiscal 2021 (October 2020- Present):

FY 2021

ALLATOONA HS NJROTC ATLANTA OUTDOOR CLUB (AOC) HILLGROVE HS JNROTC ISMAILI CIVIC KMTC CREW LEADERS KSU CROSS COUNTRY TEAM KSU HEALTH CLASS RFI WALTON HIGH SCHOOL WHEELER HIGH SCHOOL





ALLATOONA HS NJROTC ATLANTA OUTDOOR CLUB (AOC) HILLGROVE HS NJROTC KENNESAW STATE UNIVERSITY (KSU) MARIETTA HS SPORTSMANS CLUB MOUNT PARAN WHEELER HS. HELPING HANDS

This Past Month's Volunteers

Because of typical January weather conditions, no Work Day was planned for January, 2022. Our next work day is planned for February 12, 2022.

Crew Leader & Trail Ambassador **Positions Available!**

Contact Mike Collett (regarding Crew Leader positions) or Donald Olds (Trail Ambassador positions) if interested.

Mike Collett - trails@kennesawmountaintrailclub.org

Donald Olds (Interim) ambassador@kennesawmountaintrailclub.org

Trail Ambassador Training Class

A virtual Trail Ambassador Training Class was held January 22, 2022. There were 25 participants - approximately half of the those were current Trail Ambassadors desiring a refresher course. However the remaining participants were new! We look forward to their help with the many activities they will be involved with.

Grant Writer Needed One of the ways of

getting funds for the various activities



supported by the Friends/KMTC is to receive grants. To do this, the Friends (and KMTC) need the expertise of someone who is versed in completing grant applications. If you are interested in this worthwhile endeavor, please contact Scott Mackay - President@TheFriendsOfKMNBP.onmicrosoft. com. In the past the Trail Club has successfully applied for grants of \$10,000 and more. One of these successful efforts provided the funds to build the bridge across John Ward Creek on the Kolb Farm West Trail! Other grants that the Trail Club successfully applied for included the funding of the Ticket-To-Ride program providing transportation, program and materials to introduce grade school children to the park. So this is a very important and worthwhile position on the Friends Board. Our previous grant writer retired after 15 years of successful service to the Trail Club. We look forward to hearing from anyone interested in this volunteer position if you would more details/information about this position.

Training Positions Available!

In an effort to improve smoother transitions in leadership, we are adding training slots for the various Directors and President. Initial training slots are for President/Vice President, Trail Ambassador Director and Communications Director. Contact Donald Olds - ambassador@ kennesawmountaintrailclub.org - for additional information.

Newsletter Sign-up

Would you like to receive our newsletter? To sign up, click on the following link: http://eepurl.com/gKjX1n Complete and submit this form. You'll be added to our subscription list.

Wish to unsubscribe? Simply follow the instructions at the bottom of the email forwarding the newsletter link, and you'll be permanently removed from our mailing list. To re-subscribe, you will need to use a different email address removal is permanent for the original email address!

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E-mail: <u>faf1948@bellsouth.net</u> Additional Volunteers needed! Call today!

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2021/2022 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 2021/2022 big "ask." We need your help with this, even small donations help. We will conclude this drive at the end of FY 2022 (September, 2022).

As we approach our 19th 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.

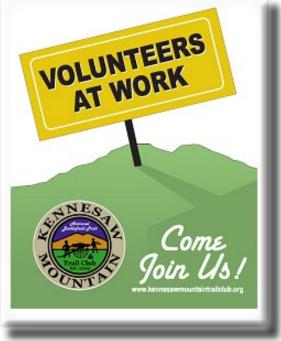
We are a nationally recognized club - having been presented the highest award in the National Park Service in 2014, "The Hartzog Award for Volunteer Group." There are several ways to donate:

- Use Guidestar on the bottom of our home page on the Trail Club website <u>http://www.kennesawmountaintrailclub.org</u>
- Subscribe to Amazon "Smile" where they will donate to us based on your purchases <u>https://smile.amazon.com/</u> - 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

Date	lime	Location
2/12	8:00 am - noon	Kennesaw Mtn
3/12	8:00 am - Noon	TBD
3/26	10 am - 2 pm	Visitor Center
4/9	8:00 am - noon	Visitor Center

<u>Event</u> KMTC Work Day KMTC Work Day Volunteer Fair Park Day/KMTC Work Day

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

See Pages 10 for list of NPS Staff Events for February.

All trails are open. All parking lots are open. The Mountain Road parking lot is open when the Mountain Road is open.

Visitor Center is now open, however masks are required. The Visitor Center theater is closed - the movie will not be shown.

The Mountain Rd. is open to motorized vehicles on weekdays (excluding major holidays), however the Park bus is not making trips on the weekend to the Mountain Top until further notice."

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.

Register for Our Work Days!

Be sure to register online for our Work Days at <u>https://</u>



signup.com/go/QKAUKsQ. By registering, we can be better prepared with the amount of tools, bottled water, gloves, etc. on hand.

Kennesaw Mountain Trail Club

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.

Parking and registration will be in the field near the Visitor's Center. Vehicle Entrance Passes will issued at registration.

We monitor weather conditions, especially during the winter. If temperatures will remain below 40 degrees during the work day or precipitation is forecast, we will cancel the workday. Please visit our website to determine the status of the work day - <u>www.kennesawmountaintrailclub.org</u>. We will post a cancellation on the Friday prior to the work day.

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: <u>http://www.</u>

kennesawmountaintrailclub.org/volunteer.php

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 <u>kmtctrails@</u> <u>kennesawmountaintrailclub.org</u> 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 282,000 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.

March Newsletter Deadline

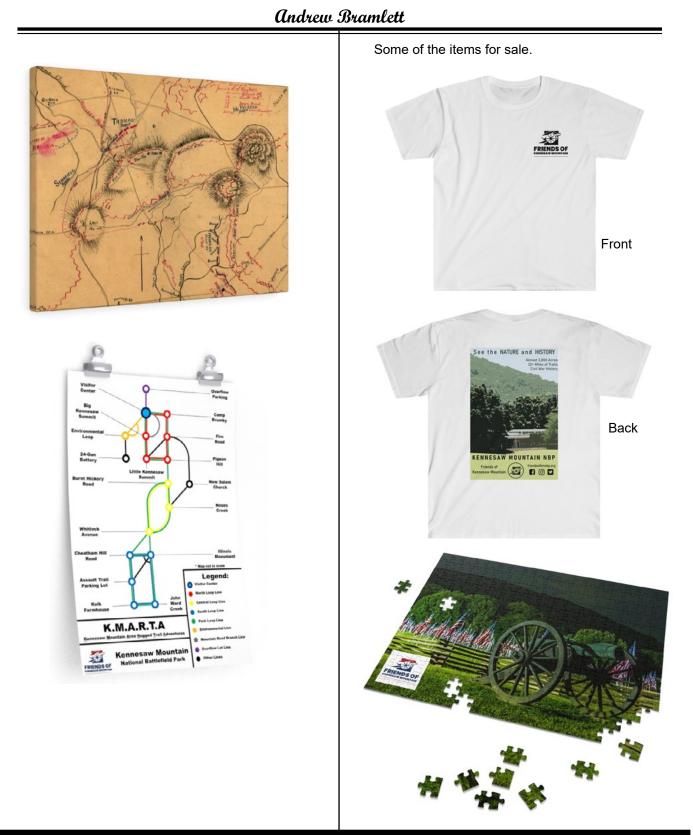
If you wish to have an article published in the March Newsletter, please submit it to Fred Feltmann at <u>faf1948@bellsouth.net</u> no later than February 20th!

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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 1930s. The shirt can be purchased online for \$20 at https://friendsofkmnbp.org/ shop/. Visit our website! *New items have been added!*



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Take a Break

It doesn't happen too often; the Mtn gate closed due to snow. Ok, it wasn't too much snow but enough to be prudent and cautious. As for the Trail Club work days, weather was always a concern, Of course rain meant no work (unless you happen to look at back issues and see the pictures of "Us" soaking wet). And, when the weather was really cold we'd cancel work day (caught again, snuck some work in). But, for the most part we were always careful and got the best info on the conditions that we could. A friend who has property in North GA recently called and asked me if it would be OK weather wise to have workers come out to do some work.

Fortunately, I have a friend who is a professional meteorologist/forecaster. My friend used to help me make the decision of whether or not to hold a Trail Day. As the man who called knew, my friend was never wrong. Anyway it turned out that in the recent case he was right, as he was in the past.

The recent snow which resulted in gate closure was done to limit activity in the park. As with the Covid-19 pandemic we're finding that like a snowfall causing a closure we're now acutely aware of times which require us to be cautious in our social activities. Thankfully the Park's Staff makes decisions which afford an abundance of caution.

Sure some people are going to walk around the gate and hike in (I drove by and saw them). Just like "Fred's" pictures caught us working when conditions weren't too good; people do stuff. I guess it's nature's way of limiting activity.

Take heed and be cautious; be aware of conditions and if there's a question ask someone and maybe you'll be fortunate enough to get expert advice.

Thanks to those in the Trail Club who get the word out and especially to the Park's Staff who encourage us to be aware and take a break.

Hey, I even put down my pencil and took a break.

Enjoy the New Year, be safe and stay well.

Doug Tasse



The Civil War Picket Articles

Following is a link to two articles published in The Civil War Picket blog:

http://civil-war-picket.blogspot.com/

- January 12, 2022 article regarding Charles Crawford, president emeritus of the nonprofit Georgia Battlefields Association. He is the recipient of the Georgia Historical Society's 2021 John Macpherson Berrien Award for a lifetime of achievement in and service to the state's history – particularly in support of the society's Civil War markers.
- 2 January 7, 2022 article regarding a kepi worn by a Georgia officer who fell near Kennesaw Mountain. It is currently undergoing preservation work and may be displayed at the Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park museum once the work is completed.



The Friends Of Kennesaw Mountain

The Friends of Kennesasw 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 **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 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.

Contact List - Updated 9/21/21 Position NAME

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Bridgebuilder Update-I hiked after the little snow and 1" rain event last week. All 7 of the little bridges we have built look great. I attached a couple of pictures of before and from last week. I suspect the staff or some nice hiker have been sweeping leaves off the bridges.

The bridge at Gilbert Road looked good. The trick was to get rid of the little french drain I put on the Gilbert Road abutment - didn't work.

David Browne and Zoe have been rebuilding fences all over the park, even the one on top of little K.

Bill Gurry



1/18/22



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8/26/20



4/4/17

Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park Interpretive Programs for February

*All park programming is free and open to the public. **All programs are outdoors and will be weather dependent

February 6th @ 11:00 am - 11:30 am Artillery on the Mountain

In the summer of 1864, the peak of Kennesaw Mountain was more than just a scenic location. Confederate soldiers utilized the 1,800 ft. vantage point for a light artillery position just before the battle of Kennesaw Mountain. Learn about the men and tactics used at this position and more. This program will be held just below the peak of Kennesaw Mountain, just past stone viewing station.

February 12th @ 11:00 am – 11:30 am 'Shaping Lincoln: Abraham Lincoln Before his Presidency'

In recognition of Abraham Lincoln's 213th Birthday, this program discusses Abraham Lincoln prior to his presidency and what shaped the 16th President of the United States of America. This program will be held at the Visitor Center patio.

February 13th @ 11:00 am – 12:30 pm Guided Mountain Top Hike This hike will begin at the Visitor Center. The Ranger will take you up the 1.1-mile trail to the

This hike will begin at the Visitor Center. The Ranger will take you up the 1.1-mile trail to the summit of Big Kennesaw. You will be learn about the history of the mountain from before it got its roots to the present. The climb can be challenging for some so please make sure to bring water and proper footwear.

February 26th @ 11:00 am – 11:30 am 13th Amendment Program

As the first amendment to the U.S. Constitution to be passed during the Reconstruction area, the 13th Amendment abolished slavery in the United States. In recognition of African American history month, the Ranger will discuss the history behind, the debate for, and ultimately the ratification of the amendment. This program will be held at the Visitor Center patio.

February 27th @ 11:00 am – 12:30 pm Guided Assault Trail Hike

Re-trace the footsteps of the Union soldiers who faced fearful odds during the action at Cheatham Hill during the Battle of Kennesaw Mountain. The Ranger will use primary accounts of the battle to get you as close to the attack as possible. This hike will begin at the Activity Area 3 parking lot on Cheatham Hill Rd and end at the Illinois Monument.

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

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