



EARTHWORKS

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Temporary Mountain Road Closure

Kennesaw Mountain Dr. (the mountain road) will be closed on Monday, February 6 and Tuesday, February 7, 2023.

Cobb County Emergency Services will be replacing the existing generator on the mountain. This includes towing a large generator up and bringing the existing generator down the mountain road. In effort to minimize any possible damages to other vehicles, Cobb County will need the mountain top parking lot clear for maneuvering space for their trailers.

We wanted to inform you in case you are to volunteering on these dates. Information has been made to the public via the park's social media pages.

Sincerely,

Amanda Corman

Park Ranger/Volunteer Coordinator
Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park

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The Amazon Smile Program

The Amazon Smile program is ending this month. Thanks to all who have contributed to the Friends and KMTC over the years. Your donations through Smile were greatly appreciated. While it may not have been huge, every even small donation has been appreciated!

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, 2023!

New Salem Church Trail/ New Trail Reroute

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

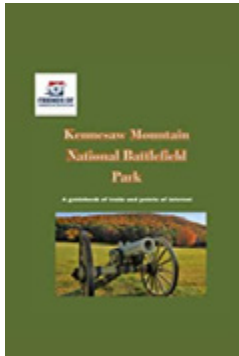
Carlos Hurston

Facility Manager

Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park

Friends/KMTC Merger

Committees within each organization have been formed. This will be a significant effort. The merger of the two newsletters is just a first of a long series of steps that must be evaluated. Stay tuned!



Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park Guidebook

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

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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Additional Volunteers needed! Call today!

Expect delays at Dallas Hwy and Whitlock Ave

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

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

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

See also:

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

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

Proposed and Existing Trails in Cobb County

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

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

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



Calendar of Events - Friends/KMTC

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Event</u>
2/8	6 pm - 8 pm	Visitor Center	Friends Monthly Meeting
2/11	8:30 am - noon	Park in field by the amphitheater near Visitor Center	February, 2023 Work Day
3/8	6 pm - 8 pm	Visitor Center	Friends Monthly Meeting
3/11	8:30 am - noon	TBD	March, 2023 Work Day
4/8	8:30 am - noon	TBD	American Battlefield Park Day/Work Day

See page 5 for this month's NPS activities at the Park!

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

Current Status Of Park

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

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

Visitor Center is open; masks are **optional**. The Visitor Center theater is open - the movie is being shown.

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

Trail closures

The horse trail crossing on John Ward Creek on the Kolb Farm East Trail is closed until further notice because of the treacherous creek crossing there.

The New Salem Church trail is currently closed where it crosses Burnt Hickory Rd. while the multiuse trail is being constructed there and New Salem Church Trail reroute is being completed. Current plans are to have the reroute completed by April, 2023.

Park Update Notes

Updated

- Bathrooms at Illinois Monument parking to start **February 15th**
- Road to summit is a future project study in progress
 - 2nd shuttle bus is being proposed to move people about the park
- Reroute of New Salem Church Trail has started – expecting completion **June 23**, 2023. Signs will be going up
- New signage about the park history is coming
 - No "Bicycle on Trails" signs going up
 - Looking at putting up signs "Your Fee Dollars at Work"
- More special speakers are being planned for over the winter
- Reforestation project - April (Plant hardwood trees at various locations within Park boundaries)
- Bicycle racks & multi-use trails to complete in June 23
- 160th battle planning will be starting in January 2023 (monthly meetings)
- Cannon Restoration - 23 cannons (multi-year project)
 - All cannon barrels are from the Civil War
 - All carriages are replicas and will be refurbished/rebuilt
- EV Charging Stations
 - A joint NPS/Friends study is being done to install EV charging stations at various parking lots in the Park.

Patrick Gamman

Superintendent

Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park

Got A Quarter...

After New Years it will soon be awards season; you know Grammys, Oscars, Who Wore What stuff, etc. Also, New Years is time to take down holiday decorations. I was cleaning off the fireplace mantle and I paid attention to what was behind the decorations. Items that likely had been there for years but guess that I just got used to seeing them and didn't give it much thought. But they were awards to my wife which she got years ago for being the top employee at the state's largest university. And, I won't say when she was voted most likely to succeed and won the Capital City newspaper Cup.



When I recently gave the eulogy at a Veteran's funeral, I saw in his picture that he was wearing an award button that I also have. So I pointed out that those awards are not lightly given. I've received many awards and I cherish them all as my wife does hers.

That's why when I hear things like your award, diploma or whatever recognition and a quarter will buy a cup of coffee, it's a bit irritating. I mean everyone should know that a cup of coffee costs a whole lot of quarters. Awards are something special, they're given in recognition of achievement. Like go to the Visitor Center and see the awards the Trail Club has received and think about how you can work to have the Trail Club and Friends be awarded in the future.

It's an exciting time to be working with your fellow volunteers, new members are getting on board. The trails can be constantly worked on and with the new sidewalks (...err I mean paved trail) there will be more visitors to the park and many opportunities to show off your work and provide directions.

Of course the biggest and best award is for you to realize that you're contributing to the vitality of the community. Develop a mindset of helping others and rewards will come your way; the best comes unexpected. People give the award, you earn it.

Enjoy what you do, keep being with people and making improvements- it's an awarding experience.

Doug Jasse

PS: Went to a dinner "Tonight," an award was given and as I've heard many times, "I wouldn't have this if not for y'all," so true. We enjoyed our after-dinner coffee.

List of Abbreviations

FOKM - Friends of Kennesaw Mountain
KMNBP - Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park
KMTC - Kennesaw Mountain Trail Club
NPS/KEMO - National Park Service/Kennesaw Mountain
TA - Trail Ambassador
VHP - Veterans History Project
VC - Visitor Center

Park Moments



Photo by Bart Henderson, near the Brumby Trail mid



A Park resident was watching the progress of our work day on 1/28/23. Photo by Fred Feltmann



Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park Interpretive Programs for February

**All programs are outdoors and weather dependent.*

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

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

February 4, @ 11 am – African American Inventors

In telling the story of the United States, creativity and innovation are central themes. During this short presentation, one of our rangers will detail some of the notable people of color that made incredible advancements and inventions.

February 5, @ 11 am – All About Artillery

Oftentimes referred to as the 'King of Battle', artillery has long been a vital part of warfare. This short talk will discuss the importance of artillery in the Atlanta Campaign and some of the major advancements made in the field.

February 11, @ 11 am – 'Shaping Lincoln: Abraham Lincoln Before his Presidency'

In recognition of Abraham Lincoln's 214th 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 12, @ 11 am – Life of a Soldier

Life for the average Civil War soldier was anything but easy. Long marches, bad food, and terrible battlefield conditions made this a rough life for the young men in the Union and Confederate armies. This short and interactive ranger program details the lives of these soldiers during the Atlanta Campaign.

February 18, @ 11 am – Guided Mountain Top Hike

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

February 19, @ 11 am – Assault Trail History Hike

On June 27th, 1864, nearly 9,000 Union soldiers made a historic charge into what they believed would be death or capture. Follow in the footsteps of these brave men as this ranger - guided tour explores the heaviest area of fighting during the battle. The hike will begin at the Activity Area 3 parking lot 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 www.nps.gov/kemo*





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Kennesaw Mountain News Release

Release Date: Immediately

Contact: Marjorie Thomas, Marjorie_thomas@nps.gov, 770-427-4686 x 231

John Ward Creek Crossing Closed to Horseback Riders

Kennesaw, GA – Effective immediately, the John Ward Creek crossing just south of the Illinois Monument is closed to horseback riders until further notice. This closure stems from a safety concern due to hazardous conditions relating to an unstable streambed. The closure affects the creek crossing between Milepost 3.5 and Milepost 4 of the Kolb's Farm East Trail.

Superintendent Patrick Gamman states, "We are concerned for the safety of all park users. Crossing John Ward Creek at this section of the trail poses a risk that we want to alert our horse community to, as it could potentially cause harm to both horse and rider. We will be working as quickly as possible to mitigate this problem."

Please contact the park at 770-427-4686 or visit the park's website at www.nps.gov/kemo for further information.

[The National Park Service](#)

About the National Park Service. More than 20,000 National Park Service employees care for America's 423 national parks and work with communities across the nation to help preserve local history and create close-to-home recreational opportunities. Learn more at the [NPS website](#), and on [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#), [Twitter](#), and [YouTube](#).

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<http://kennesawmountaintrailclub.org>

The Friends of Kennesaw Mountain Webstore

The Friends of Kennesaw Mountain is excited to announce our new webstore! Our first product is a unisex T-shirt, which is 100% cotton. The design on the back of the shirt shows Kennesaw Mountain and the Visitor Center. It is inspired by the New Deal travel posters from the 1930's. The shirt can be purchased online for \$20 at <https://friendsofkmnbp.org/shop/>. Visit our website! *New items have been added!*

Andrew Bramlett



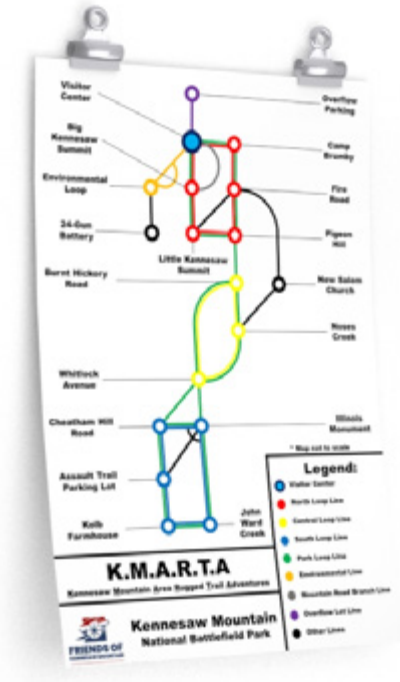
Some of the items for sale.



Front



Back





Fund Raising Committee Formed

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

Endowment Fund Planned

Scott Mackay is working on the establishment of an endowment fund. Details will follow.

New Park Map(s) in the Planning Stages

A committee has been established to update the Park Maps. The committee is made up of Lindsay Barnes, Cartographer, and Charles Kays, Project Coordinator.

Friends Monthly Meeting

The next Friends meetings will be February 8th and March 8th from 6 pm to 8 pm in the Visitor Center. The meetings are open to anyone interested in being a part of the Friends group. For more information regarding the meetings, contact Scott Mackay - President@TheFriendsOfKMNBP.onmicrosoft.com

The agenda for the February meeting is:

- Park Updates (Patrick Gamman, Superintendent)
- New Discussions (All)
- Proposed Operations Budget (Scott)
- Donor & Reach stats (Scott)



The Friends of Kennesaw Mountain Are Looking For A Few Good Folks!

Like the Trail Club, the Friends have many opportunities for volunteers to provide services to the Park. Here are a few select ones:

Butterfly Garden & Plant Nursery Coordinator - This individual would work with the NPS staff at the park to coordinate volunteer projects around the Park

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

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

160th Anniversary (2024) Coordinator - This individual would head up a volunteer group to coordinate various activities with the NPS staff to conduct the 160th Anniversary of the Battle for Kennesaw Mountain.

Activities might be:

- Fundraising
- Parking
- Food logistics for feeding the various volunteers
- General logistics
- Publicity
- Hospitality Services

Endowment Fund Chair - Coordinate/lead the activities necessary to establish an Endowment Fund for the Friends:

- Policies
- Publicity
- Establish a core group to manage it

Legal Secretary

For more information on these positions, contact Scott Mackay - President@TheFriendsOfKMNBP.onmicrosoft.com

Contact List - Updated 11/16/22

POSITION	NAME
President	Scott Mackay
Vice President	Donald Olds
Secretary	Kim Sherk
Parliamentarian	Jason Shepherd
Treasurer	Tom Okerberg
Communications	Fred Feltmann
Newsletter Editor	Fred Feltmann
Website	Mark Angeli
Social Media	Andrew Bramlett
Fundraising	Bart Henderson* Kathy Bearden*
Disbursements	Lewis Bramlett
Archives	Vacant
Membership	Vacant
Living History Liaison	Andy Cole
Trail Club Liaison	Jay Haney
Eastern National Liaison	Dan Beard
Events Planner	Kathy Bearden
Accessibility Advocate	Marjorie Rogers
Map Project	Charles Kays Linsay Barnes
Grant Writer	Holly Ringle

Board Members:

Kathy Bearden
Lewis Bramlett
Bart Henderson
Scott Johnson
John Nash
Jason Shepherd
Kim Sherk



A Special Thanks!

Each year we have members and volunteers who donate their time and talent in support of all the happenings at Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park. Following is a list, in alphabetical order, of the members who have donated their time and/or talent. Those who participated during Fiscal 2020 (October 2019- September 2020 and Fiscal 2021 (October 2020 - Present):

FY 2020

GUIDE BOOK PROJECT - RACHEL ELEY
ORAL HISTORY PROJECT - SUSAN CAOLA
TIME KEEPING PROJECT - SCOTT MACKAY

FY 2021

GUIDE BOOK PROJECT - RACHEL ELEY
ORAL HISTORY PROJECT - SUSAN CAOLA
TIME KEEPING PROJECT - SCOTT MACKAY

FY 2022

GUIDE BOOK PROJECT - RACHEL ELEY, SCOTT MACKAY, FRED FELTMANN

FY 2023

MAP PROJECT - CHARLES KAYS
LINSAY BARNES
GIS PROJECT - OPEN



Website - Friends
Website - NPS
Facebook Page - Friends
Facebook Page - NPS
Twitter
Instagram

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

* updated



The Friends Of Kennesaw Mountain

The Friends of Kennesaw Mountain's mission is to raise funds to support programs and projects at the Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park.

Your Membership helps to fund this mission.

Please join us.

Our website is FriendsOfKMNB.org.

Visit to find out more info, to donate, or to sign up for one of our Board positions or to register as a member of the Friends organization.

Our Mission:

The mission of the Friends of Kennesaw Mountain is to work in partnership with the National Park Service and the local community to provide volunteers and raise funding to support activities such as:

- Visitor & Away Events
- Transportation, Housing, and Feeding of volunteer groups (example: Living History, Student Conservation Association, Invasive Plants Team)
- Museum Upgrades and Indoor and Outdoor Exhibit Additions (& the Wallis House)
- Restrooms, Parking, and Picnic Area Facilities
- Trails, Fire Roads, and Bridges Maintenance
- Educational Day Trips and Vacation Camps
- Volunteer-In-Park Training Programs

The ultimate goal is to create endowments for the most significant expense items and move them toward a sustainable and perpetual self-funded status that reduces the need for these items to rely on federal budget support.

2023 Projects(s) - October status

- Painted Rock Restoration (National Park Lands Day) - **Next project work day - 4/2023**
- Raise funding for trail improvements, living history, new cannon & trailer - **in process**
- Fundraising goal established for FY 2023 - **\$76,600**
- Fall Friends Alliance Conference - Nov 1 - 3 at Great Smokey NP (**Completed**)
- Raise community support for new restrooms, Wallis House & Trail to Anderson Hill - **in process**
- Help with scripts for the Augmented Reality App filming has started and many stories are in work - **in process**
- Spring Friends Alliance Conference - May- Washington DC
- Support the battle anniversary (159th Anniversary - **June, 2023**). **Help to advertise, set-up as it occurs**
- Support Volunteer Fair planning in process (**current date of fair will be April, 2023???**)
- Continue support to all park activities - **continuing**
- Provide funding/publicity/signs for 5 bike racks to promote alternative transportation to/from the Park (not for trail riding) - **in process**

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

- Fund Raiser - **TBD**



Become a supporting member of the Friends of Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park (KMNPB)

The Friends of KMNPB's mission is to raise funds to support programs and projects at the Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park.

These include:

- Hiking/Equestrian Trail improvements and Maintenance
- Museum improvements and expansion
- Living History Demonstrations
- Additional parking and restrooms
- Guest speakers
- More

Our long term goal is to establish endowments to provide perpetual sources of funding for the programs that make the park special for all of us and generations to come.



Your annual membership will help us achieve our goals. We are a 501(c)(3) tax deductible organization. 100% of all funds received are put to use for and at the Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park.

Annual membership levels:

Individuals

- \$15 Corporal (Student)
- \$25 Sergeant
- \$100 First Sergeant
- \$300 Ordinance Sergeant
- \$500 Quarter Master
- \$1,000 Sergeant Major
- \$1,500+ General

Businesses

- \$150 Company
- \$300 Regiment
- \$500 Brigade
- \$1,000 Division
- \$15,000 Corps
- \$25,000+ Army



Five Ways To Donate

You can support the Friends in 5 ways:

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



5. Or, by mailing to:
Friends of KMNPB
905 Kennesaw Mountain Drive
Kennesaw, GA 30152

Thanks for your support!

Please Use the pledge card on the following page when mailing in a donation.

Please check with your company to see if they will match your gift.



FRIENDS OF KENNESAW MOUNTAIN

FY 2023 Fundraising Goals

Following is a list of the fundraising goals for this year:

- \$2,000 - FY 2023 Friends administrative budget.
- \$3,000 - 159th Battle Anniversary - meals, incidentals
- \$10,000 - Funds to be used in conjunction with the Park to acquire an additional cannon and trailer (total cost estimated to be \$82,000) for the Living History program.
- \$3600 - to provide for the purchase of 5 bicycle racks and signage for them.
- \$50,000 - seed money for the 160th Anniversary of the Battle of Kennesaw Mountain (June, 2024) - total estimate for event is expected to be approximately \$150,000.
- \$10,000 - to fund various activities of the Living History program, the Friends and the Kennesaw Mountain Trail Club.

Total to be raised during the current fiscal year - \$76,600. See the bottom of this page for a pledge card, or send your donation by one of the methods identified on page 8.

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

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

Citizen Science Program?

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

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



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

Electric Vehicle (EV) Charging Stations

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



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

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

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

Bicycle Racks Fund Raising Project

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





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February, 2023 Work Day Plans

We will be working on about a mile of the Camp Brumby Trail fixing erosion and drainage issues that have been caused by recent storms.

We will be meeting on our Winter schedule - Registration will open at 8:30 am in the amphitheater near the Visitor Center. Parking will be in the field adjacent to the amphitheater. Volunteers will be provided a temporary parking pass at the time of arrival at the parking lot. Trail Ambassadors will be providing directions and the passes.

If weather conditions are not forecast to be above 40 degrees at 9 am, we will cancel the work day on February 9th. A notice of cancellation will be sent out to all volunteers.

Volunteers will return to the parking area around noon.

January Work Day - 1/28/23

The January work day was originally scheduled for 1/14/23, however weather conditions were not conducive to working outdoors for 4 hours. As a consequence, the January work day was rescheduled for 1/28/23. The objective was to rough in the rerouted New Salem Church Trail north of Burnt Hickory Rd., from the newly installed road crossing signs installed by Cobb County DOT.

We had 17 crew leaders, 5 Trail Ambassadors and 33 volunteers participate. Roots and rock removal, as well as trail smoothing was accomplished and is awaiting installation of installation of water diversion pipes. Current plans are to complete the work by June, 2023.

As a note, the current route of the New Salem Church Trail is closed in the vicinity of Burnt Hickory Rd. Grading for the multi-use trail on Burnt Hickory and removal of the signage warning traffic regarding the trail crossing makes this a treacherous crossing for hikers/walkers.



Trail Ambassador Training

A Trail Ambassador training class was conducted by Gayle McAllister and Wendy Turner on 1/14/23. There were 15 participants in the class, both veteran TAs and new participants.



Photos by Anne Page Mosby.



A Special Thanks!

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

Following is a list, in alphabetical order, of the groups who participated during Fiscal 2022 (October 2021-September 2022 and Fiscal 2023 (October 2022-Present):

FY 2022

ALLATOONA HIGH SCHOOL HONOR SOCIETY
ALLATOONA HS NJROTC
ATLANTA OUTDOOR CLUB (AOC)
BSA TROOP 2319
HILLGROVE HS NJROTC
KENNESAW STATE UNIVERSITY (KSU)
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KSU
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This Past Month's Volunteers

For our January work day (January 28, 2023), we had 17 crew leaders, 5 trail ambassadors and 33 volunteers. Thanks! The volunteers were comprised of the following groups:

HILLGROVE HS NJROTC
KSU
AOC



Happy Valentine's Day



“Other” Volunteers Needed!



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

Crew Leader & Trail Ambassador Positions Available!

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

Mike Collett - trails@kennesawmountaintrailclub.org

Gayle McAllister/Wendy Turner -
ambassador@kennesawmountaintrailclub.org

Day's End
Fred Feltmann
9/20/94

The day is done now.
Sun has set.
Night has fallen.
Thoughts, ideas, desires -
They each had their chance today.
Some were brilliant, but fleeting,
They skyrocketed up, only to suddenly vanish,
Like a 4th of July Spectacle,
A flash, a boom, and gone forever!
Some will remain, like an albatross,
Haunting us the rest of our life.
Others, will be as a fine wine,
A fond remembrance of all that is good.
Only time will tell which is which.



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Volunteer Sign-up website*	www.tinyurl.com/27ef2vph

* updated

**When asked for charitable organization, search for "Kemotrail Corps Inc"

We Are Family

Fred Feltmann
7/18/15

The National Park Service Staff
The Kennesaw Mountain Trail Club
The Living History participants
The Visitors
The Friends of KMNBP

We are all Family.

We all own this land, together.

Together we work.

We work to safeguard it, and our visitors.

We work to preserve it for future generations.

That they may understand what occurred here.

That they might enjoy the beauty of this land.

That they might appreciate it's importance to our

Well-being.

For this land has been home to many peoples -

The many Native American Nations.

The farmers and ranchers who toiled here

- Be they free man or slave.

And it has been a battleground - where thousands died.

- Both Confederate and Union.

Let us always protect, preserve and honor this land.

For it is our past, our present and our future.

We take pride in our successes.

And we learn from our failures.

We celebrate each other's triumphs.

And we mourn each other's loss.

We are Family.

2023/2024 Fund Raising

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

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

Each year we kick off a new round of fund raising and this is the 2023/2024 big “ask.” We need your help with this, even small donations help. We will conclude this drive at the end of FY 2024 (September, 2024).

As we approach our 21st year in operation, we ask you to please think ‘21’, like \$21.. \$42.. \$63..... \$210... \$2100. All donations to the Trail Club support our work at the park, and are tax deductible.

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

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

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

ALSO: Please check with employers about matching donations.

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



Register for Our Work Days!

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



Mark Your Calendars!

Upcoming Work Day Schedule:

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

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

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

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

resume our work day schedules, e-mail us at trails@kennesawmountaintrailclub.org at least 4 weeks in advance. Trail work can be performed any day of the week.

We work closely with the Park Service and assist the park staff by providing critically needed volunteer effort to install signs, build bridges, and maintain the 20+ miles of trails. Since our beginning in 2002, the Trail Club has donated over 281,000 volunteer hours to Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park.

We hope to see you at a work day as soon as we return to our normal work days.

Cancellation policy

If rain or is forecast for the work day, we will issue a cancellation notice on our website at least 24 hours before hand. In addition, during the winter months, if the temperature is forecast to be below 40 degrees, we will also issue a cancellation at least 24 hours prior to the work day.

Four Ways To Donate

You can support the Friends in 4 ways:

1. Directly through our website - <http://www.kennesawmountaintrailclub.org>
2. Through Guidestar (Network for Good) - <https://tinyurl.com/ra4d8dj>
3. Through Amazon Smile (By way of donations when you make a purchase on Amazon) - <https://smile.amazon.com/> -set up/log in and search for "KEMO Trails Corps"
4. Send a tax deductible contribution to:

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Attn: Tom Okerberg
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Marietta, Ga. 30060

Thanks for your support!

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1/28/23 Work Day

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KENNESAW MOUNTAIN NATIONAL BATTLEFIELD PARK

Trail Maintenance Map

