



# EARTHWORKS



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## President's Corner

The weather took its toll on our December work day. I think our Trail Director Bruce Rugg made a better call at cancelling the day than the local weathermen did at predicting the weather's severity. His concern was the bitter cold and possibility of ice which would make our work more difficult and less safe. Reality was 4" of snow which is a game-over scenario for us. As soon as the weather cleared, we turned our focus on getting things back to normal.

For other news, our 2018 fund raising committee met with the park superintendent Nancy Walthers to discuss a list of prioritized projects that need funding. The group will meet again right after the holidays to start drafting appeals to local businesses and charity foundations.

I hope everyone has a great holiday time and gets out to enjoy the park and the outdoors. Also, I am looking forward to seeing many volunteers at our January work day as we pick up where we left off in November.

*Scott Mackay*  
President, KMTC

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## Doug Update!

Doug spent a couple of days in the hospital the week before Christmas to repair some heart issues. He is back at home in time for Christmas and is doing well.

Keep Pat and Doug in your prayers!

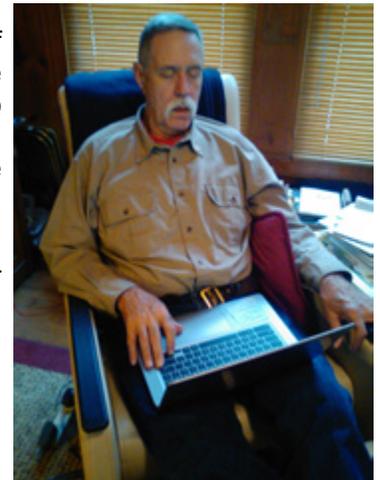


Photo by Anne Page Mosby, near Cheatham Hill Rd.

## January Trail Work Day

January'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.

## Kennesaw Mountain High School Service Project

I thought you would like to have these photos from our volunteer work day for possible inclusion in the KMTC newsletter.

- 15 Students Kennesaw Mountain High School, two work shifts totaling 66 volunteer hours
- Key Club and AP Magnet Environmental Science Class
- Kolb Farm Invasive Plant Management - Removed Privet around the perimeter of the farm homestead and along the Kolb Farm East Trail junction
- KMTC volunteers: Janie Brier (Trail Ambassador / Crew Leader), Harry Carpenter (Crew Leader) and Cam Graham (Trail Ambassador / Crew Leader)
- Overall project coordinator: Danny Leigh (KMTC Natural Resources Management Director)
- Kennesaw Mountain High School student coordinator: Christina Woodrow (Key Club student President) and Sadie Palmer (Key Club Officer)
- December 9th work day cancelled and will be rescheduled in early 2018

*Cam Graham*



*Photos by Cam Graham.*



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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 2016 (October 2015- September 2016) and Fiscal 2017 (October 2016 - 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

## Troop 703 Eagle Scout Project

While the day started out chilly, this past Saturday, December 16th, turned out to be a beautiful day in the park for the last Eagle Scout project of 2017. The Confederate brigade commander TB Smith earthworks, along the Hardage Mill Trail south of Noses Creek are probably the most pristine earthworks left in the country, with many works and traverses still 6-8 feet tall. Thanks to Troop 703, New Hope Church Kennesaw, for coming out and enhancing the restoration effort!

*Donald Olds*



*Photos by Donald Olds.*

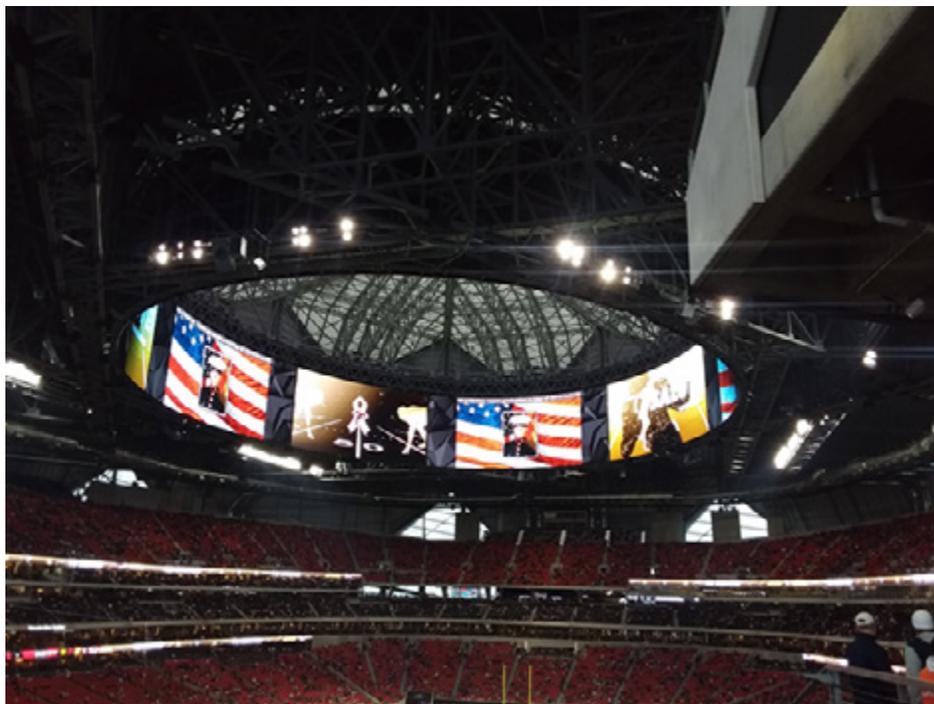
## Skip Wells Tribute from the Atlanta Falcons

The film was shown in the new Mercedes Benz Atlanta Falcons Stadium "in the round" November 12<sup>th</sup> before the Atlanta Falcons/Dallas Cowboys game "Salute to Service" presentation. Ten military service members rappelled from the top of the stadium carrying the game ball which was then given to the Well's family.

For those of you that don't know the story, Skip was a dedicated park volunteer who spent a lot of time here, doing living history and staying in shape for his Marine service. Skip was murdered during a terrorist attack in Chattanooga, TN on July 16, 2015. He died helping other Marines over the motor pool fence to try and escape the gunman. Skip's mother, Cathy, can often be seen at our cannon demonstrations and other associated events as she carries on the spirit of what Skip loved so much. There is a photo in the video taken in the park maintenance yard just before the 4th of July parade 2015.

*Anthony Winegar*  
Chief Ranger

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## 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>January, 2018</b>			
1/13	8:00 am - 12 pm	Picnic area near Visitor Center	Trail Work Day
<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

### January Park Sponsored Events

For a list of Park-sponsored events for January, see pages 12 and 13!

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### Register for Our Work Days!

Be sure to register online for our Work Days at [http://](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.

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### 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!

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## There Was Snow...



*Photos by Cam Graham - Privet removal project along the Casement Trail.*



*Photo by Fred Fizner. Creek below Illinois Monument, on the Assault Trail.*



*Photos, above, right - above and right by Anne Page Mosby. Photos taken near Cheatham Hill Rd.*



## And More Snow...!



Photo by Rena Bailey, near her home.



Photo by Fred Feltmann - his driveway - guess we're not having a work day today.

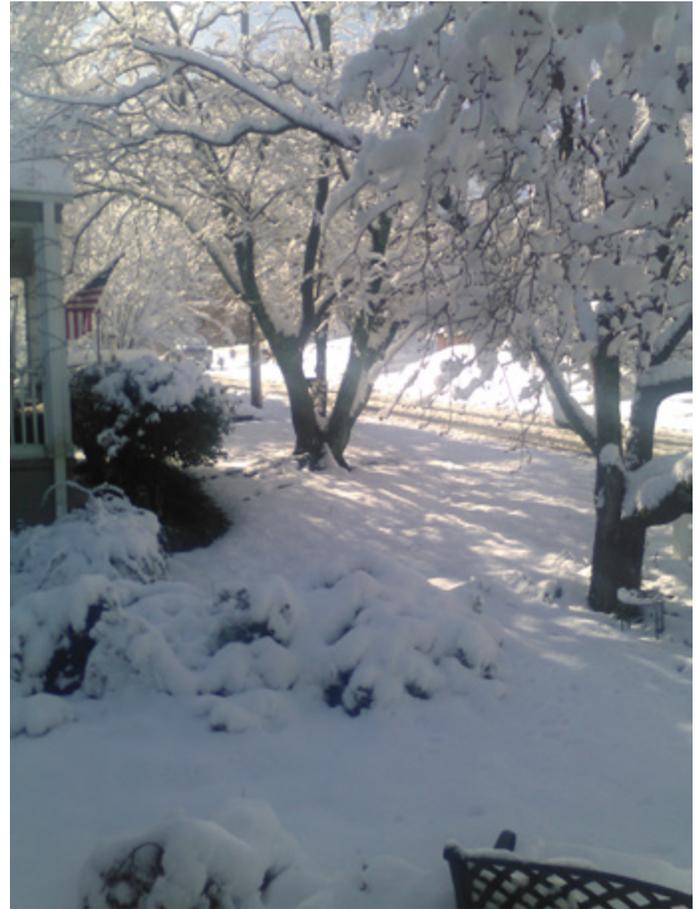


Photo by Doug Tasse, near his home.

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

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## **SEFTC Winter Hike Week, Jan 25-28, 2018**

**The Southeastern Foot Trails Coalition** will hold their annual Leadership Conference meeting and winter hiking event on January 25-28, 2018, at the **Music Road Inn in Pigeon Forge, Tennessee**. The hiking component of this event continues the winter hiking tradition popularized for 25 years by Wilderness Wildlife Week. The appeal of winter hiking in the Smokies has a sizeable following and SEFTC is glad to resurrect this winter hiking opportunity.

The evenings will include a Friday Leadership Conference gathering at 4:30 - 7:00 which everyone is welcome to attend; election of officers will be held. Saturday evening between 7 and 9 will be a presentation by a special speaker. Both meetings will be held in the conference center that is part of the Music Road Resort.

SEFTC will be offering multiple daily hikes in the Smoky Mountains on Thursday through Sunday. The hike schedule is found at the link below and sign up will be on-site beginning Wednesday afternoon, Jan 24. Experienced hike leaders will accompany each outing. There will be a \$35 fee to attend this event.

You may reserve rooms at an average rate of \$75.00 at the Music Road Inn, 303 Henderson Chapel Road, Pigeon Forge, TN at 1-855-790-4646. On-line reservations at SEFTC group rates are not available. For more information and registration form, visit the website:

<http://southeasternfoottrails.org/seftc-winter-hike-weekend>

*Anne Strand*

## BEFORE & AFTER - JOHN WARD CREEK WEST BRIDGE - August, 2007

### BEFORE



The narrow bridge over John Ward Creek on the west side of the Park was a safety hazard. Horses waded through the water to the right of the picture but not at high water when the creek rose up to the level of the bridge. This photo was taken after the concrete abutments for the new bridge were poured and after Ray Scott built the cambered falsework to hold up the bridge during construction.



The Club received a NPS Challenge Grant to procure and erect a new bridge. The effort was led by Randall Bailey, PE. The bridge was delivered in many, many pieces shown here.

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**AFTER**



The bridge here is under construction. All the structural members are in place ready for Jerry to place the decking. The completed bridge carries hikers, horses, and the gator. The new bridge is about a foot higher than the old bridge.





## **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.

## **January**

### **January 6 @ 11:00 – 12:30 ‘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.

### **January 7 @ 11:00 – 11:30 am ‘Atlanta Campaign’**

This 30 minute ranger-led program focuses on the 1864 Atlanta Campaign and how the Union and Confederate forces moved through the north Georgia countryside to the city of Atlanta. This program will also utilize the various interpretive maps and signs within the Visitor Center.

### **January 13 @ 11:00 – 11:30 am ‘The Importance of NPS Battlefields’**

This 30 minute ranger-led program discusses the importance of preserving historic battlefields and the preservation efforts taken by the National Park Service.

### **January 13 @ 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.

### **January 14 @ 11:00 am– 12:30 pm ‘Guided 24-Gun Battery Hike’**

This program will consist of a ranger guided hike 3 mile hike along the 24 – Gun Battery Trail. It 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. The event will also be cancelled due to inclement weather.

### **January 20 @ 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.

## January 27 @ 11:00 – 11:30 ‘Civil War Sharpshooters’

With heritage dating back to Europe, the American sharpshooter has been a vital component of every American conflict. This program will discuss the history of the sharpshooter and the role these men played during the Civil War and in the Battle of Kennesaw Mountain.

## January 28 @ 11:00 am – 12:30 ‘Guided Assault Trail Hike’

Learn more about the fateful Union assault on Cheatham Hill during this ranger-led hike. This trail is one mile, round trip and is classified as moderate to easy. Hike will begin from the Illinois Monument (at Cheatham Hill). This is an outdoor activity, so please dress and plan accordingly. The event will also be cancelled due to inclement weather.

*\*Please note this program is off-site; parking is at Cheatham Hill Road.*



*\*\* 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](http://www.nps.gov/kemo)*



*Photos on the 24-Gun Battery Trail - taken by Fred Feltmann.*



# Sponsors/Partners Corner

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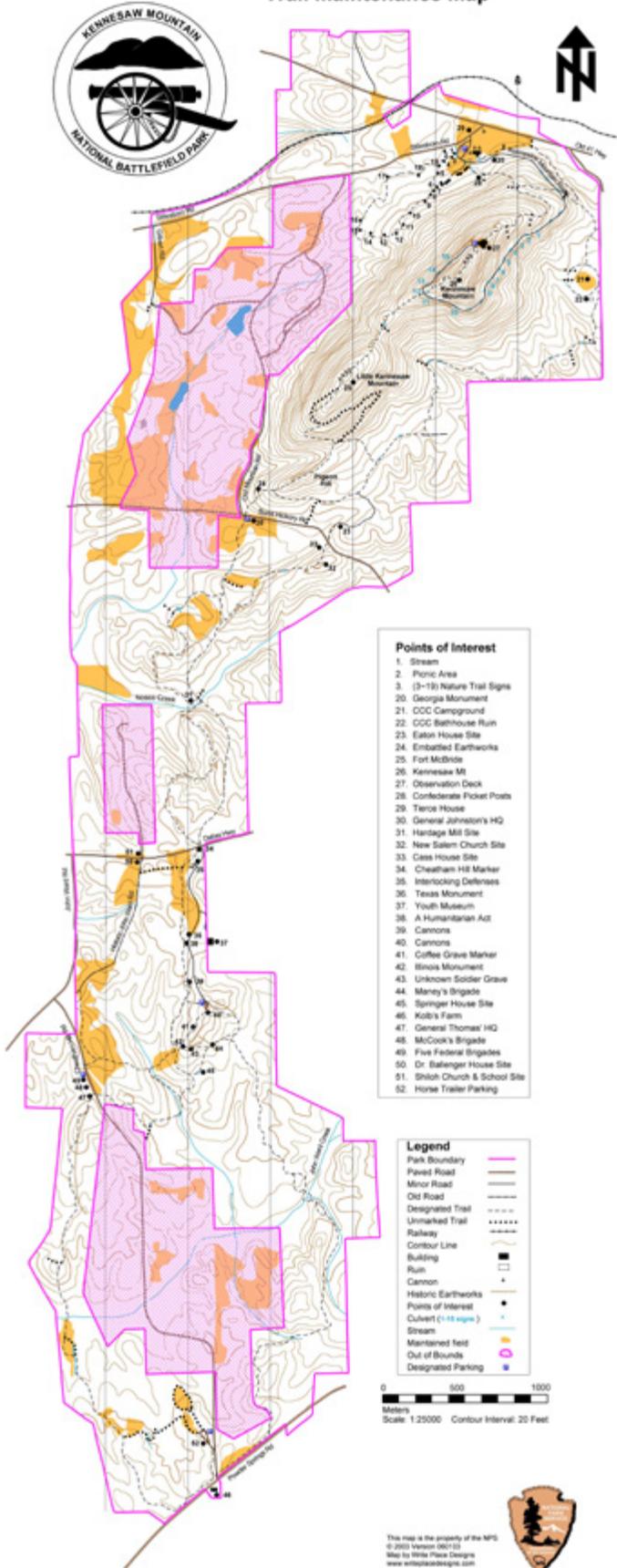


<http://americanhiking.org>



## KENNESAW MOUNTAIN NATIONAL BATTLEFIELD PARK

### Trail Maintenance Map



## February Newsletter Deadline

If you wish to have an article published in the February Newsletter, please submit it to Fred Feltmann at [faf1948@bellsouth.net](mailto:faf1948@bellsouth.net) no later than January 20th!