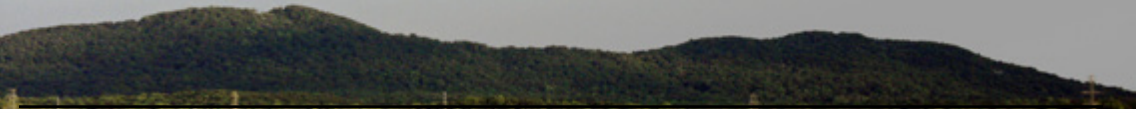




EARTHWORKS



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President's Corner

June is one of the busiest months at the park for events. The trail club helps with the many artillery and infantry and civil war music events which all lead up to the 3 days of the anniversary of the battle of Kennesaw where 100s of volunteers converged on the park for events almost every waking hour of the day.

Myself, I have been rotating through different roles to help wherever I can. For trail day many of you might have seen me at registration and later as a crew leader helping to spruce up the landscaping around the administration buildings. Earlier in the month I was a trail ambassador helping with the weekend events.

We have also been training some new crew leaders and trail ambassadors. It is great to see younger people joining the volunteer ranks. I have been a volunteer in one thing or another for over 30 years. For me its the helping of others and being part of a group that does good that keeps me

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coming back. It has always been my "anti-stress" and my opportunity to make a difference in my favorite community. Have you ever thought of being a long term volunteer? We need more of us, especially younger people to replace us elders over time.

Scott McKay
President, KMTC

Trail Ambassador Highlights

June 23-24 celebrated the 154th Anniversary of the Battle of Kennesaw Mountain. Both days offered a full plate of events to include artillery and infantry demonstrations, guided hikes, Civil War music program, General Thomas program, Cheatham Hill talk, Memorial Field talk, military camp, civilian life demonstrations and children's activities. This was an ambitious and active schedule to support. My deepest appreciation to the following volunteers.

Jay Haney and Cam Graham provided an in-depth historical analysis of what occurred along the 24 gun trail. Supporting the guided hikes as well as artillery and infantry demonstrations were Melanie Salas, Yvonne Robinson, Dave Dubelle, Alicia Gutierrez, Tim Poolos, Karen Evanoff, Kathy Bearden and Janie Brier. Trail Ambassador Candidates Kelly Burke and Danilo Sexias were eager helpers in each of these events.

Manning the information table and answering endless questions while promoting the events were Gwyn and Scott Posey, Rena Bailey, Alicia Gutierrez, Anne and David Strand and Jay Haney.

Last mentioned but not the least important were the folks who stood (sometimes sat) in the shade (as long as it lasted) to control access to the parking lot. Who knew so many new visitors to the park would show up on this weekend with seemingly endless questions on hiking routes, where to park and the typical "what's going on" usually voiced after the cannons fired. Many thanks to Rena Bailey, Karen Hinton, Trail Ambassador Candidate Dianne Bentley and Janie Brier for manning the gates to the volunteer parking field. Keeping traffic flowing smoothly and helping to keep frustrated driver tempers in check was Mark Miller doing his usual masterful job of directing traffic in the parking lot.

I know I echo the park staff's appreciation to the many people

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who supported the Battle Anniversary. Thank you again for all your wonderful help.

Janie Brier

Director, Trail Ambassadors, KMTC

Facebook Comment!

The trails are better than ever! I'm not sure how you did it, but even after days of rain, there are very few mud puddles that are difficult to navigate. We hikers appreciate you!!!

Loxi

May 30, 2018

July 14, 2018 Work Day Plan

Work will again be on the lower mountain trail. The plan is to fix 3 water issues on the lower mountain trail, build a row or two of steps where the trail is too steep and repair the creep scars and ditches on the downhill side of the trail.

Plan to park at the Old Highway 41 Parking Lot. Be sure to check in at either the Old Highway 41 Check-in station or with a registrar at the Visitor Center Amphitheater.

154th Anniversary Wrap-up

The 154th Battle of Kennesaw Mountain Anniversary events are officially over. It is fitting that I send this note out on the official date of the anniversary. However, my expression of gratitude cannot truly convey how truly thankful I am for the dedication and support of all of the staff and volunteers for making this event a success.

Please bear with me during the long Thank you list.

To the Kennesaw Mountain NBP staff: Through planning and set up, each of you have played a special part in making the event truly possible. From working the visitor center, leading programs, set-up and clean-up, purchasing supplies, mowing the grass, and, of course, keeping us safe...the list can go on and on. This dedication is seen time and time again. I enjoy being part of our KEMO team and this is just one of countless examples why.

To the KEMO, STRI, CHCH, and Stephens Light Artillery: It is always a pleasure working with each of you. The firing of cannons are always a crowd pleaser, but the ultimate goal was achieved by honoring those who fought here. Providing visitors the opportunity to listen to 4 cannons firing provides a small realization of the intensity of the battle. In addition, welcoming visitors into camp is always enjoyed.

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Additional Volunteers needed! Call today!

With that said, the civilian portrayal is a favorite of families and especially children learning the natural way that clothes are dyed and is a program that is always a favorite of battle anniversaries. The various crews who have taken the time to travel locally and from sister parks is always welcomed. It is like a family reunion each year

To the 21st Ohio, 125th Ohio, and the Tiger Band: I know that a number of your members were unable to attend; however, it is always a pleasure to work with you. You provided such wonderful demonstrations that enable to visitor to truly understand the background of the Civil War soldier. Also providing programs on Civil War music is also such an enjoyable aspect of battle anniversary. This portrayal of Civil War life is many times forgotten during interpretive programs; however, having it be part of our programming enables the event to have a very well-rounded story portrayed.

To the men of Thomas Headquarters: The new addition to the anniversary schedule was well received. It definitely provided a new level to the interpretation at Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park. We look forward to having you be part of future living history events at the park.

To KMTC and Trail Ambassadors: Thank you for helping provide such a variety of support. Being able to help with parking, the anniversary information table, provide some range safety, be trails for hikes...again, such a variety of assistance and support, removed some of the burdens that staff may encounter. Even if you feel that your role was small please know that it was not small and it was much appreciated.

To the Bramlett Family: Oh the Bramlett family...what can I say. Andrew and Lewis, thank you for leading a history hike for the first time. I heard it went so very well. Also, continuing to provide our shuttle riders with information as they travel up and down the mountain is so greatly appreciated. Daniel and Beth, thank you for working with Joan and maintaining the children's tent. I hear it was Daniel's idea to move the tent...wonderful idea and greatly appreciated. We may not have been able to reach as many children and families if it wasn't for your idea. I enjoyed having the entire Bramlett family be part of this year's anniversary.

To Brad Quinlin: Thank you for providing your Cheatham Hill talks. Your history talks of Cheatham Hill is always enjoyed by visitors regardless of when you provided them. However, it is always important to highlight the sacrifice at Cheatham Hill during the anniversary. It brings the story to the forefront of the weekend events. We greatly appreciate you taking the time to provide this service to the visitors.

To Mike and Anne Evans: Thank you so very much for traveling to KEMO. It is always a delight to get to work with you, Mike, and having Anne join you this year brings another level of fun. Having each of you step in to help with programs as well as give programs, is truly appreciated. Anne keeping count of all the visitors was so extremely helpful

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A Special Thanks!

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

Following is a list, in alphabetical order, of the groups who participated during Fiscal 2017 (October 2016- September 2017 and Fiscal 2018 (October 2017- Present):

FY 2017

ATLANTA OUTDOOR CLUB
ALLATOONA HS BETA CLUB
ALLATOONA HS NJROTC
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

ATLANTA OUTDOOR CLUB
ALLATOONA HIGH SCHOOL HONOR SOCIETY
ALLATOONA HS NJROTC
BETA ALPHA PSI FROM KSU

BSA TROOP 75
BSA TROOP 17, ARAGON, GA
BSA TROOP 1011
CAMPBELL HS
HARRISON HIGH SCHOOL
HILLGROVE HS NJROTC
KENNESAW MOUNTAIN HS NJROTC
KENNESAW MOUNTAIN HS KEY CLUB
KENNESAW MOUNTAIN HS AP MAGNET
ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE CLASS
KSU
KSU BETA ALPHA PSI
KSU PHI SIGMA PI
PACK 405, McEachern UMC
PHI SIGMA PI FROM KSU
POPE HS HONOR SOCIETY
POPE HS SCIENCE NATIONAL HONOR
SOCIETY
SERVICE DAY - KSU
VENTURE CREW 540
VOLUNTEER KSU
U.S. ARMY TRAINING CLASS

We had a total of 20 volunteers participate this past month, along with our crew leaders, Trail Ambassadors and Board Members.

Thanks!



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and took another task off my list. We enjoyed your visit and your presence.

To Jay Haney and Cam Graham: Thank you for your dedication to the 24 Gun Battery hike. The amount of work that each of you have dedicated to preparing for the hike is shown through the personal attention given at each program. Visitors are able to share in this personal devotion as they hike along the path to the Union position. Not only do they get to enjoy the history of the park, as well as your personal connection to the hike and as a volunteer.

To Sherry, Gloria, and Debbie: Due to your attention to details, efficiency, and pleasant presence, you kept us fed. Lunch and dinner ran smoothly and like a well-oiled machine. Although, you did not prepare the lunches this year, every aspect of the lunch and dinner line was set up beautifully. Due to this dedication, I know that I never have to worry about not having volunteers fed during this long, hot event. Even making sure that I take time to sit down and take a moment to properly eat... lol...I can't express my gratitude.

To Larry and Ricky: Thank you for keeping the water coolers filled. Hydration of everyone during such a hot, humid, and busy day, is perhaps one of, if not, the most important behind the scenes task. I would not be able to do it without you. Water was available not only for keeping volunteers and staff cool and hydrated, but also was available when other situations required it. Thank you.

To the Eastern National employees and Front Desk and

Mountain Top Greeters volunteers: You have kept operations running smoothly as normal. It is always nice to have pleasant volunteers take care of our daily operations. You continue to provide information and assistance to the visiting public, regardless of a large event or a rainy January day. This devotion and steadfastness keeps us going. We appreciate your constant devotion to the front desk and mountain top regardless of the time of year.

I do apologize if I have left someone out; it is not intentional. You are just as appreciated as all those that have been listed.

Although there was so much planning that went into this event, it is only because of the teamwork, dedication and devotion of each of us that made this event a success. To honor the men who gave their lives 154 years ago, is our greatest goal. However, next is serving the visiting public. Every individual that I saw or met seemed to enjoy the programs and demonstrations that we provided last weekend. It was because of you that it was all possible.

Thank you, I cannot truly express my utmost appreciation and honor of working with each of you.

All the best,

Amanda

PS – Please pass along to other members of artillery crews, infantry units, “General Thomas,” and the many other volunteers who helped make the 154th Battle Anniversary possible.

Amanda K. Corman

Park Ranger

Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park

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Volunteer Sign-up website*

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

* updated

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>
July, 2018			
7/14	8:00 am - 12 pm	Visitor Center Amphitheater	Trail Work Day
August, 2018			
8/11	8:00 am - 12 pm	TBD	Trail Work Day
September, 2018			
9/8	8:00 am - 12 pm	TBD	Trail Work Day
9/22	8:00 am - 12 pm	TBD	National Public Lands Day

See pages 10 - 11 for National Park Service activities during the month of July!

Register for Our Work Days!

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

signup.com/go/VvavYQj. 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 **Highly** recommended.

If we must cancel a workday, we'll post an announcement on the front page of the KMTTC 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!

The “Dead Angle”

By definition, a ‘dead angle’ is a battlefield term for a location that cannot be defended against (Wikipedia). In the area of Kennesaw Mountain, there is an area that today is known as Cheatham Hill but in the period was termed “The Dead Angle”.

Walking in the area, one notices a line of raised ground. That raised ground or small hill is what is left of the Earthworks built by thousands of Confederates in June of 1864. The original Earthworks were considerably higher (probably 8 feet with a firing platform) with a line of logs along the top. The men would put their rifles in a space between the log and the hill thereby protecting their heads while firing. Erosion and time have taken their toll on those earthworks.

As one studies the area, the line of ground runs west along the trail and makes a sharp turn to the left, a ‘V’ shaped turn. During the Civil War, hundreds of Confederate soldiers were crowded into that ‘V’ shaped turn and thousands of Union soldiers were on the other side. On June 27, 1864, the temperature was ‘unusually hot and humid’. Colonel Dan McCook led his troops down the slope on the far right into the valley and up the hill of the Earthworks. The Confederate troops, led by General Benjamin F. Cheatham and General Patrick R. Cleburne, were ready for the Union. That area saw some of the most intense fighting of the war.

The Union’s goal was to break through the Confederate line to capture the railroad behind them on the way to Atlanta. The Confederates were desperately trying to maintain control of the south and ultimately Atlanta which was a major rail terminus with large warehouses of food and ammunition.

Two days after the battle, on June 29, 1864, the Confederates called a truce to bury the dead. Captain David P. Conyngham of Sherman’s staff stated, “A truce followed, and Rebels and Federals freely participated in the work of charity. It was a strange sight to see friends, to see old acquaintances, and in some instances brothers, who had been separated for years, and now pitted in deadly hostility, meet and have a good talk over old times, and home scenes and connections. They drank together, smoked together, appeared on the best possible terms, though the next day they were sure to meet in deadly conflict again.” (*Sherman’s March Through The South, by David Power Conyngham, P 136*) After a few hours, the fighting resumed with all intent to kill, maim and cripple the other side.

Ultimately, the Union troops with 100,000 men attempted to outflank the Confederate line but at a terrible loss of life. About 3000 Union troops and about 1000 Confederate troops died in the battle. In the end, the Union cavalry pushed back the Confederate cavalry but beyond Kolb Farm. (Today, there is some discussion whether the Union pushed back or through the Confederate line.) The

Confederates, in fear of being surrounded, dropped back to the natural break of the Chattahoochee River. The Confederates were on the run again.

The battle was considered a strategic victory for the South but remembering that the ultimate goal was to protect Atlanta, it was, yet again, another loss.

Often times, there is a conversation asking, “If the South had maintained control of Atlanta,.....” Would McClellan have been elected President? Would we still have 2 separate nations? Would slavery still be a part of the Confederacy? Would we ever obtain true equality? I, personally, shudder to think where we’d be today.

Today, we are working to obtain true equality among the races, between men and women and across the board. We are not there yet, but certainly closer than we were in June, 1864.

Note: Colonel Daniel McCook, Jr. was wounded in the battle and returned to his native Ohio. On July 16, 1864, he was promoted to Brigadier General. Upon his death on July 17, 1864, he was promoted to Brevet Major General but that appointment was never approved by the Senate, hence he was buried as Brigadier General Dan McCook. (Wikipedia)

General Patrick R. Cleburne earned the nickname of “the Stonewall of the West.” He was killed at the Battle of Franklin on November 30, 1864. He was eventually laid to rest in the Confederate section of Maple Hill cemetery in Helena, Arkansas. (Wikipedia)

General Benjamin F. Cheatham survived the war. He worked as the Superintendent of the Tennessee State Prison and was later appointed Postmaster of Nashville. He passed away on September 4, 1886 in Nashville, Tennessee and is buried in the Mount Olivet Cemetery there. (Wikipedia)

A special thanks to Phillip Whiteman and Rusty Bradley, who were both consulted with regard to the historical accuracy of this article.

Rena Bailey

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vN4x2dH-aOc>

<https://www.battlefields.org/learn/primary-sources/dead-angle>

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=C_e9VD_BxGg

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=842Hu-w1dSw>

154th Anniversary Photos

Photos by Kerry Sustak.





NOT EVEN the wet and unseasonably cold weather experienced in some parts of the country on April 7 could keep our annual Park Day from setting records! An all-time high of 157 battlefields and historic sites in 32 states and the District of Columbia, representing the Revolutionary War, War of 1812 and the Civil War, participated in the 22nd year of this volunteer maintenance event.

Across the nation, history lovers recognize that keeping our battlefields, parks, museums and other sites pristine and accessible is a responsibility requiring communal effort. This year, nearly 7,000 volunteers came out to do their part, donating more than 25,000 hours of labor. The projects they undertook and completed were as diverse as the participating sites.

At Wilson's Creek National Battlefield in Republic, Mo., 56 volunteers helped with fence construction, stream cleanup and housekeeping work in the park's library and its living-history clothing and equipment cache. Ultimately, an entire dump-truck load of trash was removed, and a total of 265 feet of rail fence was put up.

At the Buford's Massacre Site in Lancaster, S.C., 70 JROTC students and members of the community came out to help clear brush, rake leaves and pick up trash. Volunteers also cleaned markers and picnic tables.

In Pleasanton, Kan., 37 volunteers helped wash windows, clear 2.5 miles of trails and clean storage areas at the Mine Creek Battlefield.

Many sites are already planning their ambitious projects for Park Day 2019, which will be held on April 6, 2019. Site managers, including new participants, may visit www.battlefields.org/parkday for more information on how to enroll.★



Note our photo!



Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park Interpretive Programs for JULY

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

**Everyday @ 1:00 pm
Ranger Led Museum Tour**

July 1 @ 11:00 am – 12:30 pm ‘Cheatham Hill Guided History Walk/Talk’

Historian Stuart Berkowitz is leading a number of guided walks and history talks on the historic battle at Cheatham Hill. The walks last approximately an hour and are free of charge. No advance registration is required.

July 1 @ 11:00 am – 12:30 pm ‘Guided 24 - Gun Battery Hike’

This program will consist of a ranger-guided 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 in the event of inclement weather.

July 4 @ 10:00 & 11:00 am, 12:00, 1:00, 2:00, & 3:00pm “Guided Museum Tour”

Join volunteer historian Phillip Whiteman as he teaches about the Battle of Kennesaw as part of the greater Atlanta Campaign. Learn more about the topics that shaped the war, the military and political leaders who led the forces, differences in the North and the South, and how a country divided became united again.

July 7 @ 11:00 am – 12:30 pm ‘Guided Mountain Top Hike’

Join us for a ranger-guided hike to the top of Big Kennesaw Mountain. The hike will focus on local and Civil War history, as well as some of the ecology of the area. Length of the hike will be 2 miles round-trip and will be weather-dependent.

July 8 @ 11, 12, 2 & 3:00 ‘Infantry Demonstrations’

Come out and enjoy an interactive infantry demonstration at Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park. This program will consist of a step-by-step description and demonstration of basic infantry tactics and culminate in a rifled musket firing. Please note that rifled musket firings are loud, especially to those with hearing sensitivity (i.e. dogs, children, etc.).

July 14 @ 11:00 am & 3:00 pm ‘Atlanta Campaign Map Talk’

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.

July 14 @ 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:

kennesawmountaintrailclub.org.

July 15 @ 11:00 am – 12:30 pm ‘Cheatham Hill Guided History Walk/Talk’

Historian Brad Quinlan is leading a number of guided walks and history talks on the historic battle at Cheatham Hill. The walks last approximately an hour and are free of charge. No advance registration is required.

July 15 @ 11, 12, 2, & 3:00 ‘Artillery Demonstrations’

Artillerists explain the steps of firing a cannon by detailing the role of each person working their positions. Afterwards, the process is performed in real time and the cannon is fired. Please note that cannon firings are very loud, especially to those with hearing sensitivity (i.e. dogs, children, etc.).

July 21 @ 11:00 am – 11:30 am ‘Battles of Nature: Animals of Kennesaw Mountain’

A variety of animals make Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park their home and are a part of the area’s habitat. Learn how to identify common mammals and insects, and discover the tactics and tricks animals use to survive. Length of this family-friendly hike on the Environmental Trail will be 1.3 miles.

July 22 @ 11:00 am – 12:30 pm ‘Cheatham Hill Guided History Walk/Talk’

Historian Stuart Berkowitz is leading a number of guided walks and history talks on the historic battle at Cheatham Hill. The walks last approximately an hour and are free of charge. No advance registration is required.

July 28 @ 11:00 am – 11:30 am ‘We Got the Beat: A Guide to Civil War Music’

Music is one of the great universally unifying elements throughout human history. During the Civil War, not only did music keep the men organized, but also helped to boost morale, send important messages, and even provide relief between opposing forces. Come out and enjoy this interactive ranger program that details the rich history of military music and its prominent role during the Civil War.

July 29 @ @ 11, 12, 2, & 3:00 ‘Artillery Demonstrations’

Artillerists explain the steps of firing a cannon by detailing the role of each person working their positions. Afterwards, the process is performed in real time and the cannon is fired. Please note that cannon firings are very loud, especially to those with hearing sensitivity (i.e. dogs, children, etc.).

*** 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

Photos Around the Park

Photos by Fred Feltmann



What a difference a year makes. Last year, the trees, below, didn't make it because of drought and bugs. Photo near Pigeon Hill.

(On Left) This year's rainfall has caused the foliage to really proliferate. Cannon position on top of Little Kennesaw. (In May, 2018)



Above - Two does and two fawns near the bolder field on Pigeon Hill.

Right- Fields of mint on Little Kennesaw. Be careful! With it in bloom, there are LOTS of bees partaking. Especially on the back side of Little Kennesaw where it encroaches on both sides of the trail. (Between the top and the two-mile post.)



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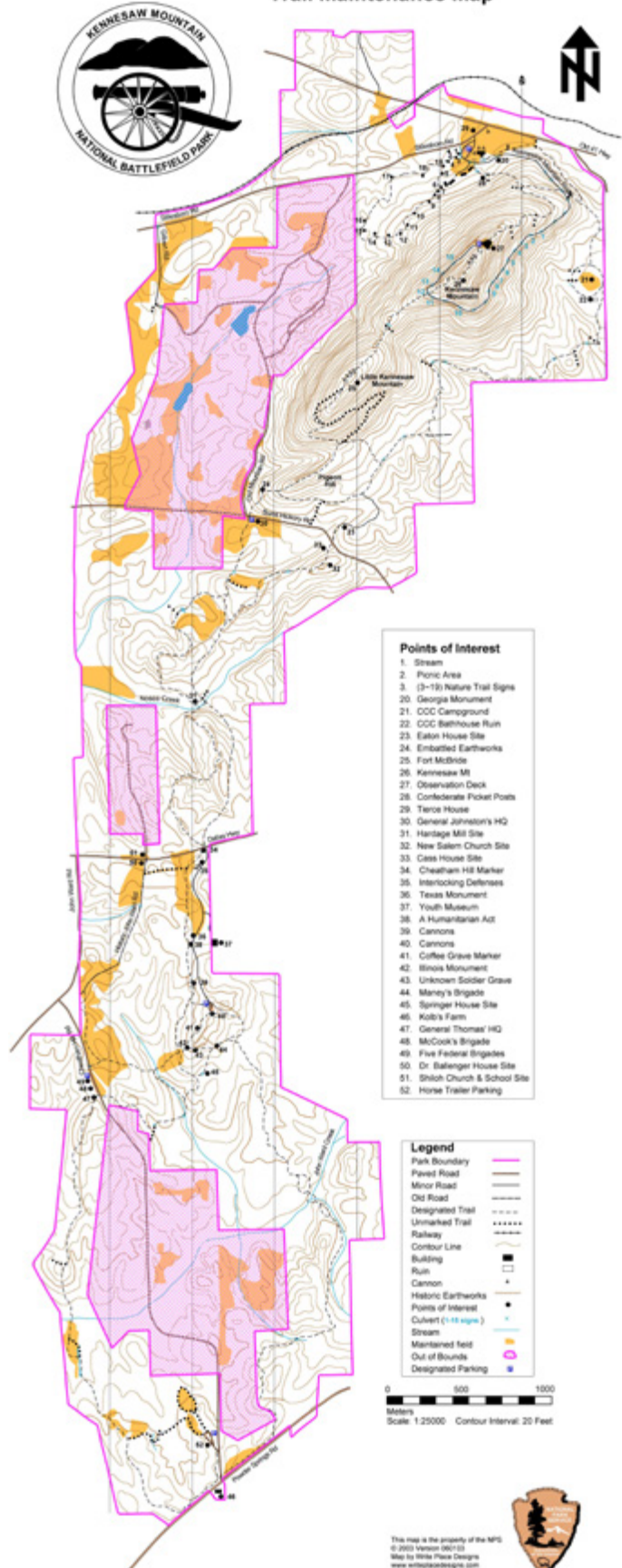


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