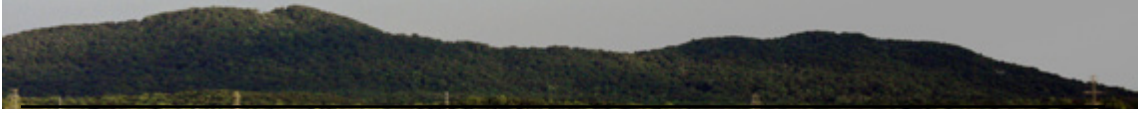




# EARTHWORKS



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## July 13, 2019 Work Day

The July workday will be to continue work on the Noses Creek Trail north of Noses Creek. Parking will be in the activity field adjacent to the Pigeon Hill Parking Lot. Registration will open at 8:00 am. Workers will disperse to their respective work sites around 8:30 am. We will be finished around noon.

*Bill Gurry*

Acting Trails Director

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## Friends of KMNBP!

A new organization is forming at Kennesaw Mountain called "Friends of KMNBP (Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park)." They will be a fundraising organization to raise money for improvements to the park, support of on-going visitor programs, and of course materials for our trail maintenance. They are looking for dedicated volunteers to staff their board. Please contact Scott Mackay at [box2105@mindspring.com](mailto:box2105@mindspring.com) if you are interested in helping get this organization started up.

## The Friends Hold Their First Meeting - June 22, 2019

The Friends of KMNBP held their first meeting this month. Progress is being made to be fully formed by this Fall. The friends group will be focused on raising money for all activities at the park along with helping to finance new facilities such as restrooms for other sections of the park.

Volunteers are needed to help. Please contact Scott Mackay at [box2105@mindspring.com](mailto:box2105@mindspring.com) if you want to help.

*Scott Mackay*

## Park Day Update

KMNBP had about 106 volunteers including CLs and TAs for Park Day this year. The American Battlefield Trust (ABT) reports that, nationwide, "nearly 7,000 volunteers donated more than 25,000 hours of labor" at 160 sites in 32 states. We received thanks from two staffers at ABT for our efforts.

Last year, a KMNBP Park Day crew photo was the banner for the ABT Park Day website.

*Bill Gurry*



Newsletter 1

<http://kennesawmountaintrailclub.org>

## “ Woke Up To The Sound of Thunder “

A few days before the June 8 Trail Day I got a call asking if the work should be canceled. Why call me? I've been out of the operation for several years. Well, turns out that the leadership has had to cancel many more times than in past years. And, it just so happens that I have a friend who is a retired “Weatherman” and he's very good at predicting rain showers. Years ago I was selling at an outdoor market, had lots of items on display and no tent. I really needed to sell things and was hesitant about setting up; except for the fact that my friend said (in deference to broadcasters) that I shouldn't worry because even though it will be raining all around my festival it won't rain there until 5 pm. So while the sun was shining, at 4 pm I started packing up; others said why leave now - until they got caught in the 5 pm downpour.

Glad that I got the call before Trail Day, even though it had been hot and dry that week my friend said to tell them to cancel; it's gonna rain Saturday morning. I made the call, Trail Day was canceled and I felt good waking up to the sound of thunder that rainy Saturday morning. Oh, my friend helped me make the decision many times when I was the Trail Director, and I'm glad that he was able to help this time.

However, here's the important thing; it is now the policy that if a Trail Day is canceled then it will be rescheduled for the following (next) Saturday. Please be aware of this policy and as always check the Trail Club website for details. BTW the following Saturday was beautiful weather.

I'm sure that upon reading the title heading that one would think that I'd somehow work Bob Seger's song “Night Moves” into this article. Being an old rock-n-roller I thought about that. The lyric is good and it sure fits the story but my heart is with AC/DC's, “Thunderstruck.” I'll leave it at that and hope that you got the message about a canceled Trail Day. Please continue to do good work.

*Doug Tasse*

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*Photo by Scott Mackay. 6/15/19 Make-up work day.*

## 6/15/19 Makeup Workday

What better to do on a beautiful, sunny, cool, almost summer-day in the woods in a National Park than work in the mud with friends?

This is exactly what we did on 6/15/19. The monthly work day consisted of drainage control, rock work, and fence work on the Noses Creek Trail north of Noses Creek at and the trail heads for the Hardage Mill Trails north of Noses Creek. Specifically, the following work was performed:

- The trail head on the Hardage Mill Trail just north of Noses Creek was rebuilt.
- The fence at the trail head to the Hardage Mill Trail was rebuilt and enlarged.
- A large dip that gathered water for days after heavy rains was mucked out, fill material laid down in layers then compacted, and crusher run placed to act as a tread.
- Large rocks were removed and a small ditch on the side of the trail (road) was added to control the water. The purpose of this project is to facilitate driving on the road for maintenance vehicles and mowers, law enforcement vehicles, and emergency vehicles. One more section remains to be done.
- At the corrugated metal culvert that carries the small creek under the trail, silt traps were built in four places to protect the creek from silt, and a hole was filled in.

Crew Leaders Bob, Rodney, Andy, Bill, Katie, David, Curt, Coach Rich, Dave, Geoff, Peter, Donald, Jay, and Scott, plus several TAs participated, with support from Adam Strotman of the Park staff.

Highlights included the return of Rodney Morton from Texas, Scott's post workday debriefing meeting, and a rare appearance by Boss Doug at the post-workday meeting.

As always, thanks to Janie and Rena and the Trail Ambassadors for their support and diligence.

On Friday before the work day, Andy, Bob, Bill, and Dave moved crusher run from the John Ward Creek west bridge to the work area and flagged the work site for Saturday. Not bad for four old guys.

*Bill Gurry*

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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 2018 (October 2017- September 2018 and Fiscal 2019 (October 2018- Present):

### 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  
SWINERTON CARE CREW  
U.S. ARMY TRAINING CLASS  
VENTURE CREW 540  
VOLUNTEER KSU  
WALKER SCHOOL  
WOODSTOCK HS NJROTC

### FY 2019

ALLATOONA HS NJROTC  
ATLANTA OUTDOOR CLUB (AOC)  
BOY SCOUT TROOP 008 (EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT)  
BOY SCOUT TROOP 144 (EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT)  
BOY SCOUT TROOP 200 (EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT)  
BOY SCOUT TROOP 277 (EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT)  
BOY SCOUT TROOP 287 (EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT) (2 PROJECTS)  
BOY SCOUT TROOP 445 (EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT)  
BOY SCOUT TROOP 540  
BOY SCOUT TROOP 540 (EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT) (3 PROJECTS)



BOY SCOUT TROOP 545 (EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT) (2)  
BOY SCOUT TROOP 700 (EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT)  
BOY SCOUT TROOP 797  
BOY SCOUT TROOP 797 (EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT) (2)  
CUB SCOUT PACK 204, MARIETTA  
GUMBERLAND SCHOOL  
FLIGHTWORKS  
FRIENDS TO THE FORLORN PITBULL RESCUE  
HARRISON HS BETA CLUB  
HARRISON HIGH SCHOOL KEY CLUB  
HARRISON NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY  
HILLGROVE HS NJROTC  
KENNESAW MOUNTAIN HS  
KENNESAW MOUNTAIN HS NJROTC  
KSU  
KSU BETA ALPHA PSI  
GEORGIA TECH  
MARIETTA HS  
MT PARAN CHURCH  
VOLUNTEER KSU  
WHEELER HS  
WOODSTOCK HS NJROTC

The following groups participated in our June work day:

DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION  
HILLGROVE HS NJROTC

Our June 1st and June 8th work days were cancelled because of weather; however we did schedule and work a make-up day on June 15th, 2019. We had 19 volunteers at the make-up day.



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Additional Volunteers needed! Call today!

# Kennesaw Mountain Commemorates Memorial Day with a Day of Service

May 31, 2019

Submitted by Amanda Corman

On Saturday, May 25, 2019, Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park held its first Memorial Day of Service. As part of the Memorial Day of Service, volunteers remembered and honored friends and loved ones who gave their all in service to the United States. As part of the day, the park had a dozen individuals and families sign up to participate in the event. Volunteers assisted in beautification of the park by clearing an area that will be used by additional volunteers during the "155<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Battle of Kennesaw Mountain" event and by preparing floor beds around the park's administrative buildings. With the completion of the service projects, volunteers were treated to a Life of a Civil War Soldier program and a guided hike to the top of Kennesaw Mountain. The Memorial Day of Service concluded with a brief program on the importance of Memorial Day, and a moment of silence presented by a volunteer Civil War color guard.

The park had several volunteers to assist with park beautification and interpretative programming during the weekend. Scouts earning their Eagle Scout ranking helped assemble park fencing. The Kennesaw Mountain NBP volunteer artillery crew also provided artillery demonstrations on Sunday and Monday to recognize the Memorial Day holiday. Individuals who volunteered throughout the weekend provided names of those who they wanted to remember. The names of the recognized fallen service members are on display in the park's Visitor Center and will remain on display throughout the summer.

Photos (right) Courtesy of NPS and Gloria Downey, Volunteer-In-Parks

Photo, below, Memorial Day Weekend, 5/25/19 (Fred Feltmann)



## 2018/2019 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. We will conclude this drive at the end of FY 2019 (September, 2019).

**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.**

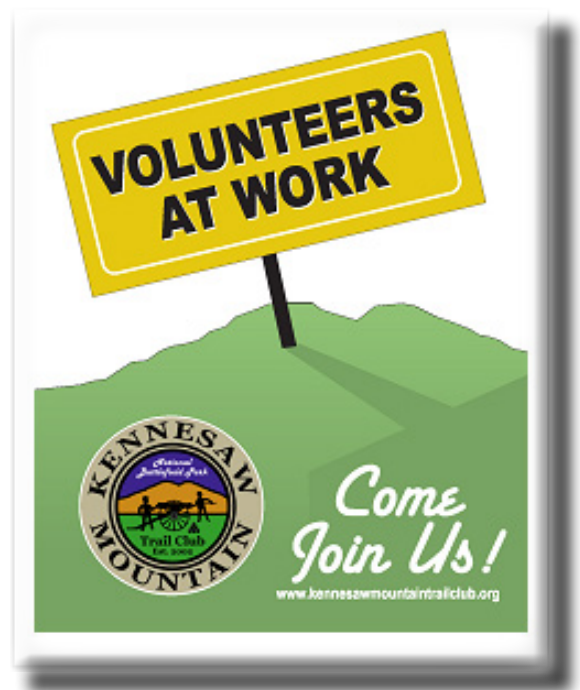
We are a nationally recognized club - having been presented the highest award in the National Park Service in 2014, “The Hartzog Award for Volunteer Group.”. There are several ways to donate:

- 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>July, 2019</b>			
7/13	8:30 am - Noon	Pigeon Hill Parking Lot	Trail Work Day - Register at SignUp, below.
<b>August, 2019</b>			
7/10	8:30 am - Noon	TBD	Trail Work Day - Register at SignUp, below.
<b>September, 2019</b>			
8/14	8:30 am - Noon	TBD	Trail Work Day - Register at SignUp, below.

*Note: In case of inclement weather and our regular work day is cancelled, we will schedule a make-up work day - see our website for details! We will confirm this in our cancellation notice.*

Check pages 10 - 14 for NPS/Kemo-sponsored activities for the weekend of June 29/30 and for July.

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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)

[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 and usually are finished by 12:00 p.m.

This month we will meet at the Pigeon Hill Parking Lot (Burnt Hickory and Old Mountain Rd.)

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.

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,

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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# June 15 Work Day

Photos by Scott Mackay



## William Tecumseh Sherman: In the Service of my Country

by James Lee McDonough

2016 by W.W Norton and Company, New York and London

Book review by Jay Haney

It was evident that the author had begun this massive, meticulously documented book with a favorable impression of his subject. By the end his fondness of “the red head” as he called him was palpable. Sherman for his part referred to himself as “the vandal.”

Using primary sources the author presents in entertaining and fascinating detail a compelling picture of one of the great men of the American 19<sup>th</sup> century.

Born in 1820, the sweep of Sherman’s life experience is breathtaking. First attending West Point, then missing the 1847 War with Mexico because his artillery unit was on a ship around Cape Horn for 189 days, a voyage that ended with 2 ship wrecks, in the same day, off the California coast.

Along the way he served in Marietta, Georgia where he often rode the bridle path to the top of Kennesaw Mountain. During the Atlanta campaign he was fond of saying that he “knew Georgia better than the Rebels”.

Leaving the Army he started banks in New York and in San Francisco during the gold rush. He was law partner with Dan McCook, hero of Cheatham Hill. All this before his storied Civil War service.

Page 530 of Sherman’s Memoirs deals with his decision to attack on 27 June 1864 at Kennesaw Mountain. Roads were rapidly drying up and the supply situation was good. He felt CSA lines had been thinned out so their center was weakened. This single page was written from his personal records without benefit of the official history published after his death.

Using many primary sources McDonough spends multiple pages on the same decision giving a nuanced view of the factors Sherman considered. Plus his image of Kennesaw Mountain under artillery fire at night is truly memorable.

After the war Sherman led the Army, when Grant became President, until he retired. During his years as Chief Staff he oversaw security for the transcontinental Railroad, the Indian wars, the beginning of Army school system and preparation of the official history of the Civil War finally completed in 1901.

Age 64 at his retirement, he could have had a speaking engagement every day of the year for the rest of his life. Such was the demand to see and hear the general.

McDonough used primary sources skillfully mining information from the 35-50 letters Sherman wrote daily and the letters Sherman received to give richness to all these events.

Life expectancy in 1820 was 36 years when Sherman was born. At his death in 1891 he had outlived most of the generals he served with and fought against.

Perhaps the measure of Sherman’s stature is reflected in the opinion of his adversaries. The author writes.

“Johnston, like Lee, never forgot the magnanimity of the man to whom he surrendered. He would not allow criticism of Sherman in his presence. Sherman and Johnston corresponded frequently, and they met for friendly dinners in Washington whenever Johnston traveled there. When Sherman died, Johnston served as an honorary pallbearer at his funeral. During the procession in New York City on February 19, 1891, he kept his hat off as a sign of respect, although the weather was cold and rainy. Someone concerned for his health asked him to put on his hat, to which Johnston replied, ‘If I were in his place and he were standing here in mine, he would not put on his hat.’ He caught a cold that day, which developed into pneumonia. Johnston died several weeks later in Washington, D.C.”

“ST. LOUIS • Sunshine pierced low, billowing clouds as people jammed the rain-washed 12th Street Bridge and Union Depot platforms. A special train eased onto Track 1 at 8:48 a.m. with an officer’s sabre slung from the locomotive headlamp.

A volley by the St. Louis Light Artillery shattered the respectful silence.

Thus began the funeral procession of Gen. William Tecumseh Sherman, Civil War hero and occasional St. Louisan. For four hours on Feb. 21, 1891, a procession of 12,000 soldiers, veterans and notables marched past mourners on a winding, seven-mile path from downtown to Calvary Cemetery.”





## Records Management Volunteer Needed!

The Kennesaw Mountain Trail Club (KMTC) Board of Directors seeks a records management professional to volunteer to assess KMTC records management needs, review current records and define policies (SP) needed for records support going forward. An example model SP for records management follows:

**“A document retention and destruction policy identifies the record retention responsibilities of staff, volunteers, board members, and outsiders for maintaining and documenting the storage and destruction of the organization’s documents and records.”**

<https://www.councilofnonprofits.org/tools-resources/document-retention-policies-nonprofits>

Please contact Jay Haney, KMTC Director for Program Planning for additional details.  
[Haney69jb@gmail.com](mailto:Haney69jb@gmail.com) cell 770.313.4864

KMTC is a not for profit partner of Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park in Kennesaw, Georgia.

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

\* updated

**Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park  
National Park Service**



**155th Anniversary  
of the  
Battle of Kennesaw Mountain  
June 29 - 30, 2019**



**SATURDAY**

- 9:00 - Flag Ceremony
- 9:00 - Mountain Top History Hike
- 9:30 - Infantry Demonstration @  
Visitor Center and Cheatham Hill
- 10:00 - Artillery Demonstration
- 10:30 - Cheatham Hill Living  
History Walk @ Cheatham Hill
- 10:30 - Flag Signaling Program
- 11:00 - 24 gun Battery History Hike
- 11:30 - Infantry Demonstration @  
Visitor Center and Cheatham Hill
- 11:30 - History Hike to the  
Mountain Top
- 12:00 - Civil War Music Program
- 12:30 - Memorial Field Talk
- 1:00 - Museum Tour
- 1:00 - Artillery Demonstration
- 1:30 - Cheatham Hill Living History  
Walk @ Cheatham Hill
- 1:30 - Flag Signaling Program
- 2:00 - Civil War Music Program
- 2:30 - Infantry Demonstration @  
Visitor Center and Cheatham Hill
- 3:00 - Mountain Top History Hike
- 3:30 - Cheatham Hill Living History  
Walk @ Cheatham Hill
- 4:00 - Artillery Demonstration
- 4:30 - Memorial Field Talk



**SUNDAY**

- 10:00 - Mountain Top History Hike
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**Continuous Programs**

Saturday: 9:30 am - 4:00 pm  
Sunday: 9:30 - 3:00 pm

- ◆ Military Camps
- ◆ Civilians Life Demonstrations with  
children's dyeing activities  
(activity: weather permitting)
- ◆ Children's Games

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## Kennesaw Mountain News Release

**Release Date: Immediately**

### **Roving Rangers Explore Parks Across Atlanta**

*New Parks' Partnership Promotes Outdoor Discovery, Learning Subtitle*

**ATLANTA** – Parks across Atlanta are working together to provide more fun for kids and families. The new Roving Junior Ranger Program is a self-guided, interactive tour of the Arabia Mountain National Heritage Area; Chattahoochee River National Recreation Area; Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park; Martin Luther King, Jr. National Historical Park; Panola Mountain State Park; Sweetwater Creek State Park; and Stone Mountain Park. Kids can pick up a Roving Ranger Passport at any one of these participating parks. Earn the “Roving Ranger” Emblem of Honor when you finish!

The Roving Ranger Passport is an extension of various park Junior Ranger Programs, which use self-guided activities to introduce kids to the wonders of our parks. Following guided activities around each park, kids discover the history and nature of each site, gaining hands-on experience with the outdoors and a lifelong love of parks and public lands in the process. After completing each Junior Ranger program, kids earn a badge and take a pledge to become official “Junior Rangers.”

Now, with the Roving Ranger Program, kids can take their love for parks to the next level by exploring seven parks scattered throughout the metro-Atlanta area. After completing the Junior Ranger program at each park, kids will earn a badge and a sticker for their Roving Ranger Passport. After kids earn all seven of their Roving Ranger passport stickers – one at each park – then they will receive the “Roving Ranger” Emblem of Honor. The Roving Ranger program will run throughout the summer of 2019.

“Being a Junior Ranger is a great way to learn about national park sites and their importance through activities that connect the youth, and even adults, with the special place(s) they are visiting. We are excited, through this new partnership program, to recognize and reward those participants who seek to learn more about each of the unique sister parks in our area,” said Marjorie Thomas, Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park’s Chief of Interpretation. Parks across the metro area frequently collaborate on programs and events, but this is the first time that parks have connected their Junior Ranger programs together in this way. “Launch your Roving Ranger adventure to discover the amazing parks and stories in your backyard! These parks are only a step away,” said Christiana Admiral, Chief of Interpretation, Education and Community Partnerships for the National Park Service Southeast Region. Together, the participating parks are excited to provide this opportunity for kids to explore the complex tapestry of Atlanta’s natural and human history, becoming knowledgeable park stewards in the process. Kids can begin their Roving Ranger adventure this summer.

For more information about participating parks, please visit:

[The Arabia Mountain National Heritage Area](#)  
[Chattahoochee River National Recreation Area](#)  
[Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park](#)  
[Martin Luther King, Jr. National Historical Park](#)  
[Panola Mountain State Park](#)  
[Stone Mountain Park](#)  
[Sweetwater Creek State Park](#)

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## **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 4 @ 10, 11, 12, 1, & 2:00 pm ‘Hourly Museum Tours’**

In honor of the 4<sup>th</sup> of July, join us for hourly tours of our museum, starting at 10:00 am and going until 2:00 pm. The tours will be given by a combination of rangers and volunteers, so no two will be the same! Each tour will last approximately 30 – 45 minutes and begin in the Visitor Center.

#### **July 5 @ 10:00 am – 2:00 pm ‘Civil War Music’**

Music during the Civil War served many functions. Not only did it help to organize and rally, but also went a long way to boost morale amongst the soldiers. Come join the musicians of Three Rivers Fife and Drum as they demonstrate this through performance and discussion of 19th century fife and drum music.

#### **July 6 @ 11:00 am – 11:30 am ‘The Western and Atlantic Railroad’**

The Western & Atlantic Railroad would experience many extraordinary events that would not only lead to the development of the city of Atlanta but also major changes to the South and ultimately the nation. This program will discuss the origins of the Western & Atlantic Railroad and the history of the rail line from its creation through the end of the American Civil War.

#### **July 13 @ 11, 12, 2 & 3:00 pm ‘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. This program is free to attend and open to the public. Please note that rifled musket firings are loud, especially to those with hearing sensitivity (i.e. dogs, children, etc.)

#### **July 13 @ 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 Burnt Hickory. 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](http://kennesawmountaintrailclub.org)

#### **July 14 @ 2:30 pm – 3:00 pm ‘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.

### **July 14 @ 11:00 am & 2:00 pm ‘Cheatham Hill Walk’**

Join historian Brad Quinlin on a short and interactive walk around Cheatham Hill, the Illinois Monument, and the Dead Angle. Programs typically last 30 – 45 minutes.

Because this program is held outdoors, ***it will be weather dependent.***

*\*This program is **not at the Visitor Center**; parking is at 947 Cheatham Hill Dr, Marietta (the Illinois Monument parking lot)*

### **July 20 @ 11, 12, 2, and 3:00 pm ‘Artillery Demonstrations’**

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

### **July 21 @ 11:00 am & 2:00 pm ‘Cheatham Hill Walk’**

Join historian Brad Quinlin on a short and interactive walk around Cheatham Hill, the Illinois Monument, and the Dead Angle. Programs typically last 30 – 45 minutes.

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### **July 21 @ 1:00 pm ‘Lecture/Author Signing: ‘Confederate Soldiers in the American Civil War**

Come listen to author Mark Hughes as he speaks on his book, *Confederate Soldiers in the American Civil War*. Mr. Hughes will discuss the various topics relating to soldier life during the Civil War. He also discusses the additional topics of African and Native American participation in the war, as well as, the effect the war had on the civilian population.

### **July 27 @ 2:30 pm – 3:00 pm, ‘Native Americans of Kennesaw Mountain’**

Long before the Civil War, the lonely mountain was home to several communities of Native Americans. Explore the history, mythology and daily life of these first peoples with one of our Rangers. Experience their early culture through everyday tools and hunting equipment.

### **July 28 @ 11:00 am & 1:00 pm, ‘Guided Cheatham Hill Walk’**

Join historian Stewart Berkowitz on a short and interactive walk around Cheatham Hill, the Illinois Monument, and the Dead Angle. Programs typically last 30 – 45 minutes.

Because this program is held outdoors, ***it will be weather dependent.***

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*\*\* Outdoor programs (Living History programs and hikes) may be cancelled for 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)*

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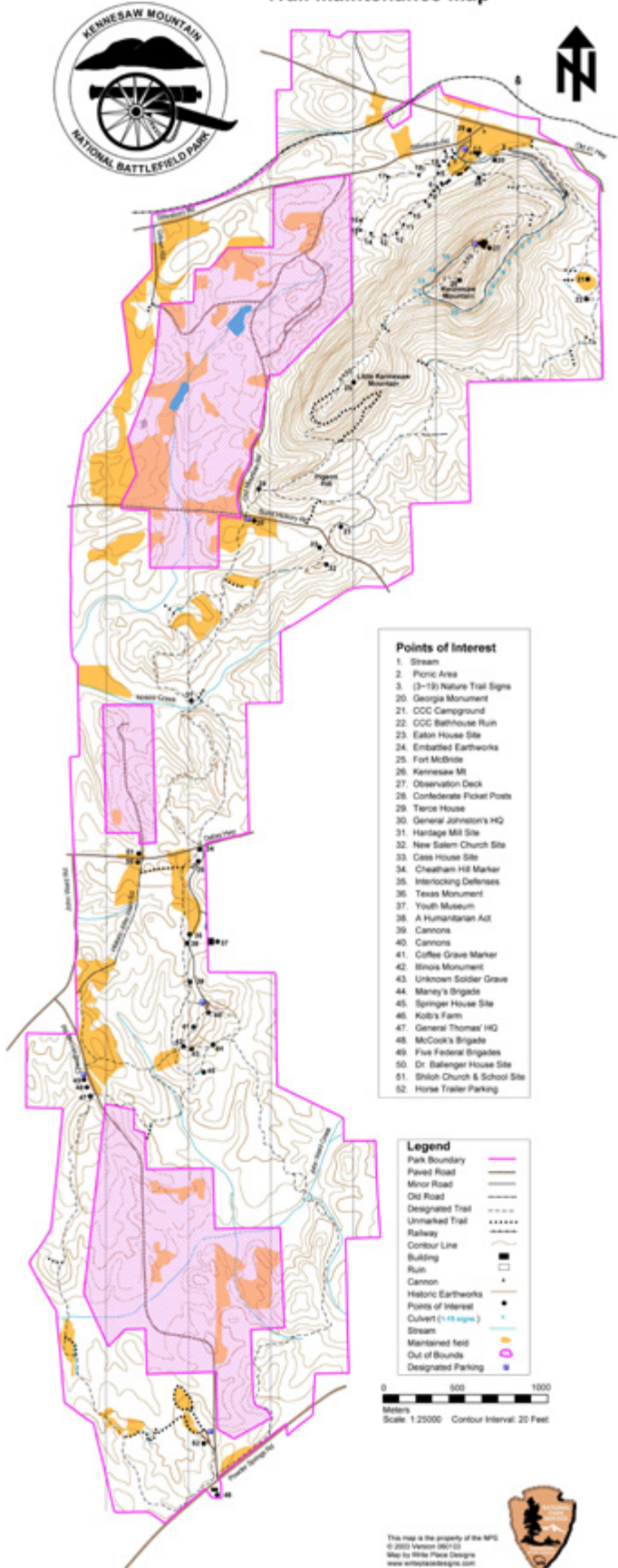


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### Trail Maintenance Map



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