



EARTHWORKS

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Workday 06-11-22

We had 5 crew leaders and 6 under instruction for the workday, along with 3 Trail Ambassadors (Gayle, Rena and Wendy) and 6 volunteers. They were Bill, Andy, Scott, Robert, and myself. Jessie, Tom, Sarah, Andrew, Stewart, and Vicki were under instruction. James took pictures.

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Bill and Scott along with two volunteers took the double bladed weeder and trimmed the weeds by the earthworks at the end of the Illinois Monument parking Lot and the first earthwork going north on the Cease Fire Trail East. Andy started putting up the temporary fence with Jessie, Andrew, Stewart, and two volunteers starting from the Assault Trail going toward the tree line. I had Robert, Sarah, Vicki, Tom, and two volunteers. The outer eleven sections of fencing four high with the last two being three high. We started at the tree line and worked toward the Illinois Monument. We put up 11 sections of fencing. The first two crossing the trail were five high due to how low it was, the remained was four high. Both groups followed the grass side of the cut area I cut on Friday and added trash to the trail to keep people out. This should easily be removed when trail restoration starts on the original trail. We completed this in a little less than an hour. Both groups than preceded to de-berm Cease Fire and Assault Trails. My group also trashed out the short cut through trail (social trail) between the trail coming from the Illinois Monument going to the Assault Trail. The top part for this eight-foot-long trail was showing a lot of erosion. With all this done we ended the day at eleven O'clock. The three Trail ambassadors took care of processing our volunteers in.

On Friday, June 10, Bill, Andy, Bob, Tom, Jessie, Andrew, and I staged about 120 pieces of old fencing that was stored on the Camp Brumby Trail by the Illinois monument and put out flags.

Our next workday is Saturday, July 9, 2022.

Mike Collett
Trails Director

July 9 Work Day

The July Work Day be conducted on the Hardage Mill Trail. Parking will be in the field next to the Pigeon Hill Parking lot located at Burnt Hickory and Old Mountain Rd.

Mike Collett
Trails Director

August Newsletter Deadline

If you wish to have an article published in the August Newsletter, please submit it to Fred Feltmann at faf1948@bellsouth.net no later than July 20th!

PLANNING AHEAD

Over the past couple of years, the Kennesaw Mountain Trail Club has continued to operate at a diminished capacity, but we did continue to work. We had a small cadre of volunteers, not just Trail Ambassadors and Crew Leaders, but Community Volunteers, as well. As the virus surged and waned over the intervening months, masks were worn or not as the need dictated. As the country has been coming out from under the pandemic, the Trail Club and the park have responded accordingly with more and more people coming out. With each new event, the Trail Ambassadors and the Crew Leaders greeted each other with fist bumps and the friendships seemed to pick up where they left off. It was truly wonderful to see each other and to think outside of ourselves. The feelings of being part of a larger group, and a much larger purpose, were rekindled. This year, the spring seemed to be a little brighter, the flowers a little bigger and the weather a little warmer. (OK, a lot warmer!).

Accordingly, our work days got a little bigger based on the demands of school work and work-work. We have re-built fences, repaired steps, fixed the Environmental Trail, blocked off social trails and run the gators up and down the mountain 'heaven only knows' how many times. The list can go on and on, but work we did. We held a virtual Trail Ambassador training and a small Crew Leader training. We have a couple of new Board members, as well.

Now is the time to put those new found skills to work. Our July workday is expected to be small, but then, August comes and the schools are back in session and everybody is excited about a new school year and all that it brings. The clubs and social groups will be getting together again. The Trail Club will need to respond accordingly. Mark your calendar for August 13 and plan to come out, meet new friends and greet the old ones. We will need all of the Trail Ambassadors that we can get for registration, parking, and gate and trail workers to help maintain a safe and secure hike through the park for everybody involved. We will also need lots of trained (and newly trained) Crew Leaders to guide all of our Community Volunteers on our continuing quest to maintain sustainable trails. Who knows, you may see some deer, a turkey or two and even one of our resident hawks with those gorgeous tail feathers!

See you there!
Have a great day!

Rena Bailey

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Additional Volunteers needed! Call today!

New Board Members!

Colleagues; Slowly, but surely, we are getting back up to a full complement of Board Members!

It is with great pleasure that we finally announce that the TA Director position is being filled by two very capable people. I previously introduced Gayle McAllister. Gayle has been a long time volunteer and Crew Leader with both Chattahoochee and KEMO. She has now moved over to being a TA, exclusively. Gayle will be managing the TA support for the educational programs and special events with the Park. She has a bit of a learning curve with the computer programs so, hopefully, will take over the position full time in September.

Wendy Turner (and husband, James) moved to the area about two years ago and both have been avid hikers since moving here. Wendy was introduced to our workdays and has been hooked ever since. She will be managing the TA support for the workdays. She will be taking a 'dry run' for the July workday and will be 'in charge' for the August workday.

This will allow me to focus my time and energy on my position as Community Volunteer Director (and occasional 'gator driver'). I will continue to manage Registration at the workdays and will continue to send out emails to my 'registration people'. If you wish to volunteer with registration you may contact either Wendy or myself.

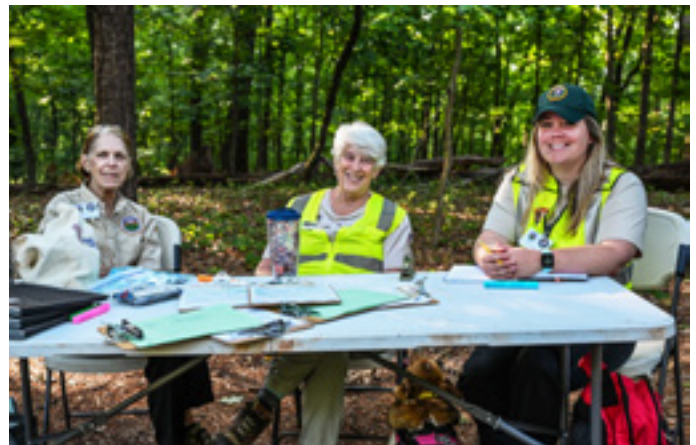
I ask that you give them the same respect that you have given me over the last two years. With a little patience on everybody's part, we can make the transition as seamless as possible.

Looking forward to another great year with the Kennesaw Mountain Trail Club and Kennesaw Mountain NBP!

Have a great day!

Rena Bailey

Community Volunteer Director (Only!)
KMTC



*Gayle McAllister, Rena Bailey, & Wendy Turner
Photo by James Turner*

Kennesaw Mountain NBP 158th Battle Anniversary

June 29, 2022

Amanda Corman, Park Ranger/Volunteer Coordinator

Cannons and Muskets and Hikes, oh my! On Saturday, June 25 and Sunday, June 26, 2022, visitors were once again able to enjoy traditional battle anniversary programs at Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic and followed by COVID-19 restrictions, the park has held the annual event virtually for the past two years. The roar of four artillery pieces and several muskets have not been heard from the park's front field since 2019.

Over the course of the two-day event, Kennesaw Mountain NBP staff and volunteers offered 34 different programs to the visiting public. Programs included artillery and infantry demonstrations, guided hikes and history walks, and children's games and activities. Although staff is still working on final calculations, current calculations have the anniversary reaching over 800 visitors.

With such a large event, the staff was unable to provide programs alone. It is due to the devotion and support of nearly 100 volunteers that the park was able to offer such an event. The artillery demonstrations were provided by volunteer artillery crews from Kennesaw Mountain NBP, Stones River National Battlefield, Chickamauga & Chattanooga National Military Park, and Stephens Light Artillery. Infantry programs were provided by the 125th Ohio Regiment Inc. Cheatham Hill Living History Walks were provided by the Co. A, 21st Ohio Volunteer and the Perry's Florida Battery Hike was provided by Mike Evans.

In addition, children's activities were provided by Beth Grace (natural dyeing), Lianne Christman and Megan Barnes (children's tent). Even the visitor center parking lot was well attended by volunteers Rena Bailey, Mark Miller, Jake Fountain, and Wendy Turner, and Lindsey Barnes kept everyone hydrated with his water patrol. Even though only a few volunteer names have been listed, there were so many more that supported hikes, programs, visitor center operations, and park patrols.

With so many people being part of the event, the Friends of Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park kept everyone fed by providing the funding for the lunches and the Saturday evening dinner.

It is because of the dedication and support of all volunteers that the park was able to provide such a successful return to the anniversary weekend. There are not enough words to truly express the gratitude of the park staff.

We thank each of you for your support of the 158th Battle of Kennesaw Mountain Anniversary.



Patrick Gamman, Superintendent, KMNBP
Amanda Corman, Park Ranger/Volunteer Coordinator, KMNBP

158th Anniversary Photos

Photographs by James Turner



158th Anniversary Photos

Photos by Fred Feltmann



Expect delays at Dallas Hwy and Whitlock Ave

Crews will start clearing work for the Whitlock Avenue trail segment of the Kennesaw Mountain Pedestrian Improvements on Monday, Oct. 25. Significant delays are expected along Dallas Highway/Whitlock Avenue between John Ward Road and Cheatham Hill Drive. Crews will be working in the area from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on weekdays, and road capacity will be reduced to one lane.

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

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

See also:

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

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

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/explorer>.

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.

Current NPS Covid 19 Status

- Masks are discretionary while in the Visitor Center
- Shuttle bus is not restarting until later this Spring.
- The theater has reopened and the film regarding the battle for Kennesaw Mountain is now being shown.

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

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!

A Special Thanks!

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

Following is a list, in alphabetical order, of the groups who participated during Fiscal 2019 (October 2019- September 2020 and Fiscal 2021 (October 2020- Present):

FY 2021

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

FY 2022

ALLATOONA HIGH SCHOOL HONOR SOCIETY
ALLATOONA HS NJROTC
ATLANTA OUTDOOR CLUB (AOC)
BSA TROOP 2319
HILLGROVE HS NJROTC
KENNESAW STATE UNIVERSITY (KSU)
LINCOLN TECH
MARIETTA HS SPORTSMANS CLUB
MOUNT PARAN
WHEELER HS, HELPING HANDS

This Past Month's Volunteers

We had 6 volunteers at our June Work Day.

158th Anniversary Photos by Fred Feltmann



“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 7 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 Donald Olds (Trail Ambassador positions) if interested.

Mike Collett - trails@kennesawmountaintrailclub.org

Donald Olds (Interim) -

ambassador@kennesawmountaintrailclub.org

Training Positions Available!

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



2021/2022 Fund Raising

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

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

Each year we kick off a new round of fund raising and this is the 2021/2022 big “ask.” We need your help with this, even small donations help. We will conclude this drive at the end of FY 2022 (September, 2022).

As we approach our 19th year in operation, we ask you to please think ‘20’, like \$20.. \$40.. \$60..... \$200... \$2000. All donations to the Trail Club support our work at the park, and are tax deductible.

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

- Use Guidestar on the bottom of our home page on the Trail Club website <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.



Kennesaw Mountain Trail Club Calendar

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Event</u>
7/9	8:30 am - noon	Pigeon Hill Parking Lot	July Work Day - Hardage Mill Trail
8/13	8:30 am - noon	TBD	August Work Day
9/10	8:30 am - noon	TBD	September Work Day

All trails are now open. All parking lots, and the Mountain Rd, are now open. Visitor Center is now open, as is the Museum Theater. The Mountain Rd is open to motorized vehicles on weekdays.

The Mountain Top Concession Stand is now open on weekends and Holidays through September, from 10 AM till 5 PM.

See pages 14 - 16 for NPS sponsored events in July.

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

Register for Our Work Days!

Be sure to register online for our Work

Days at <https://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>

Parking and registration will be in the field next to the Pigeon Hill Parking lot - located at Burnt Hickory and Old Mountain Rd. 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.

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

Map Project Coordinator - This individual would work with NPS Staff and Eastern National to develop two maps:

- A general purpose map with all of the trails on it
- A Battlefield map - a map that portrays the location of the various Federal and Confederate forces, as well as an overlay of the current trails

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

Community Volunteer Ambassador Position

Kennesaw Mountain NBP is currently searching to fill the position of a Community Volunteer Ambassador (CVA). This is a paid internship that will work directly with the Volunteer Coordinator and Interpretive staff. This position will help the park staff enhance overall volunteerism, outreach, and education.



Some of the main minimum requirements for this position include:

- Be a U.S. citizen or lawful permanent resident
- Be 18-30 years old at time of service (veterans up to 35 years old)
- Bachelor's degree in relevant area of study
- Prior experience in program management, public history, education, natural or cultural resource management, or working with volunteers.

How to Apply:

The CVA position will start on Monday, September 12th, 2022, and run for 50 weeks until Friday, August 25th 2023.

Application Deadline: Jul 15, 2022

Applicants will need to apply here:

<https://form.jotform.com/221255497395162>

and attach a cover letter.

Additional Information can be found at:

<https://diversifyoutdoors.mcjobboard.net/jobs/73931>

and:

<https://www.cvainternships.org/>

The Job description for Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park can be found at:

https://www.cvainternships.org/files/ugd/b0a6b6_402623f7e2e64ab28b1e5117e7dea781.pdf

Thank you for sharing this with your user base!

Jake Boling

Chief of Interpretation (Acting)
Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park
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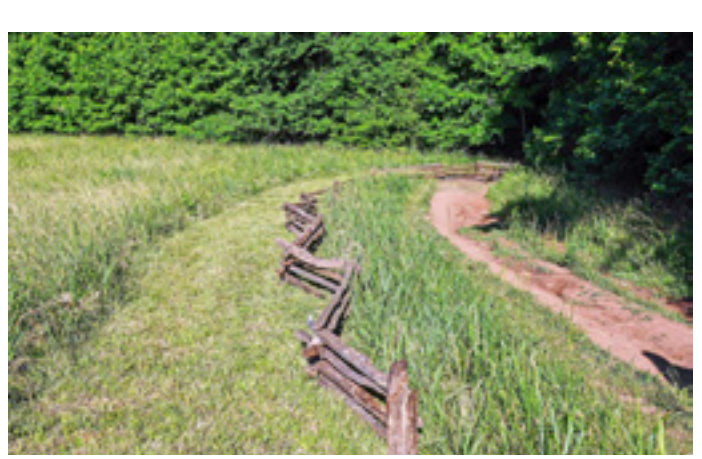
6/11/22 Work Day

Photos by James Turner



6/11/22 - Work Day Before/After Photos

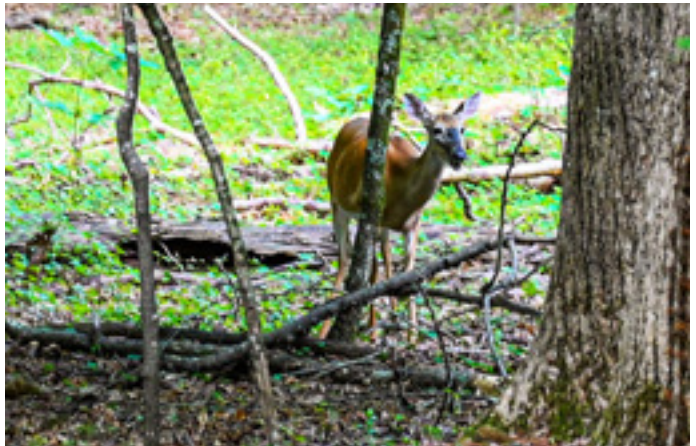
By James Turner



Park Residents - 6/11/22

Photos by James Turner

Flora and fauna





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.

KMTC Contact List - Updated 6/30/22

<u>POSITION</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>E-MAIL</u>
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KMTC Website		http://kennesawmountaintrailclub.org/
NPS Website		https://www.nps.gov/KEMO
Facebook Page		http://www.facebook.com/kmtcsocial
Volunteer Sign-up website*		www.tinyurl.com/27ef2vph

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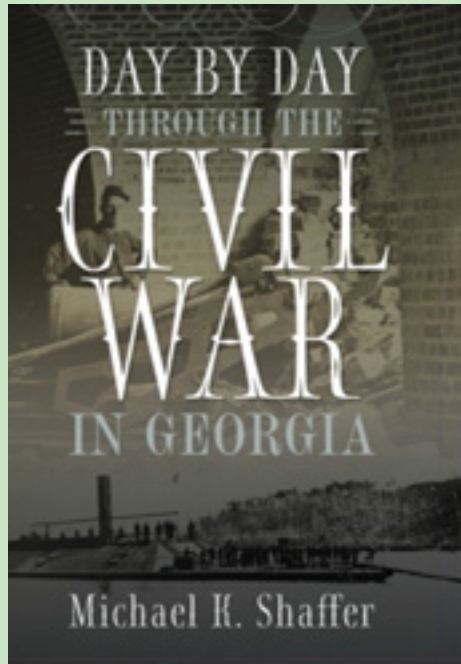


“Day By Day Through the Civil War in Georgia” Talk & Book Signing

Sunday, July 31, 2022 1:00 p.m.

Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park 900

Kennesaw Mountain Dr.- Kennesaw, Ga., 30152



Until now, a daily account (1,630 days) of Georgia's social, political, economic, and military events during the Civil War did not exist. During the 160 years since the conflict's termination, many fine accounts of wartime Georgia have rolled off various presses. With this effort, Michael K. Shaffer strikes a balance between the combatants while remembering the struggles of enslaved persons, folks on the home front, and merchants and clergy attempting to maintain some sense of normalcy.



Michael K. Shaffer is a Civil War historian, instructor, lecturer, newspaper columnist, and author. He is a member of the Society of Civil War Historians, Historians of the Civil War Western Theater, and Georgia Association of Historians. Shaffer teaches Civil War Courses at Kennesaw State University's College of Graduate and Professional Education, and at Emory University.





Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park

Interpretive Programs for July

*All outdoor programs are weather- dependent.

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

July 2, 11 am: Assault Trail Hike

“And how can a man die better, than by facing fearful odds- for the ashes of your fathers and the temples of your gods?” This Ranger- led guided hike will put you in the footsteps of the Union soldiers, re- tracing their charge against the Confederate trenches at Cheatham Hill. The hike begins at the Activity Area 3 parking lot (**GPS Coordinates: 33.933020, -84.604780**)

July 3, 11 am: Guided Museum Tour

It’s more than just the artifacts! Join us for a special tour of our Visitor Center Museum where our Rangers take you on a journey through the entirety of the Civil War (with heavy focus on the Western Theater and the Battle of Kennesaw Mountain). We’ll discuss the causes, biggest battles, blunders and how the war still affects us today over 150 years later.

July 9, 11 am: Pigeon Hill Hike

“Presently, and as if by magic, there sprung from the earth a host of men, and in one long, waving line of blue the infantry advanced.”- General Samuel French. Some of the toughest fighting of the war occurred on a small spur just below the dual- peaks of Kennesaw. This Ranger- led hike will describe the futile Union assault and the Confederate defense of Pigeon Hill. We will meet at the Pigeon Hill parking area (**GPS Coordinates: 33.963276, -84.594391**) and will go up the rocky slope. The hike is moderate, so bring good shoes and plenty of water.

July 10: 11, 12, 2, & 3:00 pm: Infantry Demonstrations

Come on out and see our living history volunteers and Rangers set up camp right next to the Visitor Center and live life for a day as Civil War infantryman. Rifle firings will occur at the above- specified times. We will also go over basic drill, school of the soldier, arms and accoutrements and even food and disease.

July 16, 11 am: Cheatham Hill Veteran’s Talk

The story of Kennesaw Mountain did not end after the battle in 1864 but was continued by the veterans who fought on the battlefield. The ranger will discuss how Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park was established through efforts of Union veterans who fought at Cheatham Hill. This program will be held at the Illinois Monument.

July 17, 11 am: Kolb Farm History Talk

When the Kolb Family built their farmhouse in the 1830’s, they had no way of knowing how important their land would become. From being the site of a major battle, to giving modern visitors a look into the past, the Kolb Farmhouse still remains a key part of the Kennesaw Mountain story. Come join this short ranger talk to learn more. This talk will be held at the Kolb Farmhouse in the southern section of the park.

July 23: 11, 12, 2, & 3:00 pm Artillery Demonstrations

Artillery was a vital component to the operations of both armies during the Atlanta Campaign and played a key role in several engagements during the Battle of Kennesaw Mountain. Come and join us for some interaction.

July 24, 11 am: Life of a Soldier

Life for the infantry soldier of the Atlanta Campaign was less than ideal. Long marches, poor health conditions, and at times constant fighting made it one of the hardest jobs in the military. Join us for this interactive ranger program that will take you into the life of these men.

July 30, 11 am: The Fighting McCooks

On June 27, 1864, Colonel Daniel McCook, Jr. led the Federal assault up Cheatham Hill, where he was mortally wounded. This brave man was not the only McCook to fight for the Federal army. This 30- minute program will introduce the 'Fighting McCooks', the story of 3 Ohio brothers and their 15 sons who joined the Federal forces and fought throughout the Civil War.

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

July 31, 1 pm: Day By Day Through the Civil War in GA with Michael Shaffer

Until now, a daily account (1,630 days) of Georgia's social, political, economic, and military events during the Civil War did not exist. During the 160 years since the conflict's termination, many fine accounts of wartime Georgia have rolled off various presses. With this effort, Michael K. Shaffer strikes a balance between the combatants while remembering the struggles of enslaved persons, folks on the home front, and merchants and clergy attempting to maintain some sense of normalcy.

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

20th Anniversary of KMTC

Spring 2002: Two Boy Scout leaders, Richard Angeli and Fred Feltmann, used the trail over Little Kennesaw Mountain to train for a backpacking trip. The trail was in such bad shape that they decided to volunteer to spend some time fixing that trail. From this idea the trail club was born.

Read about 20 years of Kennesaw Mountain Trail Club History at this link:

<http://www.kennesawmountaintrailclub.org/archive.php>



Condition of Little Kennesaw Mountain trail in 2002

The Mountain Store Trailer Is Now Open On Weekends Through September

Eastern National is now open and will remain open on weekends and major holidays until the last weekend in September (September 25th). The store will be open from 10 am until 5 pm and have hats, t-shirts, snacks, water, Powerade and ice cream for sale for our hikers and other visitors to the mountain.

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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.

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Kennesaw Mountain “22 for ’22 Hiking Challenge”

Kennesaw, GA – Effective starting May 30, 2022. To promote the health and fitness of the community, Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield (NBP) invites the public to participate in the “22 for ’22 Hiking Challenge”. Between Memorial Day (5/30) and Labor Day (9/05), visitors are invited to stretch their legs and hike the 22 miles of Kennesaw Mountain’s trail system as designated by the challenge. The trails included will span all of the park’s major trail loops and include many historic earthworks and key battle locations. A special prize will be awarded to those that complete the challenge! Supplies are limited, and will be given out on a first come, first serve basis.

To participate, visitors can pick up a log sheet from the Visitor Center, or contact kemo_fees@nps.gov to have one emailed to them. They will use this to keep track of their mileage and have it signed off by a ranger or volunteer. Proof of paid entrance fee will be required for participation.

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22 for '22 Hiking Challenge!

Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park invites you to hike all 22 miles of our trails between Memorial Day and Labor Day to win a free prize!

Download your log sheet from our website or pick one up the Visitor Center

Hike a trail and have a Ranger sign your log sheet

Complete all 22 miles of trails between May 30th and September 5th

Once the log sheet is complete, turn it in at the Visitor Center for a prize!

Contact us for more information!

Visitor Center address:
900 Kennesaw Mountain Drive,
Kennesaw, GA 30152

Phone: 770-427-8868
www.nps.gov/KEMO

Visitor Center hours: 9am to 5pm daily. Prizes are limited. Proof of entrance pass must be shown to earn credit for trails hiked.

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22 FOR '22 HIKING CHALLENGE!

*Explore our
trails!*

*Post your pics and tag us at
#KEMO22for22!*

How does it work?

- Between Memorial Day and Labor Day, hike all the trails in the park
- Have a Ranger sign off on your log sheet after you have completed a trail
- Once the log sheet is filled, turn it in to the Visitor Center for your prize!

*Prizes are first come first serve. Proof of valid entrance (daily passes, Kennesaw Annual or America the Beautiful annual/lifetime passes) must be shown to gain credit for trails hiked. For additional questions, call the Visitor Center at 770-427-4686.

Trail Name	Date Completed	Ranger Signature
Mountain Loop - 5.8 miles		
Environmental Loop - 1.3 miles		
24 Gun Trail - 2.3 miles		
Noses Creek Trail - 3.6 miles		
New Salem Church Trail - 1 mile		
Old John Ward Road, Cease Fire and Assault Trail - 2.15 miles		
Kolb Farm Loop (starting at the parking lot at Cheatham Hill) - 5.6 miles		

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Trail Maintenance Map

