



# EARTHWORKS



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## Summer In The Park - (For Kids Only!)

Looking for something for your child to do during the summer? Go to "<http://www.nps.gov/kemo/forkids/index.htm>" day and week-long activities!

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## No July Newsletter

The June Newsletter will serve as the June/July Newsletter this summer. I'll be taking a 17-day trip to Philmont Scout Reservation, followed by a one-week trip to St. Louis to visit with my family. (Someone jokingly suggested I take a laptop on the hike, since I carry "everything" else in my pack - not quite!)

*Philmont Phred Feltmann*

## Hiking Guides Needed!

Interested in hiking? We are looking for a volunteer to become our hiking expert and lead groups of all hiking abilities and age groups on hikes about the popular trails. The role includes being able to learn the trails and interesting

facts about the history, plants, and wildlife as well as providing tips on how to make hiking more enjoyable. You would need to be able to commit to at least one weekend day per month. If you are interested, please contact Scott Mackay. ([kmtctrails@kennesawmountaintrailclub.org](mailto:kmtctrails@kennesawmountaintrailclub.org))

## National Trails Day Planning:

We are currently planning to field 8 teams of as many as 20 volunteers each to head out on trails, each with a crew leader, to do an annual inspection, along with pruning and general trail repairs. Every trail in the park will be covered in one day (a first for us). And, if additional volunteers are available, a team will head into the old CCC camp site to remove wisteria vines that are trying to kill the trees there.

Some of the effort will be as follows: We will also be sending teams out to do trail work on the West Kolb Farm Loop trail, Hardage Mill trail (aka East side trail), Noses Creek Trail, Pigeon Hill cut-off trail, the New Salem Church trail, and the Visitor center to Brumby Camp Connector Trail. Crew leaders should arrive by 8:00 am to get briefed on their projects. Worker volunteers should arrive by 8:30 am so we can get the work crews headed out quickly.

Later in the day we have a second set of crew leaders arriving at 1:00 pm to meet up with a second round of worker volunteers that will be arriving at 1:30. The afternoon will be spent working on bamboo and privet removal.

See the flyer later in the newsletter for registration details. We need everyone to register, so that we can refine the size and finalize the number of crews and crew leaders needed to support this event. Hope to see you all here!

*Scott Mackay*

KMTC Trails Director

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**Additional Volunteers needed! Call today!**

FAX: 770-516-9120 (Call first, so I can turn it on!)

# Illinois Monument Project

We are now in our third work session for the re-grading project at the Illinois Monument. Our goal is to re-grade the area into sustainable contours that will route rain water away from the monument and into the woods. We are also repairing the damage done two years ago during the heavy rains we had that affected most of Cobb County with severe flooding and erosion.



← Before Photos

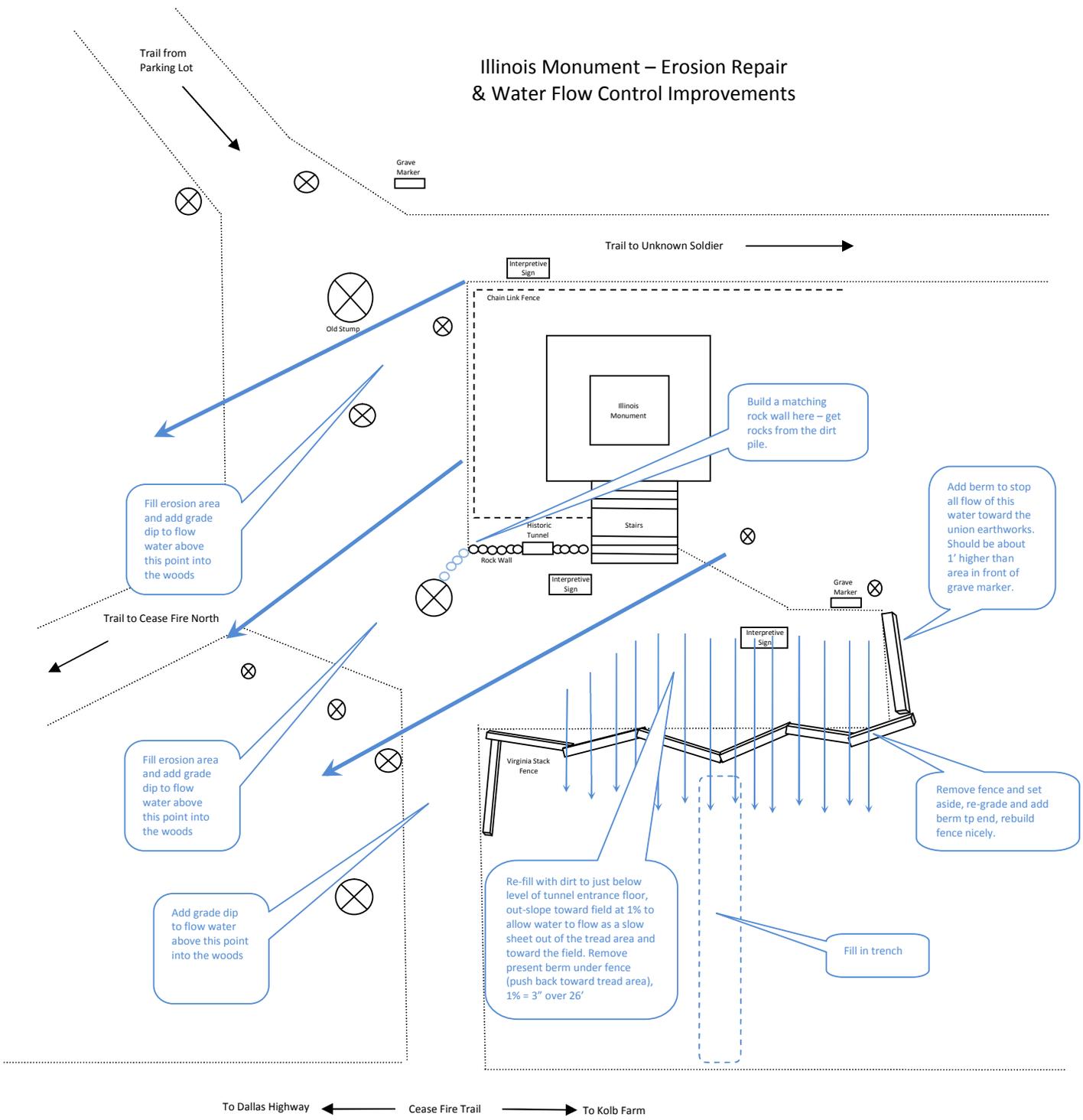
↕ Current/After photos

Photos by Scott Mackay

Next Page - Reconstruction plan. Three trails converge at the monument, the Unknown Soldier trail, the Illinois Monument trail, and the Cease Fire trail. It is also a focal point for many visitors to the park. To learn more about this monument, call 770-325-0444 and enter stop #103.



# Illinois Monument – Erosion Repair & Water Flow Control Improvements



- Notes:**
- 1) All materials are already on site.
  - 2) Recommend seeding non-traffic areas after work is completed.

Scott Mackay  
 Kennesaw Mountain Trails Club  
 15 Mar 2011

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### 2<sup>ND</sup> SATURDAY WORKDAY JUNE 11, 2011 (NATIONAL TRAILS DAY)

PARK SERVICE AREA

TIME: 8:30 AM – 1:30 PM

See page 4 article.

### 2<sup>ND</sup> SATURDAY WORKDAY JULY 9, 2011

PARK SERVICE AREA

TIME: 8:30 AM – 1:30 PM

TBD

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## “Did You Know...”

1. Attached picture of two very happy Kennesaw Mountain gobblers (next column).

2. Attached article (Page 10) from the March/April 2011 Journal of the American Chestnut Foundation announcing an agreement between NPS and TACF to cooperate in restoring the American chestnut on park land. We already have planted 15 chestnut seeds in the park. Look for pictures as our chestnuts grow!

3. Friends of Georgia State Parks & Historic Sites has published an annual report of the 53 volunteer groups each representing a State Park or Historic Site. The 53 Georgia Friends groups reported:

- At total of 70,000 volunteer hours. At \$20 per hour this is equal to \$1,400,000.
- An average park had 1,320 volunteer hours.
- Cash contributions were estimated at \$789,000 for all 53 parks.
- An average park had cash contributions of \$14,810.
- Combined cash and volunteer hours for an average park was \$41,210.

By comparison, our Trail Club:

- Is expected to have over 6,000 volunteer hours in this operating year.
- At \$20 per hour this equals \$120,000.
- Cash contributions should total around \$5,000 for the operating year.
- Additional funds could be raised if our grant applications are successful.

The Trail Club appreciates all support our volunteers provide, as does the National Park Service. We are constantly thanked by the visitors to the Park for all of the work we have done to improve and maintain the trail system.

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*Jay Haney*

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## Mark Your Calendars!

Upcoming Work Day Schedule:

June Workday - National Trails Day - 6/11/11

July Workday - 7/9/11

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. We meet at the maintenance buildings up the hill from the Visitor Center at 8:30 a.m. and usually are finished by 1:00 p.m. Activities usually include the use of shovels, rakes, picks, and other tools to fix erosion problems on the 20+ mile trail system. Please do not wear open-toed shoes & long pants are recommended. As the summer months approach, weather conditions can change quickly. We value our volunteers' health, comfort and safety so to promote safer work conditions, we'll cancel work days if there's a high probability of precipitation. If we must cancel a workday, we'll post an announcement on the front page of the KMTC website at: [www.kennesawmountaintrailclub.org](http://www.kennesawmountaintrailclub.org)

If your school, church, business, or community organization would like to schedule a special work day as a team building or public service activity, e-mail us at [kmtctrails@kennesawmountaintrailclub.org](mailto:kmtctrails@kennesawmountaintrailclub.org) at least 4 weeks in advance. Trail work can be performed any day of the week. We work closely with the Park Service and assist the park staff by providing critically needed volunteer effort to install signs, build bridges, and maintain the 20+ miles of trails. Since our beginning in 2002, the Trail Club has donated over 25,000 volunteer hours to Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park.

We hope to see you at a work day soon!

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Photo by Jay Haney

## *Photo Gallery - June, 2011*



*This bridge was added at the new parking area on old Highway 41. The bridge is part of a short trail that leads to Recreation Area #2, which is near the new parking area. This bridge segment came from part of the bridge that was removed from Noses Creek, Photos by Jay Dement*

### **Why Dogs Should Be On a Leash!**

This fawn was lying within 2 feet of the trail near the top of Little Kennesaw Mtn. on June 4th. It lay there for at least an hour, because of all of the foot traffic along the trail that day.

*Photo by Fred Feltmann*



## Trail Club Shirts and Merchandise Available

[http://www.cafepress.com/kennesaw\\_trails](http://www.cafepress.com/kennesaw_trails)

100% Cotton Denim Embroidered Shirt \$35.00



Support your club and Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park by showing the colors. We have a selection of shirts both long-sleeved and short-sleeved available in our online Gear Store. 20% of the purchase price of any of our products goes directly to support the park.

The yellow tee shirt (\$17.99) with the club logo on the back has become the default standard uniform shirt for trail workdays. The bright yellow color stands out in the woods, and the logo is clearly visible when you are bent over swinging a Pulaski or a MacCloud.

If you would like to have one or more shirts at this price, e-mail **Jay Dement** at [kmtctees@kennesawmountaintrailclub.org](mailto:kmtctees@kennesawmountaintrailclub.org) with your name, size, and quantity of shirts. The Yellow shirt is available at a special price of \$15.00 during Trail Maintenance on the second Saturday of the month.

## Reporting Your Hours - An Important Aspect of Volunteering!

*"TIME = Money for the Park - Each Volunteer is currently worth more than \$20.00/hr."*

Yes, we all are guilty - forgetting/neglecting to report our hours for working. How many hours did we REALLY work for the Park last year? Was it 500 hours, 2000, or maybe 5000???? Have you spent time outside of our 2nd Saturday Workdays helping the Park - e.g. spent time picking up trash, fixing drainage, helping with events, or club administration?

If you signed the roster at an event, your time is recorded. Otherwise you need to report it through the form on the website.

Youth Service Project candidates need to report total hours for their project to the Trail Club and to the Park before their project is considered complete.

Help us out this coming year - Please enter your hours on the website - it's currently near the top of the first page - or go directly to <http://kennesawmountaintrailclub.org/formmail.html>.

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# *Kennesaw Mountain Trail Club*



*in conjunction with*

**Kennesaw Mountain  
National Battlefield Park**

*and the*

**American Hiking Society**

*present*



# *National Trails Day*

*18th annual celebration of America's 200,000 miles of trails!*

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**Saturday June 11, 2011**

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**\*\* 8:30AM Registration \*\***

**Visitor Center**

**900 Kennesaw Mountain Drive  
Kennesaw, GA 30152**

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Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park

has 2900 acres with 20+ miles of trails.

The Kennesaw Mountain Trail Club  
volunteers to maintain the park trails.



**Pre-Registration required for groups over 10**

For more information please email:

**[kmtcmembership@KennesawMountainTrailClub.org](mailto:kmtcmembership@KennesawMountainTrailClub.org)**

**<http://www.kennesawmountaintrailclub.org>**



## SOUTHEASTERN FOOT TRAILS COALITION

Presents

Leave No Trace ~ Trainer Course

June 25 - 26, 2011



The Trainer Course is a vital component of the nationwide Leave No Trace program, to help recreationists minimize their impacts while enjoying the outdoors. The Trainer Course assists the participants in learning more about the seven principles of Leave No Trace and techniques for disseminating these low impact skills.

The Southeastern Foot Trails Coalition (SEFTC) will be conducting a Leave No Trace Trainer Course for those seeking to learn the seven principles of outdoor ethics for personal enrichment or to teach others. The course features a short easy backpack and overnight campout into the Bald River Gorge Wilderness. The course fee includes food and educational materials.



- Plan Ahead and Prepare
- Travel and Camp on Durable Surfaces
- Dispose of Waste Properly
- Leave What You Find
- Minimize Campfire Impacts
- Respect Wildlife
- Be Considerate of Other Visitors

Date: June 25-26, 2011 (Saturday & Sunday)

Time: 9:00 a.m.

Cost: \$75.00 including food and materials

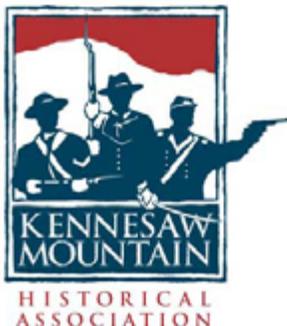
Place: Bald River Trail, Tellico Ranger District  
Cherokee National Forest

Presented by: Jay M Dement, Master Educator  
770-499-7333 [jay@jayDphotos.com](mailto:jay@jayDphotos.com)

Registration will open March 1 on the SEFTC website [www.southeastfoottrails.org](http://www.southeastfoottrails.org)

or

through your local SEFTC member hiking or trail maintenance club.



## 3<sup>RD</sup> ANNUAL KENNESAW MOUNTAIN HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION GOLF TOURNAMENT

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We invite you to join us for the third annual Kennesaw Mountain Historical Association golf tournament, Friday, November 8, 2011, at the Golf Club at Bradshaw Farm.

Registration will be from 11 - 11:30 a.m., shotgun start at 12 noon. The tournament will be a four-man "Lauderdale" or scramble. The cost is \$100 per golfer, or \$360 for a foursome, includes 18 holes of golf, range balls, and a hamburger/hotdog lunch.

Prizes will be awarded to low finishers as well as a long drive and closest to the pin contest. Each golfer will receive a complimentary bag of gifts on the day of the event.

There will be a raffle with many more excellent prizes after the round. All proceeds are tax-deductible and go to support the Kennesaw Mountain Battlefield Park. You can register at the park Visitor Center, or at the KMHA website, [www.kmha.org](http://www.kmha.org). Payment is due at time of registration.

The Kennesaw Mountain Historical Association is a private non-profit organization that works in cooperation with the National Park Service. KMHA assists the Park staff with educational programs, informational services and preservation initiatives at Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park.

Golf Club at Bradshaw Farm - 3030 Bradshaw Club Drive, Woodstock, GA 30188

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For more information, inquire at the front desk, call Mike at 770-422-3696, or contact KMHA by email at [info@kmha.org](mailto:info@kmha.org)



### **The American Chestnut Foundation and the National Park Service team up to bring back a national icon**

Select National Park Service landscapes may once again be filled with a true icon—the American chestnut tree. Under a recently signed agreement between NPS and The American Chestnut Foundation (TACF), the two organizations will work together to restore the American chestnut to forest ecosystems within the native range of the tree.

“We are excited to work with TACF to bring American chestnut trees back to the eastern United States,” said National Park Service Director Jonathan Jarvis. “We are already working to sustain and recover populations of threatened and endangered species in national parks, and we look forward to sharing ideas, experiences, and practices with another organization involved in restoring species.”

NPS lands will serve as sites for planting chestnuts, large demonstration plantings which will include both pure American trees and hybrids, habitat conservation projects including maintenance of genetically pure, native American chestnut sprouts, and collection of native chestnut pollen to further expand the genetic base of TACF’s plant material. Finally, NPS lands will serve as a delivery point for educational information about American chestnut.

“The NPS system offers a unique opportunity to not only restore the American chestnut, but also share the story about this remarkable tree with millions of people,” said TACF President & CEO Bryan Burhans. 

# Sponsors/Partners Corner

Many thanks to our Sponsors and Partners for their support!

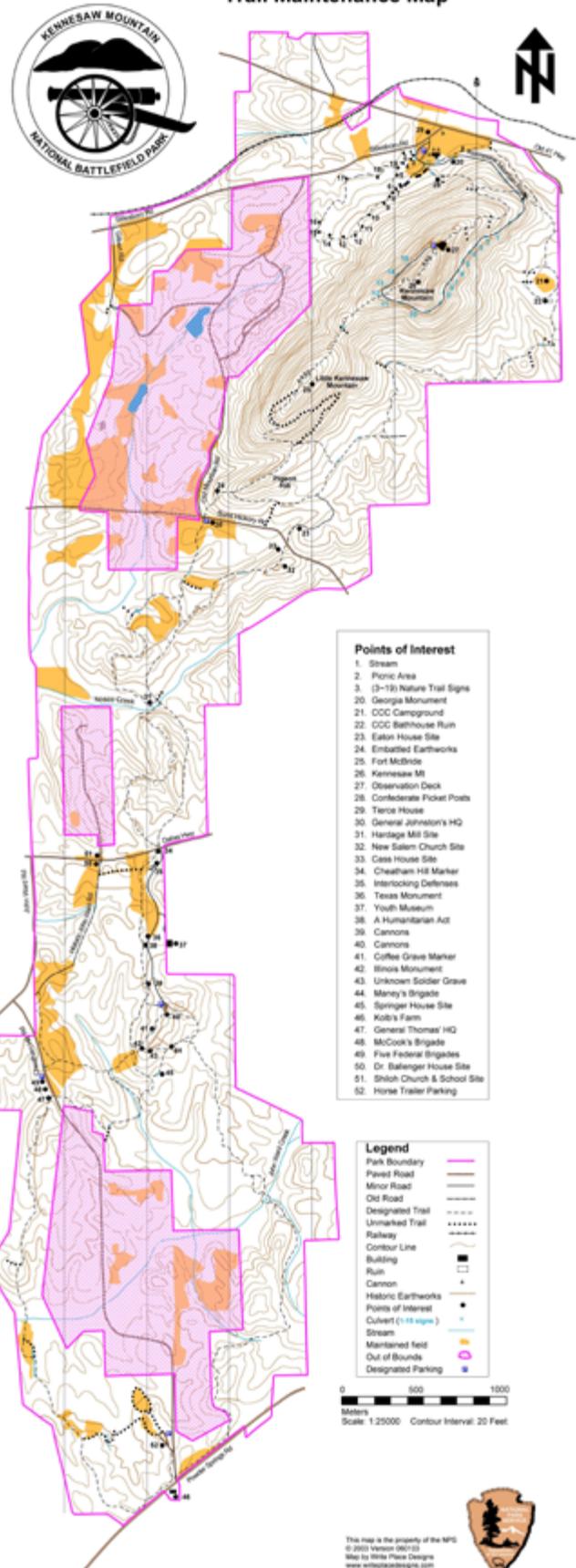


<http://americanhiking.org>



## KENNESAW MOUNTAIN NATIONAL BATTLEFIELD PARK

### Trail Maintenance Map



## 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](mailto:faf1948@bellsouth.net) no later than July 20th!