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# Cheatham Hill Road Closure - Beginning 6/1/21!

Attention ladies and gentlemen: Please expect major road closures and detours in the area starting 6/1, through 8/2/21. See link and/or picture below for more information.

https://www.cobbcounty.org/transportation/news/summer-heats-three-june-1-road-closures?fbclid=lwAR0jDKANFPGB2mj-dG0F-jDDynxu1FKcEDPAjSl5pqjgF\_Xe7DA2IAGUPI4

#### **July Newsletter Deadline**

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

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## Mask Directive Update - National Park Service - 5/24/21

We have now received guidance regarding the Executive Order Mandating the Wearing of Masks.

All individuals over the age of two who are not yet fully vaccinated must wear masks, except when actively eating or drinking, in the following locations

- 1. All common areas and shared work spaces in buildings owned, rented or leased by the National Park Service, including, but not limited to, park visitor centers, administrative offices, lodges, gift shops and restaurants.
- 2. The following outdoor areas, when others are present, where the superintendent has determined that physical distancing (staying at least six feet apart) cannot reasonably be maintained:
  - •[e.g., outdoor areas adjacent to visitor centers]
  - •[e.g., parking lots and common areas in campgrounds]
  - •[e.g., crowded trails, viewpoints, and other areas of interest]
  - •[e.g., covered structures that attract crowds such a memorials and open-air pavilions]

Masks must cover the nose and mouth and fit snugly around the nose and chin with no large gaps around the sides of the face. Masks not designed to be protective, masks with ventilation valves, and face shields do not meet the requirement.

Regardless of vaccination status, all individuals must comply with all orders regarding masks issued by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention CDC prevention measures continue to apply to all travelers on public transit, regardless of vaccination status. Masks remain required on all forms of public transit that operate within parks, including busses, trains, and boats/ferries, and in transportation hubs.

#### Marjorie Thomas

Chief of Interpretation
Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park

# The Kennesaw Mountain Trail Club (KMTC) Board of Directors seeks new directors to the lead the club in accomplishing its important mission.

Please contact Jay Haney, KMTC Nominating Committee for additional details.

Haney69jb@gmail.com or cell 770.313.4864

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

#### Mission Statement- Kennesaw Mountain Trail Club

Work in partnership with the Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park (KEMO), National Park Service, Department of the Interior to:

- I. Maintain recreational trails that maximize access to the historic and recreational value of the park and are:
  - a. Environmentally friendly
  - b. Sustainable with minimal future upkeep
  - c. Protective of the historic features the park was created to preserve
- II. Educate visitors and neighbors about the trails and the history within KEMO.
- III. Develop a sustainable organization capable of managing the volunteer and development activities of the trail club.
- IV. Recruit volunteers to help maintain the trails, to promote trail safety, and to involve visitors in the history of KEMO.
- V. Train members about sustainable trail maintenance, team leadership and educational interaction with visitors.
- VI. Work with the local community, businesses, charitable organizations, and governments to gain their physical and/or financial assistance in supporting this mission.

#### Find A Park This Summer!

Going on a vacation this summer? If so, go to <a href="https://www.nps.gov/subjects/npscelebrates/memorial-day.htm">https://www.nps.gov/subjects/npscelebrates/memorial-day.htm</a>. On this page there is a calendar where you can search for events by date, park, state or event. There are even actual live events being hosted by several parks within driving distance on Independence Day weekend. So go and explore our parks. (Be sure to verify on this website and the park's local website to be sure the event interested in has not been cancelled.) There are many other Virtual activities and links to explore on this website as well.

Oh, and be sure to tap on "Playing Taps" - it's well worth it.

Also, "Thank You For Your Service!"

Fred Feltmann

# Cobb County Planned/Proposed Trail System

By now you should be familiar with a number segments of the Cobb County Trail System. Two new segments are slated to be started this summer that go through Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park.

Well, there is a map of the complete planned/proposed trail system throughout Cobb County, including the sections to be built starting this summer through Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park! You may view it at:

https://cobbcountyga.maps.arcgis.com/apps/ MapSeries/index.html?appid=ceb277fc81b349318ae9 a88aa1c4d9b4

Also, note road closure article on page 1 and the map on page 14 with regard to the construction of the new segments.



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Additional Volunteers needed! Call today!

Why You Should Keep Your Dog on

#### a Leash!

When your dog(s) is(are) out in the woods, mind what they are eating. While this weed has a bitter taste, evidently some dogs like it, but it doesn't like them. (or another reason



why a dog should be kept on a leash.)

Photo by Fred Feltmann

This stuff is prevalent in some areas around Kennesaw Mountain. And it does grow in large patches, almost like a ground cover, but taller (a foot or more). (a photo of a single plant on Kennesaw Mountain)

https://wagwalking.com/condition/dogbane-poisoning

Fred Feltmann



#### 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 2020**

ALLATOONA HS NJROTC
BOY SCOUT TROOP 89
KING'S ACADEMY HS ARMY JROTC
HILLGROVE HS NJROTC
POPE HS - NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY
RIVER RIDGE HS
RIVER RIDGE HS ARMY JROTC
TRUST (KSU)
WALKER HS

#### FY 2021

ALLATOONA HS NJROTC KMTC CREW LEADERS KSU CROSS COUNTRY TEAM KSU HEALTH CLASS

#### **This Past Month's Volunteers**

WALTON HIGH SCHOOL

We had 8 volunteers from Walton High School along with 2 other volunteers participate in a Work Day on May 8, 2021 performing trail reclamation.





## Crew Leader & Trail Ambassador Positions Available!

Contact Bill Gurry (regarding Crew Leader positions) or Janie Brier (Trail Ambassador positions) if interested.

Bill Gurry - <a href="mailto:trails@kennesawmountaintrailclub.org">trails@kennesawmountaintrailclub.org</a></a>
Janie Brier - <a href="mailto:ambassador@kennesawmountaintrailclub.org">ambassador@kennesawmountaintrailclub.org</a>

#### Trail Ambassador Highlights May 2021

Sometimes in past and hopefully future park events you may be asked as a Trail Ambassador to help direct parking. Lots of questions arise when someone says to you "go help direct parking in the activity field." The first question which pops in your head may be, why me?! The next will probably be something sensible such as, how do I determine how long to make the rows and how much distance to put between the rows so cars can get out? Go to the Kennesaw Mountain Trail Club web site and you will be able to find an excellent power point demonstration on everything you want or need to know about directing volunteer parking. On April 17, Jay Haney presented a Zoom class on parking. Jim Atkins, George Smith, Karen Evanoff, Tom Tayler, Cindy Witt, Don Olds and Rena Bailey attended. These lucky individuals could ask questions from a master and get immediate answers. The rest of us will have to contend ourselves with viewing the power point Jay so graciously put on the club web site. Hope the next class is on a weekend I can attend!

If you haven't signed a volunteer service agreement and still wish to remain an active volunteer, please make an appointment with Amanda to get your paperwork signed. Her office is now back in the maintenance area. Please do not arrive without an appointment as she may not be available to assist you at that time.

A gentle reminder that I will step down as the Trail Ambassador Director effective October 01, 2021. If you have an interest in being the Trail Ambassador Director, please contact me at your earliest convenience. I am willing to be a backup as you transition into the role. The Trail Ambassador community is a cooperative and exceedingly understanding group of people who provided invaluable suggestions and unwavering support during my time as Director.

Janie Brier
Trail Ambassador Director

#### **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 <a href="http://www.kennesawmountaintrailclub.org">http://www.kennesawmountaintrailclub.org</a>
- 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

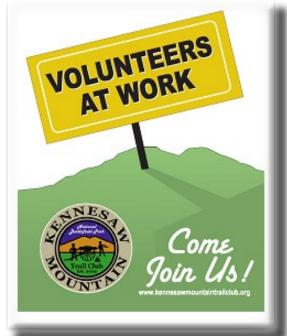
Whitlock Accounting Services

739 Kennesaw Avenue NW

Marietta, Ga. 30060

ALSO: Please check with employers about matching donations.

\* Corporate name is KEMO Trail Corps, Inc., a 501(c)(3) organization.



### Kennesaw Mountain Trail Club Calendar Date Time Location Event

All Work Days and events at Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park are cancelled indefinitely at this point (We are opening up work days for small groups).

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

The Park staff is conducting Virtual Events on their Facebook Page - <a href="https://www.facebook.com/pg/KMNBP/posts/?ref=page">https://www.facebook.com/pg/KMNBP/posts/?ref=page</a> internal

We will send out an email when events warrant a restart of regular work days and events and when the Visitor Center theater reopens.

The Mountain Top Concession Stand is now open weekends and Holidays through September, 2021, from 10 AM till 5 PM.

# Register for Our Work Days!

When we reopen our normal work days, be sure to



register online for our Work Days at <a href="http://signup.com/go/VvavYQi">http://signup.com/go/VvavYQi</a>. 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:

All planned work days for the upcoming months have been cancelled until further notice.

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 <a href="mailto:kmtctrails@kennesawmountaintrailclub.org">kmtctrails@kennesawmountaintrailclub.org</a> 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 as soon as we return to our normal work days.

#### A Marathon Not A Sprint

A quote from <u>www.history.com</u>, "On the morning of June 6, 1944, Allied Forces staged an enormous

assault.....". This of course refers to the D-Day invasion at the beaches of Normandy, France. One of the main ingredients of this operation was the amount of teamwork and individuals to accomplish the



mission. The assault lasted 2 months, 3 weeks and 3 days, and yet we often think of only one day, then all through the battle there were times of unimaginable courage and chaos. So many times things go on and last longer than the initial action; as was D-Day, it changed the course of history.

Now back to the trail. This past year has been unique because never before has the Trail Club been in the position that most all work has been performed by individuals or teams of just several volunteers. Read back through the newsletters and you'll find that on the monthly Trail Day, work would be performed together, en masse, at the same area. As leadership grew the club was able to utilize the action of assigning "Assault" teams to break away from the large group and concentrate their work at a particular area. It turns out that this year this type of operation has become the norm and I'd imagine that in the future volunteers will see that method of work more and more.

On my first Trail "Assault" assignment I led several volunteers to clear out a small section of trail. It was a simple task but there was a "mushy" area that needed attention. So along with tools I took gravel and 'old seasoned boards'. We cleared the trail and laid the boards; and on our team there was a young lady who happened to be an Ultra Marathon (50+ miles) Runner. After we'd done the work there were some who criticized that the boards would never last. But, the "Ultra runner" said that she ran over fixes like that all the time and that the installation would last. And even though I've forgotten how many years ago the work was done - the boards are still there, in place. We had fun doing that job, and took some criticism but we worked through it. Just thinking that maybe we were inspired by that one volunteer who had to push herself to compete in such long races.

In my distant memory, at this time of the year I was frequently training for the upcoming season of running races. I enjoyed running with several others but usually it was just myself. That same task of training is similar to what the assault team does while working on the trails or volunteering for a particular program. Yes, it's working as a team made up of unique individuals. And, those running races. a majority were 10K's - which also happens to be the length/frontal area of the Normandy Landing, 10k or 6+some miles. As for the Trail

Club, I'm not sure that the term "Assault" is even used any longer; it could easily be interpreted as "harsh or fighting", however it can also be defined as to make a concerted effort to get something accomplished.

Be sure to remember our Country's fighting forces on D-Day and also recall the work that has been done at the park both on the Trails and assisting visitors.

A marathon is staying power, not a sprint, think about that next time you're on the trail.

Thanks,

#### **Doug Tasse**





#### **NEW STEPS ON BIG K**

by Bill Gurry

Our planned workday for April 10 was cancelled. On April 23, Bob, Bill, Geoff, Mike, Rich, and Andy built two steps on Big K using loose rocks in the trail. Due to erosion, the existing steps were too high, and hikers were finding other ways around, including walking over an earthwork. The new steps are more gradual and more inviting to hikers. After 2 big rain events totaling about 9 inches and after thousands of passing feet, the steps are working very well.



BEFORE AFTER





BEFORE AFTER

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#### New Steps on Big K Continued from Page 8



The Great KMNBP Step Artiste at Work.

#### **TRASHING ON MAY 8**

The May 8 workday was a small affair with a group from Walton high school and two other volunteers.

Donald, Rich, Mike, and Fred took the volunteer group up Big K to trash social trails and the old pre 1973 trail up the spine of the mountain. If this doesn't work, nothing will!

Bill, Scott, and Geoff and a couple of very energetic volunteers cleaned the Big K fire road ditch, and the water from four springs was pouring down in the ditch. More work here to follow.

Thanks to the TAs for their support.

#### BIG PLAN ON PIGEON HILL AND little k

On May 7 Fred, Mike and Bill updated a trail assessment on the Pigeon Hill and little k trails done by Eric and Bill last summer. As a result, 22 projects were identified, photographed and written up. We will walk this trail once more to complete the plan. Saw 4 more projects were identified in other parts of the Park. These projects will be for two Student Conservation Association groups coming, first in late June and July, and second in September. We also hope to add an invasive plant day because: 1) it is important that, in addition to trail-building fun, these young people learn and appreciate the importance of preserving the valuable natural aspects of our National Park; and 2) because privet never sleeps. Anyone who wishes to be involved should contact Bill Gurry at billgurry@bellsouth. net. (If you've been working at the Park lately, you will notice our newly sharpened tools. This good work was done by an SCA leader group working on earthwork preservation this last winter.)

#### **JUNE WORK**

In June we have lots of stuff to do. On **Sunday, June 6**, a group from our good friend and supporter, REI, is sending a group out to do a service project. We hope to build trunpikes on the Environmental Trail. The plan is waiting for logistics and approval. We will need a couple of gator drivers, a

ditch witch driver, and a couple of dirt crew leaders. REI has been a big supporter of the Kennesaw Mountain Trail Club and of KMNBP in several ways in the past. Long ago, they sent out 260 people for a workday. We're expecting about 10 or so this time.

Our regular workday is scheduled for **Saturday, June 12**. We will continue working on the Environmental Trail. If for some reason we do not work on the Environmental Trail, we will work on Big K. Either way, we will assemble at the amphitheater with registration and parking as determined by the Trail Ambassadors. Stay tuned.

And finally, on June 21 the first SCA group arrives.

#### TRAIL CLUB MEMBERS RECUPERATING

Three of our trail friends have had big-time medical procedures recently – Old Boss Doug, Rena, and Geoff. As of this writing, all were doing well. We have decided not to complete all the possible trail work in the Park in June but to save some work for when they get back to work. Please send them an email of support.



Above - Cactus patch on Pigeon Hill. Ever since the die-off of the pines, these cacti have taken over parts of this area.

Below - Spiderwort. It can be found all over the park singly or in large groupings - it is a kind of invasive plant. It'll take over an area, like around the cannons on Little Kennesaw.

Flower photos by Fred Feltmann



#### Fido Needs Water Too!

As the dog days of summer rapidly approach us, I wanted to take the time to share a story that occurred several years ago on the Kolb East trail during the month of July.

We have lived adjacent to the trail for nearly 20 years and have seen our share of happiness as people and animals enjoy the outdoors; the oddities such as a man training for the Peachtree Road Race carrying a large log up on his shoulder like it was no big deal; and at times some elements of helplessness as some hikers ask us 'Where are we?', 'How do we get back to the parking lot?' ... and for this story a man struggling to walk back along the trail carrying his pet Doberman across both shoulders. We had seen him walk by with the older dog earlier, but certainly were alarmed to see him upset and carrying his best friend whom had succumbed to the heat. We rushed to his aid and brought his pet to our water hose to cool it off. Once the gentleman had caught his breath and the dog resumed a bit of eye movement, we drove him to his vehicle. He was headed for the nearest animal hospital. For years I wondered if his Doberman survived. It was such a sad thing to witness. He felt so very bad for bringing his overweight, older pet out in the heat.

Recently the gentleman was on the trail and saw me in my backyard. He came over to speak with me and reminded me who he was and of that sad day, which I in turn told him I had often wondered about the outcome. He told me his beloved pet passed away and he has lived with that guilt for a very long time, to the extent that for years he couldn't even bring himself to come and enjoy the trails. As time passed he decided it was time to share his story of how he had lost his best friend, and how he wanted to encourage other pet owners to please, please not overdo it with their pets, to watch for warning signs of distress and to provide water to them frequently. He wanted to thank my wife and I for our help all those years back.

He now has a new dog, and you can be sure that he provides the best care possible for his new best friend. The NPS rangers tell us that they have many instances each year of heat exhaustion in pets.

In closing, I encourage everyone to come out and enjoy the trails with your best friend whether they have 2 legs or 4, but take it easy and don't overdo it yourself or with them.

Richard Kozicki

#### **Summer On The Mountain**

The above article is very opportune at this time of year. I have seen not only pets but also hikers suffering from hyperthermia (heat exhaustion) over the years. Many hikers at Kennesaw Mountain set out on a simple hike not realizing how strenuous the climb is or where the trail goes. And so, they don't think to bring water with them! Ideally, you should bring/drink a quart of water an hour when hiking trails, especially in the summer. Additionally, a snack to

eat along the hike is not a bad idea either. So be good to yourself, and your best friend, and bring water for them as well as you. And, especially for your best friend, stay off of the Mountain Road when your hiking with him in the summer! That asphalt roadbed can reach 130 degrees or more! His/her paws will appreciate it!

The following website provides some symptoms to be aware of:

#### https://www.healthline.com/health/ hyperthermia#stages

One more thing, especially during the summer months. Be mindful of the weather forecast. Take it easy in the summer heat. Take plenty of breaks as well as drinking water. If there is a potential for thunderstorms, plan accordingly. At the first sound of thunder, be making tracks to head back to the trailhead, now! This mountain seems to be a magnet for lightning and is not the place to be in a thunderstorm!

Fred Feltmann

#### Life In The Park - May, 2021



Photo by Anne Page Mosby near Cheatham Hill Road parking lot.

May 8, 2021 Work Day
Photos by Fred Feltmann, except as noted.



















#### The Friends Of Kennesaw Mountain

The Friends of Kennesasw 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 **FriendsOfKMNBP.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 raise annual funding for projects and activities in the Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park.

Programs supported: Outdoor Education

KEMO Trail Club Living History Trail Ambassadors

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http://signup.com/go/VvavYQi

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Volunteer Sign-up website

**Amazon Smile** 

**KMTC** Website

Facebook Page

**NPS** Website

#### Kennesaw Mountain NBP 157th Virtual Battle Anniversary

May 21, 2021

Amanda Corman, Park Ranger

On Saturday, June 26, 2021, Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park will begin its commemoration of the 157<sup>th</sup> Battle Anniversary. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, last year's battle anniversary was held, for the first time, virtually. Although COVID-19 restrictions have been greatly reduced since last year's anniversary, the park will, once again, provide virtual programing to commemorate this annual event.

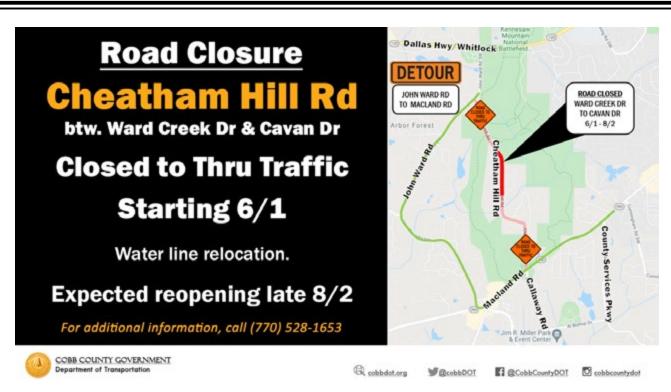
Similar to in person interpretative programs, the virtual anniversary will provide a variety of programming. Programs will include living history demonstrations, children's activities, an historian talk, and a musical program. This decades old tradition will be the second virtual battle anniversary and will be hosted on the park's social media pages.

The virtual programs will be held over the weekend of June 26 – 27, 2021. This year's programs will highlight the park's driving tour. Additional programming will highlight African American soldiers in the Atlanta Campaign, children's activities, Civil War music, and battlefield medicine. Programs will begin each day at 9:00 am through 4:00 pm with a mixture of both videos and posts. A flyer for the event follows on page 14 herein.

We hope that you will join us virtually for the 157<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Battle of Kennesaw Mountain and that we will be able to welcome everyone next year at the park for the 158<sup>th</sup> anniversary events.

For more information please visit: <a href="https://www.nps.gov/kemo">www.nps.gov/kemo</a>, <a href="https://www.nps.gov/kemo">www.facebook.com/KMNBP</a>, <a href="https://www.nps.gov/kemo">Kennesaw Mountain National</a> <a href="https://www.nps.gov/kemo">Battlefield Park YouTube channel</a>, as well as <a href="https://www.nps.gov/kemo">Instagram</a> and <a href="https://www.nps.gov/kemo">Twitter</a>.

**Note:** The videos noted on the next page will be initially available at the designated time. After the initial showing, the videos will continue to be available to enjoy at your leisure.



#### **Cheatham Hill Rd Closure Map**

See article on Front page!

#### Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park National Park Service Department of the Interior





# 157th Anniversary of the Battle of Kennesaw Mountain June 26 - 27, 2021



#### VIRTUAL PROGRAMMING

Facebook: www.facebook.com/KMNBP
YouTube: Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park Channel
(look for NPS Arrowhead)

#### **SATURDAY**

- 9:00 Introduction to the 157th Battle of Kennesaw Mountain 10:00 - June 22, 1864: The Battle of
  - Kolb Farm
- Presented by Andy Cole, Volunteer
- \* highlighting Driving Tour Stop 7 11:00 - African American Service in
- the Campaign for Atlanta
- Presented by Lee White, Chickamauga & Chattanooga NMP
- 12:00 Confederate Artillery of Kennesaw Mountain
- \* highlighting Driving Tour Stop 1 1:00 - Children's Activity: 19th Cen-
- tury Game Annie Over 2:00 - Artillery at the 24 Gun Battery
- \* highlighting Driving Tour Stop 2
- 3:00 Historic Cooking Demonstration
- Presented by Andy Cole, Volunteer
- 4:00 The Action on Kennesaw's Memorial Field
- \* highlighting the Kennesaw Mountain NBP Visitor Center

#### **SUNDAY**

- 9:00 Civil War Earthworks 10:00 - Pigeon Hill: To the Top \* highlighting Driving Tour Stop 4 11:00 - Music and Storytelling in the Civil War
- Presented by Lianne Christman, Volunteer and Ranger Jake
- 12:00 Command Decisions for the Assault on Cheatham Hill
- \* highlighting Driving Tour Stop 6 1:00 - Children's Activity: Marbles
- 2:00 Assault Trail: facing Fearful
- \* highlighting Driving Tour Stop 5
  3:00 Civil War Battlefield
- 3:00 Civil War Battlefield

  Medicine
- Presented by David Furukawa, Volunteer
- 4:00 Final Thoughts on the 157th Battle of Kennesaw Mountain



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#### Mountain Trailer Store Soon to be in Operation at Top of Kennesaw Mountain

Kennesaw, GA– Beginning May 8 and operating weekends and holidays through the end of September, American's National Parks Store, a partner of the National Park Service, will be selling convenience items at the parking lot at the top of Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park. America's National Parks Store operates a sales trailer in the spring and summer months to provide items that might be needed or wanted by park visitors. Items for sale will include bottled water, Powerade, snacks (including ice cream), caps, t-shirts, sunscreen, and more. The sales trailer will be in operation on Saturdays, Sundays and major holidays from 10:00a.m. – 5:00 p.m. This is the fifth year of the seasonal sales trailer operation at the mountaintop.

America's National Parks Store, a brand of Eastern National, is a not-for-profit cooperating association with Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park. Eastern National's mission is to promote the public's understanding and support of America's national parks and other public trust partners by providing quality experiences, products, and services. The proceeds from your sale with Eastern National help fund interpretive and educational programs locally at Kennesaw Mountain.

For more information, please visit the park website at www.nps.gov/kemo or call 770-427-4686.

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#### Find your next adventure with the new National Park Service app

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The new National Park Service app is available for download in the iOS App Store and Google Play Store. NPS image.

WASHINGTON – Just in time for National Park Week, the new National Park Service (NPS) mobile app (go.nps.gov/app) is now available for visitors to national parks across the country. Created by park rangers with visitors in mind, the NPS App gives the public up-to-date information about all 423 national parks in one easy-to-use app.

Visitors can download the NPS App in the iOS App Store and Google Play Store to plan a trip, find interactive maps, download maps and tours ahead of time and find things to do and places to visit during **National Park Week** and beyond.

"National Park Week is a time for us to celebrate national parks and experience them in new ways," said **Deputy Director Shawn Benge.** "We hope that visitors will recognize this opportunity to use the NPS App to discover their next national park adventure and learn more about these incredibly special places."

During a time when many visitors are choosing to visit parks close to home, users of the App will be able to find a selection of nearby parks to explore. While planning a trip, users can build personalized trips and save and share information about their upcoming adventure with friends or family. The app is available offline, so visitors can download necessary resources ahead of time – especially important for visits to more remote areas.

While on a visit to national parks, the public is reminded to <u>recreate responsibly</u>, follow park safety guidelines and wear masks while inside all federal facilities and outside where physical distancing cannot be maintained.

The NPS App is fully accessible and includes tools for visitors with accessibility needs. While in the park, visitors can access self-guided tours to learn more about the park, create and share a virtual postcard and stay informed of alerts and closures.

With millions of visitors to national parks every year, visitors need a trusted source for park information available on their mobile device in one single app. During this first stage of the app, NPS staff are continuing to add detailed information and resources for users. The NPS App will continue to be a tool for visitors in the years to come as NPS staff develop new features to enhance the experience of visitors to national parks.

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