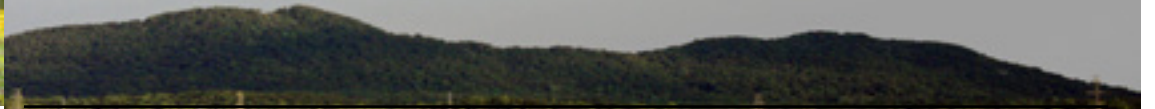


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159th Anniversary - June 24/25, 2023

This year's Battle Anniversary will be held on June 24th and 25th. A tentative calendar of activities is included on page 11. The activities include 3 topical history hikes, artillery and infantry demonstrations and a children's tent for games and activities. Watch for schedule updates.



Photo by James Turner - 158th Anniversary

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 19th!

List of Abbreviations

FOKM - Friends of Kennesaw Mountain
KMNBP - Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park
KMTC - Kennesaw Mountain Trail Club
NPS/KEMO - National Park Service/Kennesaw Mountain
VHP - Veterans History Project
VC - Visitor Center

Friends/KMTC Merger

Committees within each organization have been formed. This will be a significant effort. The merger of the two newsletters is just a first of a long series of steps that must be evaluated. Stay tuned! Starting in July, there will be only one Fundraising effort. The KMTC and Friends Fundraising effort will be consolidated into one and will be displayed in the main section of this newsletter. Please note you will have the ability to commit your pledge to either the Friends and / or to specific aspects - e.g. KMTC, Living History.

Park Update Notes

Updated

- **There will be volunteer spotlights on Facebook and Instagram**
- **Mountain road is being re-stripped to help sort out cars, pedestrians, bicycles**
- Road to summit - a future project study is in progress
 - 2nd shuttle bus is being proposed to move people about the park
- Reroute of New Salem Church Trail has started – expecting completion **Fall, 2023.**
- Signs will be going up
 - New signage about the park history is coming
 - No “Bicycle on Trails” signs going up
 - Looking at putting up signs “Your Fee Dollars at Work”
- More special speakers are being planned
- Bicycle racks & multi-use trails to complete in June 23 - **Completed!**
- 160th battle planning has started (monthly meetings)
- Cannon Restoration - 23 cannons (multi-year project)
 - All cannon barrels are from the Civil War
 - All carriages are replicas and will be refurbished/rebuilt
- **Plans for Mountain Top restrooms are in process**
- **New Rotary intersections will be installed at Stilesboro and Old 41 and at Kennesaw Ave and Old 41**
Work to begin in 2025
- EV Charging Stations
 - A joint NPS/Friends study is being done to install EV charging stations at various parking lots in the Park
 - Electrical power lines have been installed.

Patrick Gamman

Superintendent

Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park



Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park Guidebook

The Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park Guidebook sponsored by the Friends of KMNBP is now available on Amazon.

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!

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Additional Volunteers needed! Call today!

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Calendar of Events - Friends/KMTC

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Event</u>
June			
6/3	9 am - 1 pm	Visitor Center	Trail Ambassador Training Class
6/10	8:00 am - noon	TBD	Work Day/National Trails Day - Burnt Hickory or Cheatham Hill Drive
6/24	9:00 am - 5:00 pm	Various Locations	159th Anniversary
6/25	9:00 am - 4:00 pm	Various Locations	159th Anniversary
July			
7/8	8:00 am - noon	TBD	Work Day
7/12	6:00 pm - 8 pm	Visitor's Center	Friends of KMNB Meeting
7/25	6:30 pm - 8 pm	Visitor's Center	KMTC Board Meeting
August			
8/9	6:00 pm - 8 pm	Visitor's Center	Friends of KMNB Meeting
8/12	8:00 am - noon	TBD	Work Day

The Park staff is conducting Virtual Events on their Facebook Page - https://www.facebook.com/pg/KMNB/posts/?ref=page_internal

See pages 6, 7, and 10 for a listing of NPS-sponsored events for the month of June.

See page 4 for a general listing of Friends and KMTC events that will be occurring for the remainder of the Fiscal Year.

Current Status Of Park

All NPS outdoor events at Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park are being conducted.

All trails are open, except as noted, below. All parking lots are open. The Mountain Road parking lot is open when the Mountain Road is open.

Visitor Center is now open; masks are *optional*.

The Visitor Center theater is open - the movie is being shown.

The Mountain Rd. is open to motorized vehicles on weekdays only (excluding major holidays), however the Park bus is not making trips on the weekend to the Mountain Top until further notice."

Trail closures

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.

The Salem Church trail is currently closed where it crosses Burnt Hickory Rd., the multiuse trail is being completed and there is a temporary Salem Church Trail reroute. Current plans are to have the reroute completed in the fall, 2023.

Fiscal 2023 General Schedule of Events

June 3, 2023 *	Trail Ambassador Training Class
June 10, 2023	Trail Work Day/National Trail Day
June 24 & 25, 2023	159th Battle Anniversary
July 8, 2023	Trail Work Day
July 12, 2023	<i>Friends of KMNBP Board Mtg</i>
July 25, 2023	<i>KMTC Board Meeting</i>
August 9, 2023	<i>Friends of KMNBP Board Mtg</i>
August 12, 2023	Trail Work Day
September 09, 2023	Trail Work Day/ National Public Lands Day
September 13, 2023	<i>Friends of KMNBP Board Mtg</i>
September 16, 2023	<i>KMTC Annual Meeting</i>
October 11, 2023	<i>Friends of KMNBP Board Mtg</i>
October 14, 2023	Trail Work Day
October 24, 2023	<i>KMTC Board Meeting</i>

If interested in attending the KMTC Board meeting, contact **Donald Olds:**
president@kennesawmountaintrailclub.org

If interested in attending the Friends Board meeting, contact **Scott Mackay:**
President@TheFriendsOfKMNBP.onmicrosoft.com

** Updated*

New Salem Church Trail/ New Trail Reroute

Just a reminder that the Salem Church Trail at Burnt Hickory crossing is closed. This is a part of the multi trail project from Cobb D.O.T. The trail itself is not closed just at the crossing at Burnt Hickory. Work has begun on the new trail reroute by my staff and the trail club. Thank you all for your patience and understanding.

Ladrick Downie

Facility Manager

Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park

Expect delays at Dallas Hwy and Whitlock Ave

Some work continues on the trail segment along Whitlock Ave, and some delays can still be expected. 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/explore>.

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.





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Kennesaw Mountain News Release

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.

[The National Park Service](#)

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Kennesaw Mountain History Hiking Challenge

Spend some time learning the history behind some of your favorite trails and earn a prize!

See the monthly interpretive program for the hike schedules - pages 7 & 8 this month.

- ⇒ Pigeon Hill Hike
- ⇒ Mountain-top Hike
- ⇒ Assault Trail Hike
- ⇒ 24 Gun Battery Hike
- ⇒ CCC Camp (New for 2023!)

Between Memorial Day and Labor Day, attend two Ranger-led history hikes

- Along with hiking the following trails on your own
- ⇒ Mountain Loop Trail (5.8 miles)
 - ⇒ Kolb Farm Loop (5.1 miles)
 - ⇒ Noses Creek and Cease Fire Trail to Illinois Monument (5.6 miles)

Then, turn in your log sheet to the Visitor Center to claim your prize!

Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park **HISTORY HIKING CHALLENGE!**

Spend some time with our rangers and learn about the history of your favorite hiking spots!

How does it work?

- Between Memorial Day and Labor Day, attend at least two Ranger-led History Hikes and hike all of the “On Your Own” trails
- Have a Ranger sign off on your log sheet after you have completed a hike
- 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.

History Hikes	Date Completed	Ranger Signature
Pigeon Hill Hike		
Mountain-Top Hike		
Assault Trail Hike		
24-Gun Battery Hike		
CCC Camp Hike (New for 2023!)		

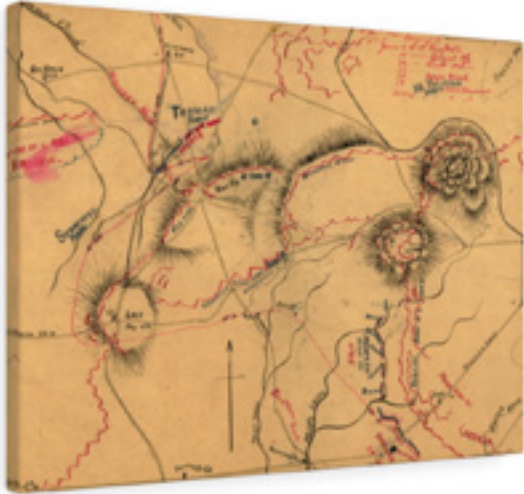
“On Your Own”	Date Completed	Ranger Signature
Mountain Loop Trail (5.8 miles)		
Kolb Farm Loop (5.1 miles)		
Noses Creek and Cease Fire Trail to Illinois Monument (5.6 miles)		

Ranger programs are scheduled for the next month at the end of the current month. Scheduled ranger programs are posted on our website, Facebook page and in the Visitor Center. Programs are subject to change due to weather. Please call 770-427-4686 in advance to confirm times and locations.

The Friends of Kennesaw Mountain Webstore

The Friends of Kennesaw Mountain is excited to announce our new webstore! Our first product is a unisex T-shirt, which is 100% cotton. The design on the back of the shirt shows Kennesaw Mountain and the Visitor Center. It is inspired by the New Deal travel posters from the 1930's. The shirt can be purchased online for \$20 at <https://friendsofkmnbp.org/shop/>. Visit our website! *New items have been added!*

Andrew Bramlett



Some of the items for sale.

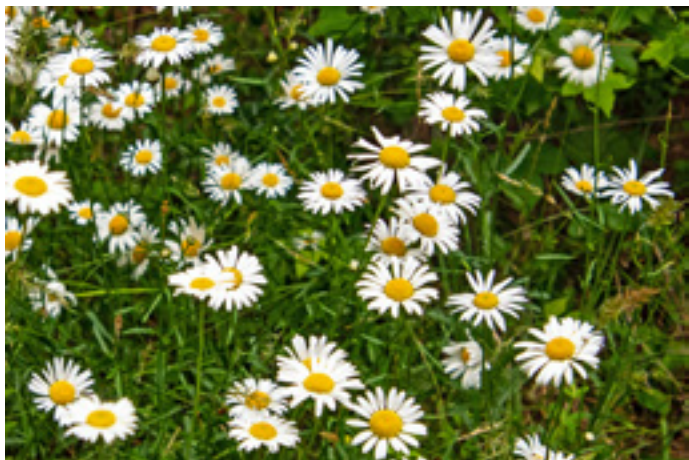


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Park Moments....
Photos by Fred Feltmann





Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park Interpretive Programs for June

*All programs are outdoors and weather dependent.

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

Museum Tours every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday @ 2:00 pm!

June 3, @2 pm – 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 the Illinois Monument parking lot***

June 4, @11 am – Guided Mountain Top Hike

This ranger - led hike will take you roughly 1 mile up to the peak of Big Kennesaw Mountain. Along the way, you'll learn about the flora and fauna of the area and the history that shapes us from pre - history, through Civil War and on to today. The hike is semi - strenuous so bring water and good shoes.

June 10, @ 11 am, 12, 2 and 3 – 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. Our living historians will hold camp and shoot the cannon at the above- listed times. Will be held at the front field.

June 11, @ 11 am – Life of a Soldier

Life for the infantry soldier (Union or Confederate) was anything but easy. Long marches, bad food, and worse living conditions made it tough going for these young men. Join us while we use period specific uniforms, gear, and even weapons to bring these stories to life.

June 17, @ 2 pm – The Importance of Civil War Earthworks

Used for centuries as protection on the battlefield, earthworks played a vital part in the American Civil War. The program, to be conducted at Cheatham Hill, will address the use of earthworks during the Civil War and the importance they had during the Atlanta Campaign and the Battle of Kennesaw Mountain.

****This program is not at the Visitor Center; parking is at the Illinois Monument parking lot***

June 18, @ 11 am – Guided Assault Trail Hike

On June 27th, 1864, nearly 9,000 Union soldiers made a historic charge into what they believed would be death or capture. Follow in the footsteps of these brave men as this ranger - guided tour explores the heaviest area of fighting during the battle.

****This program is not at the Visitor Center; parking is at the Activity Area 3 on Cheatham Hill Rd.***

June 24 - 25, 159th Anniversary of the Battle of Kennesaw Mountain!

Join us for a history packed weekend of events to commemorate the Battle of Kennesaw Mountain! We will have 'round the clock guided hikes, living history programs, and even children's activities. For more details, visit www.nps.gov/kemo, or call 770-429-4686.

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

Summer at the Mountain

By: *Amanda Corman, Volunteer Coordinator*

With summer quickly approaching, Kennesaw Mountain NBP is officially in it's busy season...is there really a slow time at the park? Although COVID-19 is now a common part of our lives, most of the park's previous programs and projects have returned. There has been countless field trips, interpretation programs, guided hikes, trail projects and now even a full living history demonstration schedule.

With this in mind, the park has a couple of events that we hope volunteers will be able to participate in: the 159th Battle of Kennesaw Mountain Anniversary (June 24 – 25, 2023) and the Marietta Let Freedom Ring Parade (July 4, 2023).

We look forward to recognizing the wonderful volunteers and promote the Kennesaw Mountain NBP volunteer program to the community during the Marietta Let Freedom Ring Parade.

For more information, please contact Amanda Corman at KEMO_volunteer@nps.gov.

We look forward to seeing everyone this summer!



*Photos by Fred Feltmann.
158th Anniversary - June, 2022*





Fundraising Committee Formed

A fundraising committee comprised of Bart Henderson and Kathy Bearden has been formed. They have lots of projects to work on!

New this month is a revised Pledge Card. As part of the planned merger of the Friends and the Trail Club, we are consolidating the fundraising process. The revised pledge card allows the donator to designate where his/her donation will go. The options are:

- Friends - General
- KMTC
- Living History
- Endowment Fund

The Friends fund will support the overall organization and the funds will be apportioned to all subtier organizations, as needed.

Regarding the KMTC option, funds donated will be used specifically to do maintenance, restoration and development of new trails at the Park.

Regarding the Living History option, funds donated will be used toward the Living History subtier organization's operations at the Park.

The endowment fund will be used establish a future base of funds for all activities within the Friends of Kennesaw Mountain, such as development of new trails, facilities and equipment for any of the subtier Friends organizations.

Endowment Fund Planned

Scott Mackay is working on the establishment of an endowment fund. Details will follow.

New Park Map(s) in the Planning Stages

A committee has been established to update the Park Maps. The committee is made up of Lindsay Barnes, Cartographer, and Charles Kays, Project Coordinator.

Donate By Way Of PayPal!

You can now make donations by way of your PayPal Account! Simply click on the website address in the donation section on page 17, item # 2. And as an added benefit, PayPal does not deduct a fee for the donation!

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

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

For more information on these positions, contact Scott Mackay - President@TheFriendsOfKMNB.org.



Marietta Wine Market Fundraiser.

Photo by Fred Feltmann

Contact List - Updated 4/25/23

POSITION	NAME
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Vice President	Donald Olds
Secretary	Kim Sherk
Parliamentarian	Jason Shepherd
Treasurer	Tom Okerberg
Communications	Fred Feltmann
Newsletter Editor	Fred Feltmann
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Social Media	Andrew Bramlett
Fundraising	Bart Henderson
	Kathy Bearden
Citizen Science Program	Jessica Stephenson
	Reaves
Disbursements	Lewis Bramlett
Archives	Vacant
Membership	Vacant
Outreach	Matthew Dobson*
Living History Liaison	Andy Cole
Trail Club Liaison	Jay Haney
Eastern National Liaison	Dan Beard
Events Planner	Kathy Bearden
Accessibility Advocate	Marjorie Rogers
Map Project	Charles Kays
	Linsay Barnes
Grant Writer	Holly Ringle

Board Members:	
Bart Henderson	
Dan Beard	Scott Johnson
Kathy Bearden	John Nash
Lewis Bramlett	Marjorie Rogers
Andy Cole	Jason Shepherd
Jay Haney	Kim Sherk

A Special Thanks!

Each year we have members and volunteers who donate their time and talent in support of all the happenings at Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park. Following is a list, in alphabetical order, of the members who have donated their time and/or talent. Those who participated during Fiscal 2020(October 2019- September 2020 and Fiscal 2021 (October 2020 - Present):

FY 2020

GUIDE BOOK PROJECT - RACHEL ELEY

ORAL HISTORY PROJECT - SUSAN CAOLA

TIME KEEPING PROJECT - SCOTT MACKAY

FY 2021

GUIDE BOOK PROJECT - RACHEL ELEY

ORAL HISTORY PROJECT - SUSAN CAOLA

TIME KEEPING PROJECT - SCOTT MACKAY

FY 2022

GUIDE BOOK PROJECT - RACHEL ELEY, SCOTT MACKAY, FRED FELTMANN

FY 2023

MAP PROJECT - CHARLES KAYS

LINSAY BARNES

GIS PROJECT - OPEN



Website - Friends

<https://friendsofkmnbp.org/>

Website - NPS

www.nps.gov/kemo

Facebook Page - Friends

<https://www.facebook.com/FriendsofKMnBP>

Facebook Page - NPS

<https://www.facebook.com/KMNBP>

Twitter

<https://twitter.com/FKmnbp>

Instagram

<https://www.instagram.com/FriendsofKMnBP/>

* updated



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.

2023 Projects(s) - May status

- Painted Rock Restoration (National Park Lands Day) - **Completed; additional work days to be planned**
 - Raise funding for trail improvements, living history, new cannon & trailer - **in process**
 - Fundraising goal established for FY 2023 - **\$76,600**
 - Fall Friends Alliance Conference - Nov 1 - 3 at Great Smokey NP (**Completed**)
 - Raise community support for new restrooms, Wallis House & Trail to Anderson Hill - **in process**
 - Help with scripts for the Augmented Reality App filming has started and many stories are in work - **in process**
 - Spring Friends Alliance Conference - May- Washington DC (Scott Mackay participated)
 - Support the battle anniversary (159th Anniversary - **June, 2023**). **Help to advertise, set-up as it occurs**
 - Support Volunteer Fair planning in process (**Date TBD**)
 - Continue support to all park activities - **continuing**
 - Provide funding/publicity/signs for 5 bike racks to promote alternative transportation to/from the Park (not for trail riding) - **Purchased; to be installed, June 2023**
- Provide support/funding for 160th Anniversary (June 2024) - **in process**
- Fund Raiser - **May 17th, Marietta Wine Market - 5 - 7 pm (Success!!)**



Become a supporting member of the Friends of Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park (KMNPB)

The Friends of KMNPB's mission is to raise funds to support programs and projects at the Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park.

These include:

Hiking/Equestrian Trail improvements and Maintenance

Museum improvements and expansion

Living History Demonstrations

Additional parking and restrooms

Guest speakers

More

Our long term goal is to establish endowments to provide perpetual sources of funding for the programs that make the park special for all of us and generations to come.



Your annual membership will help us achieve our goals. We are a 501(c)(3) tax deductible organization. 100% of all funds received are put to use for and at the Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park.

Annual membership levels:

Individuals

- \$15 Corporal (Student)
- \$25 Sergeant
- \$100 First Sergeant
- \$300 Ordinance Sergeant
- \$500 Quarter Master
- \$1,000 Sergeant Major
- \$1,500+ General

Businesses

- \$150 Company
- \$300 Regiment
- \$500 Brigade
- \$1,000 Division
- \$15,000 Corps
- \$25,000+ Army



Five Ways To Donate

You can support the Friends in 5 ways:

1. Directly through our website - <https://friendsofkmnbp.org/giving-membership/donate/>
2. Through PayPal - <https://www.paypal.com/US/fundraiser/charity/3750205>
3. Through Guidestar (Network for Good) - <https://www.nfggive.com/donation/83-4627827>
4. QR Code:



5. Or, by mailing to:
Friends of KMNPB
905 Kennesaw Mountain Drive
Kennesaw, GA 30152

Thanks for your support!

Please Use the pledge card on the following page when mailing in a donation.

Please check with your company to see if they will match your gift.



FRIENDS OF KENNESAW MOUNTAIN

FY 2023 Fundraising Goals

Following is a list of the fundraising goals for this year:

- \$2,000 - FY 2023 Friends administrative budget.
- \$3,000 - 159th Battle Anniversary - meals, incidentals
- \$10,000 - Funds to be used in conjunction with the Park to acquire an additional cannon and trailer (total cost estimated to be \$82,000) for the Living History program.
- \$3600 - to provide for the purchase of 5 bicycle racks and signage for them.
- \$50,000 - seed money for the 160th Anniversary of the Battle of Kennesaw Mountain (June, 2024) - total estimate for event is expected to be approximately \$150,000.
- \$10,000 - to fund various activities of the Living History program, the Friends and the Kennesaw Mountain Trail Club.

Total to be raised during the current fiscal year - \$76,600. See the bottom of this page for a pledge card, or send your donation by one of the methods identified on page 15.

In addition, the funding of an Endowment Fund. Details will be discussed at future Board meetings.

Friends of Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park		One Payment	_____
2023 Pledge Card		Quarterly Payment	_____
		Monthly Payment	_____
Name _____		Does your company match? Y__ N__	
Address _____		Invoice me _____	
City, State, Zip _____		(Monthly __ Quarterly __)	
Phone _____		Check enclosed _____	
Email _____		(Payable to " <i>Friends of KMNBP</i> ")	
Complete and mail to:	Pledge:	Credit Card Number: _____	
Friends of Kennesaw Mountain	General Fund - Friends _____	Expiration date _____	
Attn: 2023 Pledge	Trail Club - _____	Security Code _____	
905 Kennesaw Mountain Drive	Living History - _____	<i>I wish to remain anonymous</i> _____	
Kennesaw, GA 30152	Endowment Fund _____		
	<i>Check one or designate amount for each.</i>		
	Amt		
	Individuals		
	\$15 Corporal (Student) _____		
	\$25 Sergeant _____		
	\$100 First Sergeant _____		
	\$300 Ordinance Sergeant _____		
	\$500 Quarter Master _____		
	\$1,000 Sergeant Major _____		
	\$1,500 General _____		
	Other Amount \$ _____		
	Corporate		
	\$150 Company _____		
	\$300 Regiment _____		
	\$500 Brigade _____		
	\$1,000 Division _____		
	\$15,000 Corps _____		
	\$25,000 Army _____		
	Other Amount \$ _____		

May 17, 2023 Friends of KMNB Fundraiser

We raised \$1,623 in our 3rd fund raiser at the Marietta Wine Market!

Thank you to all of you who helped make this happen and to our partners like Eastern National who donated items for us to raffle off. I want to especially thank Kathy and Bart for all of their planning and logistics work, as well as Rena for her assistance with managing the cash register.

Together we can do great things.

Scott Mackay

President

Friends of Kennesaw Mountain



Photos by Kathy Bearden.

Electric Vehicle (EV) Charging Stations

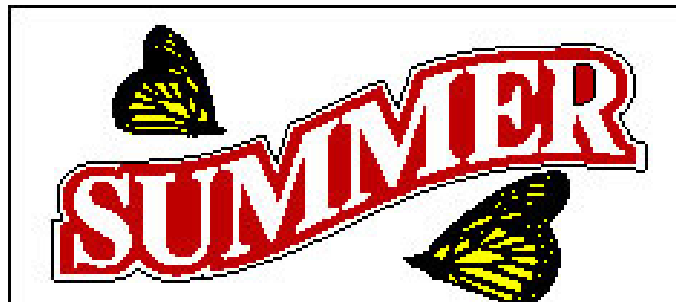
- Plan for initial level 2 chargers*:
- Visitor Center = 2
- Old 41 = 4
- Burnt Hickory = 2
- Cheatham Hill Road = 2
- Visitors will be able to charge EVs using their credit cards
- Park will supply equipment & power
- The Friends will handle sales transactions and pass proceeds to the park for projects
- <https://adoptacharger.org/> is trying to find a sponsor to provide some free EV charging to park visitors
- Many national parks now have or are looking into installation of EV charges



- Cobb EMC approved to start power feeds in October
- Charger installation is out for bidding

CT4000 Family Level 2 Charging Station
**2 vehicles per station*

Scott Mackay is coordinating these two projects with the Park staff.





EARTHWORKS

Workday 05-13-23

We had 12 crew leaders for the workday. The Crew Leaders were Aron, Bill, Curt, Donald, Eric, Fred, Robert, Scott, Stewart, Todd, Tom, and Mike. We had 5 Ambassadors, they were Cathy, Debbie, JoAnne, Laurie, and Rena. They did registration and directed the volunteers to the parking area. We had 10 volunteers. Fred took pictures. The volunteers were from the Atlanta Outdoor Club, the Citadel Club of Northwest GA (an Alumni Club), and individuals. Michael Christman, NPS, assisted and provided advice.



On Saturday, I welcomed the volunteers, conducted the safety briefing, and split our volunteers into two teams at the Cheatham Hill parking Lot. I then went between Teams answering questions and ensuring the workplan was being followed.

Team 1 was led by Bill with Tom and Todd assisting and included the Citadel Alumni group plus a few of the individuals. They worked on lines 1, 4, and 5 of the workplan. They debarbed their lines, "naturalized" a social trail on line 1, and repaired the steps on line 4. As time ran out, they joined Team 2 to work on line 5 - working on the turnpike on the south side of John Ward Creek.

Team 2 was led by Curt with Robert and Stewart assisting and included the Atlanta Outdoor Club, and the remaining individuals. They worked on lines 2, 3, and 5 of the workplan. They debarbed their lines, "naturalized" a trail creep on line 2, and worked on the turnpike on the north side of the bridge going over John Ward Creek on line 5.

Eric and Aron removed branches of trees protruding into the trail with loppers and trashed out a couple of social trails.

On Friday, May 12, Aron, Bill, Eric, Tom, and Mike reviewed the work planned and put the flags out.

Mike Collett
Trails Director

Come join us for Trail Ambassador Training - 6/3/23!

Trail Ambassadors help the park in a variety of ways. TA's hike the trails, help the patrons, assist with trail workdays and assist the park with a variety of educational programs. The TA training will be Saturday, June 3, from 9 am to 1 pm at the Visitor's Center at 900 Kennesaw Mountain Drive, Kennesaw, 30152 Following the training, you will be required to shadow a regular Trail Ambassador at a couple of events. This will give you a chance to find out what activities that you enjoy and to see the breadth of activities that Trail Ambassadors do. There is something for everyone!

At the training on Saturday, June 3rd, you will cover the history of the park, park regulations, responsibilities, and the uniform. Being an active Trail Ambassador looks nice on a resume. It shows leadership skills, and community involvement. If you hike the trails, then wear the uniform and count the time as volunteer service.

TA's must be 16 years of age. 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>



Participants are encouraged to wear casual clothes and closed toed shoes. Coffee and donuts will be provided.

Parking will be in the field near the Visitor's Center. A temporary vehicle pass will be given out at registration. (Regular KEMO or NPS park passes are not accepted in the field.)

If you have any questions, please contact Wendy Turner at ambassador@kennesawmountaintrailclub.org for more information. We look forward to seeing you there!

Sign up - [3 June Trail Ambassador Training](#)
Have a great day!

Rena Bailey

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 2022 (October 2021-September 2022 and Fiscal 2023 (October 2022-Present):

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
McEACHERN HIGH SCHOOL
MOUNT PARAN
WHEELER HS, HELPING HANDS



FY 2023

ALLATOONA HS NJROTC
ATLANTA OUTDOOR CLUB (AOC)
THE CITADEL CLUB OF NORTHWEST GA
GA TECH ROTC
HARRISON HIGH SCHOOL
HILLGROVE HS NJROTC
KING'S ACADEMY HS AJROTC
KSU
KSU VOLUNTEER DAY STUDENTS
MARIETTA HS SPORTSMANS CLUB

This Past Month's Volunteers

For our May work day, we had 12 crew leaders, 5 Trail Ambassadors and 10 volunteers. Thanks! The volunteers were comprised of the following groups, along with a couple of individuals:

ATLANTA OUTDOOR CLUB
THE CITADEL CLUB OF NORTHWEST GA

“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 8 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 Gayle McAllister/Wendy Turner (Trail Ambassador positions) if interested.

A training class for prospective Trail Ambassadors will be conducted June 3, 2023 (see page 18 for details).

Mike Collett - trails@kennesawmountaintrailclub.org

Kathy Van Valkenburg/Wendy Turner -
ambassador@kennesawmountaintrailclub.org

June 10, 2023 Work Day

Our next workday is Saturday, June 10, 2023. We will be working on the Noses Creek Trail north of the Noses Creek Bridge unless the New Salem Church Trail Reroute issues are resolved. Either way we will be meeting at the Pigeon Hill parking Lot.

Mike Collett
Trails Director

May 20, 2023 Crew Leader Class

We had 3 take part in the Crew Leader Training yesterday. Aron took the class as a new Crew Leader, Stewart as a refresher course, and Joyce as an interested person.

Mike Collett

2023/2024 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 2023/2024 big “ask.” We need your help with this, even small donations help. We will conclude this drive at the end of FY 2024 (September, 2024).

As we approach our 21st year in operation, we ask you to please think ‘21’, like \$21.. \$42.. \$63..... \$210... \$2100. 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.”

Four Ways To Donate

You can support the Friends in 4 ways:

1. Directly through our website - <http://www.kennesawmountaintrailclub.org>
2. Through Guidestar (Network for Good) - <https://tinyurl.com/ra4d8dj>
3. Through PayPal - <https://www.paypal.com/US/fundraiser/charity/1806848>
4. Send a tax deductible contribution to:

Kennesaw Mountain Trail Club
Attn: Tom Okerberg
Whitlock Accounting Services
739 Kennesaw Avenue NW
Marietta, Ga. 30060

Thanks for your support!



Register for Our Work Days!

Be sure to register online for our Work Days at 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>

For June's work day, parking and registration will be in the field adjacent to the Pigeon Hill Parking Lot - located at the intersection of Burnt Hickory Rd and Old Mountain Rd. Temporary 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, 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.

Cancellation policy

If rain is forecast for the work day, we will issue a cancellation notice on our website at least 24 hours before hand. In addition, during the winter months, if the temperature is forecast to be below 40 degrees, we will also issue a cancellation at least 24 hours prior to the work day.

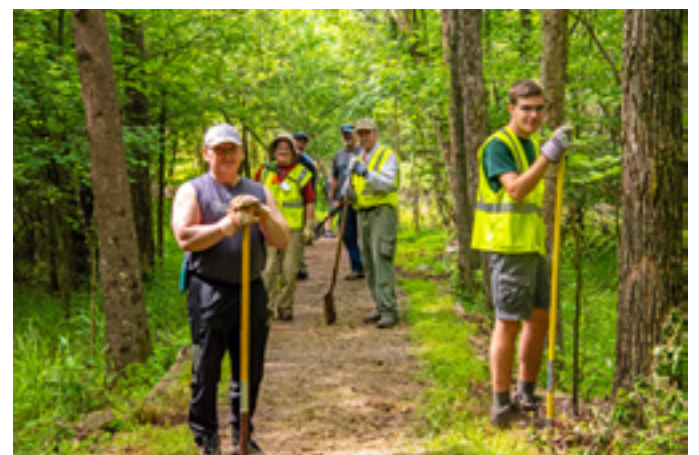
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NPS Website		https://www.nps.gov/KEMO
Facebook Page		http://www.facebook.com/kmtcsocial
Volunteer Sign-up website*		www.tinyurl.com/27ef2vph

** updated*

5/13/23 Work Day

Photos by Fred Feltmann



Life Scout Service Project

On 5/21/23, A Life Scout from Troop 204, along with 3 of his fellow Scouts and a couple of parents, completed his Life Scout Service project. His project entailed cleaning tools in our tool shed, along with cleaning and reorganizing the contents. Attached photos were taken by Donald Olds, who provided Club oversight for the project.

Thanks for a job well done!!!



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KENNESAW MOUNTAIN NATIONAL BATTLEFIELD PARK

Trail Maintenance Map

