



# EARTHWORKS

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## March 12th, 2016 Trail Day Work

### Plan - 8:30 AM - 1:00 PM

Work Site:

All volunteers will assemble at Burnt Hickory Parking Lot. Main work areas include – Little K Cut-off Trail, Little Pigeon Trail up to the tunnel or cave rock, and Invasive Plant Removal by Burnt Hickory Rd.

#### Time:

Work is 8:30 AM – 1:00 PM. Please arrive by 8:15 am, so that teams can be assembled.

#### Teams:

Invasive Plant Removal will be clearing privet and cleaning up leftover debris. A wood chipper will be in place for this. Little K Cut-off Trail – Finish repairs along trail by removing

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## Hero if Just for a Day

With the recent passing of singer/actor David Bowie, I started thinking of some of his songs and various antics or guises during his life. It may be hard for some to think of him as a hero, but in his own way he was a ground breaker. And that's a lot of what we do - of course it's mostly actual ground that we break - but use the web and look up some of his lyrics; fascinating stuff. It takes courage to change and also hold onto one's values.

Our club has evolved and changed in the many years that we've been associated with Kennesaw Mountain National Battle Field Park. We started with just a few members and only a handful of volunteers. Now our group of trained Trail Ambassadors, Crew Leaders and Board Members is approaching 80 people. Our volunteers on Trail Day easily number over 100 and I believe February was a new record. We host events for hundreds of school children, senior hikers and several corporate events every year.

The many different aspects of our club require organization, willingness to change as directed or as the situation requires. Most importantly, it takes people willing to do the job: planning, writing proposals, logistics, assisting with programs and, yes, even working. We appreciate everyone who has performed service with us. Also, thank you to those who have responded to our "Think 15" fund raising request (\$\$\$ is still needed – see last month's Newsletter - and page 8 of this month's newsletter).

Now, if you want to be a 'Hero,' think about moving up to a leadership position and become more involved with KMTC. No question that we all help each other, but only you can make the choice to do more. One of my favorite quotes from David Bowie is: "You would think that a rock star being married to a supermodel would be one of the greatest things in the world. It is." Obviously, Mr. Bowie never volunteered with us – however, is enjoying the park and working with us one of the greatest things in the World? It is!

Come and step up, donate, help. You make the choice. And as the David Bowie lyric says: "You can be a hero, if just for one day."

Thanks,

*Doug Jasse*  
President KMTC

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rock, widening, leveling, and topping with dirt to smooth trail. Install drain pipe and build up trail over wet area. Pigeon Hill/Little K Trail: Teams will work 20 yd. areas intensively starting at the Cut-off trail up to the rocky cave area. Install water bars, crib walls & de berm as needed.

### Registration:

BURNT HICKORY ROAD PARKING LOT. Please arrive By 8:15 Am.

Have a SAFE & Great TRAIL WORK DAY!

It helps us plan if you could pre-sign up on "Volunteer Spot" & if possible, (please also refer to FACEBOOK & like us!)

VOLUNTEER!! YOUR PARK NEEDS YOU!!

Thanks,

*Ken Hale*  
KMTC Trail Director



**YOUNG HARRIS COLLEGE**  
**OUTDOOR**  
**LEADERSHIP**

Mr. Doug and Mr. Jay,  
Thank yall so much for sharing  
your knowledge about the trail  
and sharing your own experience!

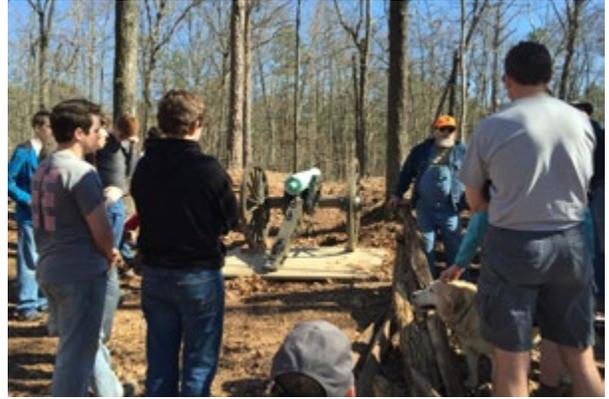
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Additional Volunteers needed! Call today!



*Cannon Crew and several Eagle Scout candidates help place cannons at one of the 24-gun batteries on 3/7/16. More in April Newsletter.*

## KMTC Visit to YHC

Crew Leader Jay Dement was invited to give a presentation at Young Harris College. As this was my Jr College he invited me to come along. February 11th we drove to north Georgia.

Although Jay is a longtime member of KMTC, he is also a devoted Trail Worker and Active in Georgia's Appalachian Trail Organization.

To the class studying "Outdoor Leadership" Jay gave a talk and power point show of the work it takes to maintain the Appalachian Trail, with frequent references to the sections in Georgia. Also, Jay mentioned the restrictions related to working on National Forest property and gave numerous examples of actual trail construction and the tools needed to perform the job. Amazing stuff to learn as the students will soon do some trail work.

Thankfully, Jay gave me some time to talk to the class. As KMTC President, I told them about our club, including its size, what we do and of course our significant contribution to the Park and receiving the Hartzog Award.

Then as I was about to burst with excitement I let them know that I was a student at YHC in '63 and '64. Wow, what a change of the campus and student body as it's now a 4-yr college (and my old dorm is long gone!). But, I pointed out a lot that is still the same and how much I enjoyed my student life; especially hiking and climbing every mountain that can be seen from the campus.

It was wonderful returning to the school and I was so envious that they now offer a degree in 'Outdoor Leadership.' Wish they had that 'back in the day.' It really makes me proud that young students are interested in pursuing a degree in Outdoor enterprises and I'm sure that we'll now have stewards to care for our beloved trails and outdoor activities in the future. Thank you, Jay, for your dedication to share your knowledge and experiences and for letting this old student tag along.

Sincerely,

*Doug Tasse*

## 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 2015 (October 2014- September 2015) and Fiscal 2016 (October 2015 - Present):

### FY 2015

ALLATOONA HIGH SCHOOL BETA CLUB  
ALLATOONA HIGH SCHOOL- NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY  
ALLATOONA HIGH SCHOOL NJROTC  
AMERICORPS  
ARRIS INTERNS  
APTEAN ACARE  
BOY SCOUTS TROOP 29  
BOY SCOUT TROOP 75  
BOY SCOUT TROOP 89  
BOY SCOUT TROOP 144  
BOY SCOUTS TROOP 204  
BOY SCOUT TROOP 252  
BOY SCOUT TROOP 277  
BOY SCOUT TROOP 455, ATLANTA  
BOY SCOUT TROOP 540  
BOY SCOUT TROOP 703  
BOY SCOUT TROOP 773  
CHASTAIN ENCLAVE SUBDIVISION  
CUB SCOUT PACK 405  
CUB SCOUT PACK 702  
DELTA CHI FROM GA TECH  
DEMOLAY  
INTERNATIONAL ACADEMY OF SMYRNA BETA CLUB  
E. PAULDING AFJROTC  
FRESENIUS MEDICAL CARE  
GIRL SCOUT TROOP 2040  
HANDS ON ATLANTA  
HILLGROVE HIGH SCHOOL FBLA  
HILLGROVE HIGH SCHOOL NJROTC  
HILLGROVE NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY  
HISTORY CLUB OF AUSTIN MIDDLE SCHOOL, PAULDING COUNTY  
HOLDER CONSTRUCTION  
KAPPA SIGMA FRATERNITY, KSU  
KAPPA SIGMA- SPSU  
KENNESAW CRUSADERS  
KENNESAW MOUNTAIN HIGH SCHOOL NJROTC  
KSU ACCOUNTING CLASS  
KSU- ONLINE ACCOUNTING CLASS



KSU GREEK DAY OF SERVICE  
LAMBDA Upsilon LAMBDA, GEORGIA STATE UNIVERSITY  
MARIETTA TREE KEEPERS  
MCEachern HIGH SCHOOL BETA CLUB  
MCEachern HIGH SCHOOL- NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY  
MCEachern HIGH SCHOOL ROBOTICS TEAM  
MOUNTAIN ROAD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL- BETA CLUB  
NORTH COBB CHRISTIAN SCHOOL  
PHOBIO, INC.  
RAINBOW GIRLS  
SOGETI  
STUDENT CONSERVATION ASSOCIATION  
TAP MIDDLE SCHOOL BETA CLUB  
TEENS HELP OTHER PEOPLE  
THE NORTH FACE STORE  
THETA CHI- IOTA RHO, SOUTHERN POLYTECH  
TRUST, KSU  
U. S. NAVY CHIEF SELECTS  
VENTURING CREW 75  
VENTURING CREW 1011  
WALKER HIGH SCHOOL  
WALKER HIGH SCHOOL SOPHOMORE CLASS  
WHEELER HS HELPING HANDS CLUB  
WOODSTOCK HS NJROTC

### FY 2016

ALLATOONA HS NJROTC  
BANK OF AMERICA  
BOY SCOUT TROOP 4 EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT, KENNESAW, GA  
BOY SCOUT TROOP 29  
BOY SCOUT TROOP 75  
BOY SCOUT TROOP 75, EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT  
CUB SCOUT PACK 353  
BOY SCOUT TROOP 422  
HILLGROVE HS NJROTC  
KENNESAW MOUNTAIN HS JROTC  
KSU ACCOUNTING CLASS 4600  
MCGLESKY YMCA  
MCEachern HS ROBOTICS TEAM  
NORTHWEST ATLANTA YMCA  
U.S. NAVY RESERVISTS  
VENTURING CREW 1011  
WOODSTOCK HS NJROTC



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## A Special Thanks! Continued on from Page 3

The following Groups participated in our February Work Days:

*ALLATOONA HS NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY*  
*ALLATOONA HS BETA CLUB*  
*ALLATOONA HS NJROTC*  
*BOY SCOUT TROOP 479 - EAGLE PROJECT*  
*CUB SCOUT PACK 405*  
*CUB SCOUT PACK 995*  
*HILLGROVE HS NJROTC*  
*KENNESAW MOUNTAIN HS NJROTC*  
*KENNESAW STATE UNIVERSITY - VOLUNTEER KSU*  
*KENNESAW STATE UNIVERSITY - OMEGA PHI ALPHA FRATERNITY*  
*KENNESAW STATE UNIVERSITY - KSUZTA SORORITY*  
*MARIETTA HS SKILLS USA*  
*WOODSTOCK HS NJROTC*

We had 164 volunteers, not including Crew Leaders and Trail Ambassadors, at our February Work Day.

Thanks!!!!



## 2/20/16 Eagle Project

*Photos by Fred Feltmann*  
*Eagle project, Nicholas Sinatra, Troop 479 Holy Trinity*  
*Lutheran, Marietta*





## National Park Service EPMT Thanks KMTC For Their Support!

Hi Doug, Harry, Danny,

I wanted to thank you all again for helping out the EPMT (Exotic Plant Management Team) while we were at Kennesaw Mtn. this week, the Trail Club always impresses me with their commitment to the park.

Every year, I am grateful for your treatment recommendations before we arrive, dedicated field assistance while we are there, and consistent wonderful welcome to myself and my crew.

Attached are some pictures from the week!

Looking forward to working with you again soon,

*Amorita*



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<http://kennesawmountaintrailclub.org>

# Kennesaw Mountain Trail Club Calendar

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Event</u>
<b>March, 2016</b>			
3/12	8:30 am - 1 pm	TBD	Trail Work Day ( <i>Note - Starting in March we will return to our normal work hours!</i> )
<b>April, 2016</b>			
4/2	8:30 am - 1 pm	Visitor Center	Civil War Trust Park Day
4/9	8:30 am - 1 pm	TBD	Trail Work Day
4/16	10:00 am - 12:30 pm	Visitor Center	Junior Ranger Day (see page 18)

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## Leave No Trace ~ AWARENESS COURSE

Where: REI, Kennesaw GA

When: April 14, 2016, 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm

Jay Dement, Master Educator, will conduct this informative session on the principles of Leave No Trace for Outdoor Ethics. Participants who enjoy the outdoors will be informed and educated about the effect of their recreational impacts. Tools will be presented so we can become better stewards of the backcountry environment. All KMTC members who attend the course will receive a Leave No Trace patch.

To register go to <http://goo.gl/forms/IuDclfPcY6>



## Mark Your Calendars!

### Upcoming Work Day Schedule:

Our trail work days are open to the public on the 2nd Saturday of each month and are a wonderful way to get outside & enjoy nature while helping preserve the national park for future visitors. We will meet at 8:30 am this month at Burnt Hickory and Old Mountain Rd. Please arrive approximately 15 earlier. We are usually 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 winter 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 the temperature is below 40 degrees and/or 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 45,000 volunteer hours to Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park.

We hope to see you at a work day soon!

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# Southeastern Foot Trails Coalition (SEFTC) Conference

By Jay Haney



Trail Club members Anne Strand, David Strand, Scott Mackay, Jay Dement, Anne Page Mosby and Jay Haney attended this biennial conference, January 28-31, 2016 in Pigeon Forge, TN at the Music Road Conference Center. SEFTC is a coalition representing volunteer organizations like our trail club that maintain most of the trails in the southeast. The conference featured local hiking in Great Smokey Mountain National Park and a one day series of presentations. Highlights were:

- Betty Jewett, Forest Supervisor, Chattahoochee and Oconee National Forest spoke about “How to Work with our Federal Partners”
  - Help Federal Managers connect with the next generation of outdoor users
  - How to balance what people (visitors) want vs the mission of the Forest Service(FS) and NPS
  - Need to plan to sustainably manage social trails
  - Only half of the 11,000 miles of trails in the southeast are maintained
  - Volunteers have filled the resource gap as Federal funding has fallen
  - Need for a sustainable recreation strategy
  - She hires folks who like working with people and can handle conflict and also know how to maintain trails
  - The key to working together is to recognize the roles of the players. The FS/NPS do the planning and analysis. Volunteers

do most of the trail work. This requires a strong working relationship, patience and understanding.

- SEFTC board members reviewed the status of their goals. These included presentations by Jay Dement about “Leave no Trace” and “No Child Left Inside”.
- Jeffrey Hunter spoke about “Progress of Trails in the southeast since the first SEFTC meeting (2002)”
  - Major strides have been made in improving trail capacity and trail connectivity
  - Improvements have been made in trail sustainability
- 12 member Trail clubs gave brief updates on their clubs. This included a rousing presentation by our own Anne Strand. Jay Dement also spoke about the Georgia Appalachian Trail Club.

The SEFTC web site has a wealth of information <http://southeasternfoottrails.org/> including a complete list of the 35 coalition members and links to their web sites, as well as SEFTC Mission Statement and current goals and activities.

## Think Fifteen (15) for Kennesaw Mountain Trail Club

Please pay attention, or as I like to say: **LISTEN UP! (Read this....please)**

For almost the last four years, I've served as the Trail Director. While performing as a volunteer, along with several thousand others over the years, we've made significant improvements to Kennesaw Mountain NBP. I believe that we'll all agree that we enjoy aiding the park.

While many of our projects are funded by the park, there is frequently a need to supplement with additional money to complete our work. I'm sure that you, like me, enjoy showing off all the work volunteers have done. The funds from the Park do help with the upkeep, but without our volunteer labor, the park simply would not be as it is today and what it will be in the future.

We need money for our 'uncommitted funds; this money is used to cover additional expenses for our projects, the purchase and maintenance of both tools and equipment, gloves, water, snacks and other associated expenses. Also, we have corporation and insurance costs to cover. Please keep in mind that we are an all-volunteer organization, no paid staff or board members. **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."

I appreciate everyone who worked with me on the trails. **Now, as club president, I still need your help.** To everyone who comes and works, thank you. To everyone that supports our club, thank you too. **We need everyone to donate.**

**As we approach our fifteenth year, I ask you to please think '15', like \$15.. \$30.. \$45..... \$150... \$1500. Get the idea? Together we do good work and have a good time but now we need your help to continue!!! Please send your tax deductible contribution to:**

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

Donate Online: by using Guidestar on the Trail Club website

<http://www.kennesawmountaintrailclub.org>

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

ALSO: Please check with employers about matching donations.

***Think Fifteen (\$)***

Thank you,

***Doug Tasse***  
KMTCC President



## **James M. McPherson, Embattled Rebel: Jefferson Davis as Commander in Chief**

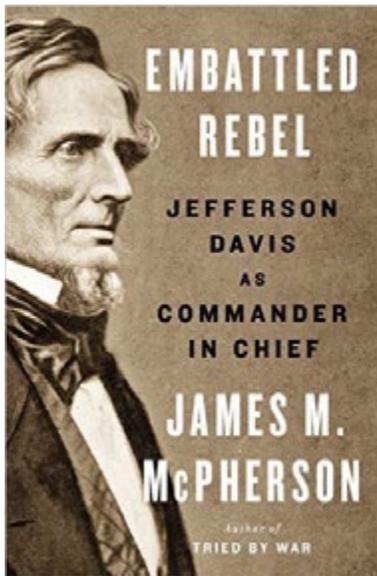
*The Penguin Press, New York, 2014*

### **Book Report by Jay Haney**

“From the Pulitzer Prize–winning author of *Battle Cry of Freedom*, a powerful new reckoning with Jefferson Davis as military commander of the Confederacy.”

“Lucid and concise, Embattled Rebel presents a fresh perspective on the Civil War as seen from the desk of the South’s commander in chief.” *From the dust cover.*

From our perspective here at Kennesaw Mountain National



Battlefield Park this book offers insight into the relationship between General J. E. Johnston and President Davis that led to his appointment as commander of the army defending Atlanta, as well as reasons for his dismissal. Davis felt Johnston had given too much ground in the Peninsular Campaign of 1862. When Johnston was wounded, R.E. Lee took command and drove the Union Army back from the gates of Richmond with aggressive action.

During the Vicksburg Campaign Johnston commanded the army charged with relieving that fortress. Johnston never took action. Despite all this and because of a dearth of options, Davis recognized Johnston’s defensive abilities and gave him the defense of Atlanta. As the author wrote “Davis showed heroic patience with that general’s constant complaints, frequent flouting of presidential orders, and failure to keep Davis informed of his operational plans. The president gave Johnston *more* slack than he deserved. Davis’s most controversial act, the removal of Johnston from command in July 1864, was fully warranted. The military historian Richard McMurray was not being entirely facetious when he said, in casual conversation, that if Johnston had been left in command he would have fought the crucial battle

of the Atlanta campaign at Key West.”

As for John Bell Hood, Davis gave him the command replacing Johnston despite the reservations of R.E. Lee. Davis and Hood rode together often while Hood was recovering from his wounds suffered at Gettysburg. Hood obviously must have made a good impression.

Embattled Rebel has excellent maps and pictures of the key personalities. The Coda explores other strategies the South could have employed and summarizes the author’s view of Davis as commander in chief as summarized below.

History has not been kind to Jefferson Davis. Many Americans of his own time and in later generations considered him an incompetent leader, not to mention a traitor. Not so, argues James M. McPherson. In *Embattled Rebel*, McPherson shows us that Davis might have been on the wrong side of history, but that it is too easy to diminish him because of his cause’s failure. Gravely ill throughout much of the Civil War, Davis nevertheless shaped and articulated the principal policy of the Confederacy—the quest for independent nationhood—with clarity and force. He exercised a tenacious hands-on influence in the shaping of military strategy, and his close relationship with Robert E. Lee was one of the most effective military-civilian partnerships in history.” *From the dust cover.*

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# February 13, 2016 Work Day

Photos by Fred Feltmann

More photo on pages 11 and 12.





*An example of honeysuckle strangling a tree. Photo by Danny Leigh.*



*More photos from the Feb 13 Work Day. These folks were part of the invasive plant crew.*



*Photos by Fred Feltmann*

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*Photo below: 2/13/16 Work Day.  
Photo by Alan Cyrier.  
Pack 405.*



*Photo above: Photo by Anne Page Mosby during an "Every Kid In The Park" presentation.*

*Photos below: 2/13/16 Work day . Photos by Doug Tasse.*



## Not All Green Is Good - Part II



Last month I wrote about a few non-native invasive evergreen plants you might see while walking in Kennesaw Mountain Battlefield National Park. Among those I mentioned, Chinese privet, was the one that you would probably see the most. However, there is another plant on the GA non-native

invasive list that covers more acreage in the SE than even privet.

The plant in question is a vine. However, it's not kudzu or wisteria. It's also not poison ivy or creeping Virginia which are both native plants and both are very beneficial to native animals. This vine is evergreen and loves to wrap around small trees as it grows toward the sun.

This last hint might bring back some memories of your childhood. This vine has yellow and white flowers during the summer and those flowers have a sweet taste. Hopefully, you were able to identify the vine in question as honeysuckle... Japanese honeysuckle to be more specific. Not exactly the worst of the plant invaders, but in terms of acreage covered in the southeast Japanese honeysuckle is number 1.

Japanese honeysuckle is commonly found along roads, field edges and trails, but it is also shade tolerant so it can also be seen growing up young trees in mature forests. It can get up to about 2" in diameter and many times you can see deformed young trees that have had the vine growing around it for years. As both the tree and vine grow, the fast growing vine many times will strangle and kill the tree. It spreads both by runners along the ground and by berries that are eaten and scattered by birds. Luckily, the vines are somewhat easy to pull up if the ground is wet. If all the roots cannot be pulled, then it's easy to cut the vine and treat the small stump. Although deer like eating the leaves, it doesn't take long for the fast growing vines to get out of reach from the deer.

As you walk on the trails at the park, see if you can spot Japanese honeysuckle climbing on young trees. Most of the time it twists around the tree and then will seem to have a clump of leaves 10-15' up the tree. During the winter those clumps of leaves are the easiest way

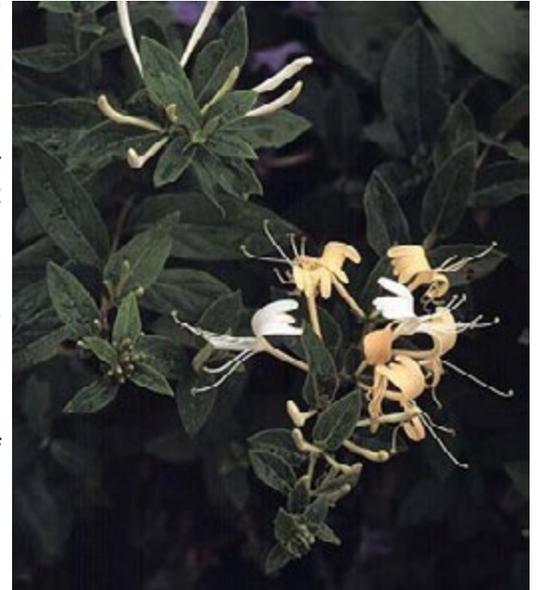
to identify the vine. During the summer the vine is not as easy to identify. There are several other native vines that have a similar vine appearance, but Japanese honeysuckle is about the only one that has fairly tight spirals around the trees. The similar-looking native vines usually grow straight up the tree and are not evergreen.

Come out and help us promote native plants by controlling the non-native plant bullies in the park. If you would like to know more about what we are doing to help native plants and would like help, feel free to contact me.

*Danny Leigh*

[Plants@kennesawmountaintrailclub.org](mailto:Plants@kennesawmountaintrailclub.org)

(As a 10-year old, growing up in St. Louis, MO, I can remember a yard that had this as a bush growing there - we regularly pulled off the flowers and sucked the nectar out of them!)



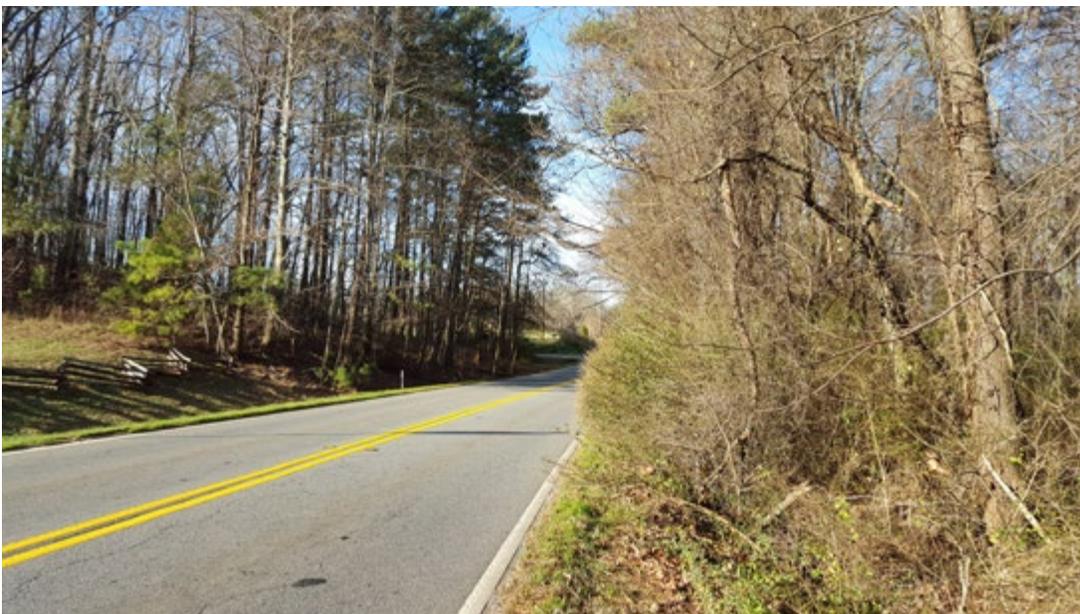
Fred



## Invasive plant report - January 2015 presented by Danny Leigh

### What we have been doing.

For the Dec and Jan work days we worked controlling privet on the Burnt Hickory field east of the Burnt Hickory parking lot. We only used 7 volunteers between the 2 days but we sure did get a lot accomplished. We started out with small to medium plants and the closer we got to Burnt Hickory the bigger the plants got. The Jan work day I brought along the chainsaw and cut several of the "trees" we passed over the previous month. Jimmy and Cam helped



direct the volunteers and of course Harry was off doing his thing. Still a lot of big plants right up against the road and we hope to get the rest within the next few weeks. Much of the brush has been pulled into the field so we can access the privet behind it and we can drive a chipper right up to it.

We hope to get the chipper up and running soon. It needs a new battery and a tire fixed. We ran it on the Jan work day with a temporary battery and hope to have it fully functional in a few weeks.

Like last quarter, we've also had several work days to maintain the small bamboo shoots that have come up in the bamboo field near Powder Springs. Jimmy, Harry and I have spent several days getting all the shoots we can. Only one big shoot is left which is being guarded by tall briars but we hope to cut several paths through the briars to get at the remaining bamboo and also get at the abundant wisteria in the spring.

Harry, Pic Petelle and I took a few hours and planted redbuds along Stilesboro in the fallow field across from the VC. We also planted a couple of rows of cedar trees which will hopefully help to hide the new house close to the boundary along the Brumby Circle. The trees were donated from the Marietta Tree Keepers.

### What we will be doing

Basal bark spray the Tree of Heaven on the mountain summit in Feb. Cut as many mahonia plants now that they are blooming and before they produce seeds. Continue controlling privet in sensitive areas right along roads and trails.



*Photos (Danny Leigh):  
Stilesboro between Mossy Rock  
and Gilbert. Prior picture shows  
privet growing right along the  
road. Unfortunately, I didn't take  
pictures at the start of the project.*

# Kennesaw Mountain High School Key Club Workday

By Spencer McAllister

Photos for this article  
by Cam Graham.



On February 27<sup>th</sup>, the Kennesaw Mountain High School's chapter of Key Club volunteered on the 24-gun trail. The objective of this micro-workday was to clear away the large stand of Chinese Privet that had overtaken the tree line closest to Gilbert Road. Eleven High schoolers cut larger stems using lopper shears over the course of two shifts between 9:00 am and 1:30 pm. At the work's conclusion, the forest's native oaks and pines were once again visible, and a large pile of severed branches, twigs, and trunks dominated the center of the field. Cam Graham estimates that 3000 square feet of Privet-infested grounds were cut, comprising at least 250 large plants and hundreds of smaller ones. Near the end of the workday and after its conclusion, Cam Graham treated the Chinese Privet stumps and numerous smaller sprouts with a glyphosphate concentrate, thwarting future growth in the area. Without the Key Club's help, many of the areas he treated would not have been accessible. In total, the estimated value of the work Key Club completed for the park that Saturday is \$800.

Key Club itself is an international derivative organization of the Kiwanis Club intended for High School students: Like the Kiwanis Club, Key Club is dedicated to general community service, trail work included. The Kennesaw Mountain High School (KMHS) chapter of Key Club is sponsored by the Lost Mountain Kiwanis Club, which provides two advisors and funds an annual scholarship. The workday on the 27<sup>th</sup> was part of an ongoing volunteering program between the park and the KMHS Key Club. This program was established earlier this year by Spencer McAllister: a trail ambassador, crew leader, and High School intern at the park. McAllister is also a senior at KMHS and the Vice President of the KMHS Key Club. When asked his reasons for creating this program, he responded,

"I believe that the best way to accomplish charity work is through the cooperation of multiple organizations. The KEMO Trail Club needed volunteers for its projects, and the KMHS Key Club was looking for community service to do. The two were a perfect fit." – Spencer McAllister

The first iteration of the Key Club program consisted simply of the group signing up for Trail Days. With the help of Cam Graham, the program has since begun to have separate workdays. This prevents the shortage of tools and invokes the efficiency of a single, centrally controlled, tightknit group. Saturday the 27<sup>th</sup> was the KMHS Key Club's first independent workday and, given its success, the first of many here at the park.

The work completed by the Key Club will help to ensure the safety of the 24-gun trail's earthworks in preparation for the upcoming cannon emplacement there. Chinese Privet is an invasive plant that harms biodiversity. Growing and constantly spreading in dense thickets, it can also overtake and destroy historic landmarks like earthworks. Thanks to the KMHS Key Club, the stand that once lined the trees near the 24-

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## Kennesaw Mountain High School Key Club Workday Continued from Page 15

gun trail will never get this chance. The date of Key Club's next workday has yet to be determined, but its intended purpose will be to cut an adjacent Chinese Privet stand across the field. McAllister and Graham are both optimistic about the future of the Key Club program here at the park, and intend for it to continue with a new generation of students after McAllister and his fellow seniors graduate later this year.



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## Getting Ready for Senior Hikes

The **Active Trails** grant program, an innovative joint project of the National Park Service, Kennesaw Mountain Trail Club and Cobb Senior Services will enable Cobb Seniors to experience Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park through hikes on park trails. Each "Hiking to Health" Field Day will include a bus ride from one of the Cobb Senior Centers, exercise, lunch and a stuffed backpack souvenir. In preparation, the Cobb Senior Citizens Council organized a backpack stuffing day on Friday, February 19 at the Senior Wellness Center on Powder Springs Road in Marietta. Rena Bailey, KMTC Trail Ambassador and 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President of the Senior Citizen Council Executive Committee led the project involving both KMTC Trail Ambassadors and Senior Citizens Council members. KMTC was represented by Cam Graham, Spencer McAllister and Anne Strand. Rena thanked the volunteers, saying "Many thanks for all of your help in getting 385 backpacks finished in about 1 hour. This joint initiative and grant cannot and will not be successful without this very important aspect: YOU!" Jessica Gill, Director, Cobb Senior Services, remarked, "Great job everyone! What an exciting initiative." Marjorie Thomas, KMNB Chief of Interpretation, added, "What a team effort!"

The Park Field Days will be free, thanks to a grant from the National Park Foundation with funding provided by Coca Cola and the events are open to active adults 55 years or better. The dates & Senior Centers involved are May 10, East Cobb; May 12, North Cobb & West Cobb; and May 17, Freeman Poole & Wellness Center. Registration is required and may be done in person at the selected Senior Center. There is a link to the "Hiking to Health" trips online at [www.CobbSeniors.org](http://www.CobbSeniors.org). Spread the word about this opportunity to "Blaze A Trail" in May, following the theme of Older Americans Month.



*Photos by Amy Woodell, MPH, Evidence-Based Coordinator, Cobb Senior Services*

# Press Release

## Loudermilk Bill to Preserve History at Kennesaw Mountain

Rep. Barry Loudermilk's (R-GA) bill to add historically significant property to Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park passed the House of Representatives today. Rep. Loudermilk delivered the following remarks on the floor of the U.S. House of Representatives in favor of the bill:

[Click here to watch Rep. Loudermilk's full remarks](#)

"It is extremely important that we understand our history, otherwise we will be destined to repeat the mistakes of our past," said Rep. Loudermilk. "Today, Congress took a significant step toward preserving two pieces of property at Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park that are essential parts of our nation's heritage and Civil War history. Sites such as these allow us to look back in time to get a glimpse of the events that shaped our nation."

### Background on H.R. 3371:

H.R. 3371, the Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park Boundary Adjustment Act of 2015, is an effort to authorize the park to acquire the Wallis House and Harriston Hill from Cobb County by donation. Located near the intersection of Burnt Hickory Road and Ernest Barrett Parkway in Marietta, Georgia, these sites are critical to understanding the events that took place in the Civil War during Union General William Sherman's campaign to take Atlanta in 1864.

The bill has also been introduced by U.S. Senators Johnny Isakson (R-GA) and David Perdue (R-GA), and is co-sponsored by four other Georgia members of the House of Representatives.

To read a full transcript of Rep. Loudermilk's floor speech, click [here](#).

See also Channel 2's report on this - <http://www.wsbtv.com/videos/news/push-to-expand-georgia-civil-war-site-moves/vDkhrr/>

See also the Marietta Daily Journal article:

[http://mdjonline.com/view/full\\_story/27100009/article-Rep--Loudermilk-s-bill-to-expand-Kennesaw-Mountain-National-Battlefield-Park-passes-U-S--House?instance=home\\_lead\\_story](http://mdjonline.com/view/full_story/27100009/article-Rep--Loudermilk-s-bill-to-expand-Kennesaw-Mountain-National-Battlefield-Park-passes-U-S--House?instance=home_lead_story)

See the AJC article:

<http://www.ajc.com/news/news/local-govt-politics/congress-to-vote-on-kennesaw-mountain-battlefield-/nqWjd/>





## KENNESAW MOUNTAIN NATIONAL BATTLEFIELD PARK

# JUNIOR RANGER DAY

## April 16, 10:00AM-12:30PM

Explore, learn, and protect your park at Junior Ranger Day!

### LOGISTICS

- ◇ Outdoor event (held rain or shine)
- ◇ Ages 8-13
- ◇ Bring your own snack or lunch
- ◇ Parking available with printed pass
- ◇ For more information, call 770-427-4686
- ◇ **Pre-registration is required.**
  - Visit: <http://goo.gl/forms/wDrHfHCglv>

*Come find your park at our backyard bonanza! Explore topics about the local natural and cultural resources found at Kennesaw Mountain and how they have changed over time!*





## Junior Ranger Day 2016 Registration Form

This year's Junior Ranger Day is an exciting way to celebrate 100 years of the National Park Service. The theme is: Our Resources, Then and Now. Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park is helping our Junior Rangers explore the amazing natural and cultural resources found in our park and how they have changed over time.

Where: Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park Visitors Center

When: April 16th 10AM-12:30PM, Rain or Shine

Check-in: 9:15AM-9:45AM, Check-in closes at 9:45AM, so please promptly arrive before then.

Who: Ages 8-13

Registration closes: April 1st, 2016. Space is limited.

Please scan and submit this registration form via email at [kemo\\_education@nps.gov](mailto:kemo_education@nps.gov)

Participant First Name	Participant Last Name	Participant Age
Partner Affiliation <input type="checkbox"/> YMCA <input type="checkbox"/> Boys and Girls Club <input type="checkbox"/> Boy Scouts <input type="checkbox"/> Girl Scouts <input type="checkbox"/> Every Kid In A Park <small>(General Participant)</small>		
Parent First Name	Parent Last Name	Parent Cell Phone #
Parent Email Address		
Emergency Contact Name (non-present guardian)	Emergency Contact Cell Phone #	





# FIND YOUR PARK

Got your phone or tablet on you?

Then take a selfie here at Kennesaw Mountain with what you love about this site.



The National Park Service turns 100 in August 2016 and wants to celebrate by encouraging all visitors to “Find Your Park” - find what you love about America’s open spaces and historic, natural, and cultural places. Kennesaw Mountain wants to celebrate you, too, by showing you off!

Here’s how it works:

1. Take selfies posing with a “Found It!” sheet. The sheets are in the Visitor Center vestibule and at the front desk. Have fun with your photo but, above all, be sure the photo reflects your enjoyment of Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park.
2. Photos should be a minimum resolution of 2048 x 1536.
3. Post your photo to your Instagram, Twitter, or Facebook page. Be sure to use the hashtag, #KennesawBattlefieldSelfie.
4. Follow the rules - Please don’t take images that show violations of Battlefield policy (off designated trails, recreation in non-designated areas, outside of opening/closing times, drinking alcoholic beverages, etc.), or performing illegal activities (relic hunting, poaching, removing plant life), vulgar/disrespectful behavior, or pets off leash. These images should be family friendly!

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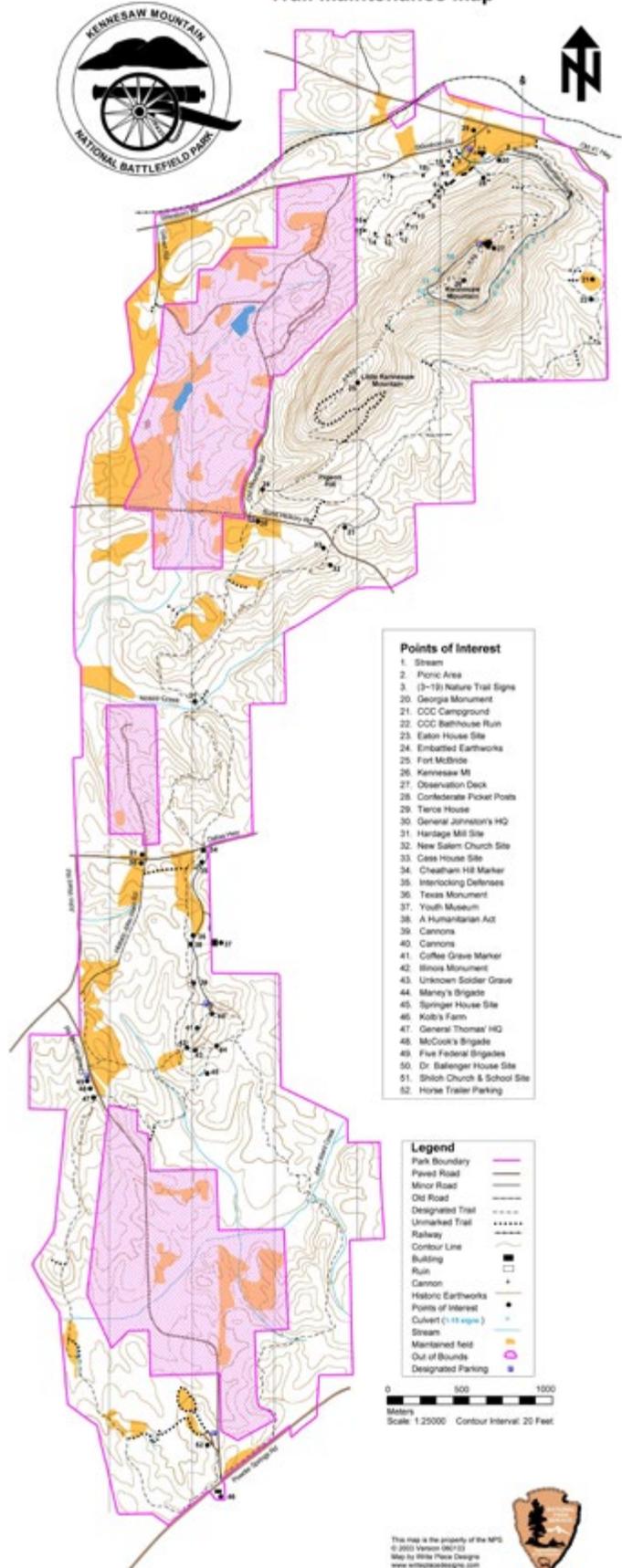


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## KENNESAW MOUNTAIN NATIONAL BATTLEFIELD PARK

### Trail Maintenance Map



## April Newsletter Deadline

If you wish to have an article published in the April Newsletter, please submit it to Fred Feltmann at [faf1948@bellsouth.net](mailto:faf1948@bellsouth.net) no later than March 20th!