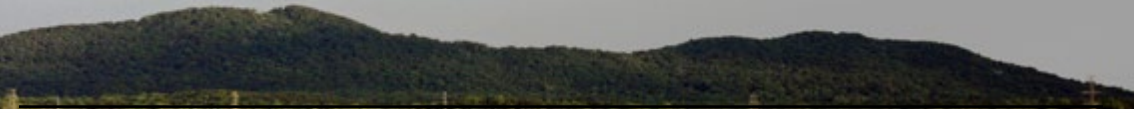




# EARTHWORKS



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## March Work Day - 3/14/20

For this month's work day, March 14, 2020, we will be doing trail maintenance in and around the Visitor Center. We will be meeting at the Amphitheater at 8:30 am. Parking will be in the Old Highway 41 Parking Lot. At the registration table, you will be able to pick up a free Park Pass that is good for the morning. As a reminder, it takes about 5 minutes to walk from the parking lot to the Amphitheater near the Visitor Center. We will fan out to do light maintenance on the 24 gun battery trail, the fire road, the grand staircase, the lower mountain trail, and the Brumby Trail, all depending on how many crew leaders we have. Be sure to go to our SignUp website - see page 6 - to register.

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## Acknowledgement Of A Trail Issue

We just wanted to send you an update regarding the bridge on the John Ward Trail.

Maintenance staff is aware of the deterioration of the bridge foundation at John Ward Trail. They are currently working on this issue and are doing periodic inspections monthly and after significant rain events.

*Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park NPS Staff*

## Tool Shed Clean-up

Because of the snow, the February 8 workday was cancelled. Instead, Scott, Andy, Fred, Mike, Gayle, Dave, Donald, Harry, Bill, Geoff, and Rena came out to clean the tool shed. Thank you. We should all try really hard to keep it clean. Fred has pictures.

Thanks to Geoff again for repairing more broken tools.

Meanwhile, Cindy, who supervised cleaning the tool shed several times in the past, was in South Carolina with her chain saw assisting victims of the recent severe weather. Big stuff.

*Bill Gurry*  
Trails Director



*Tool Shed Clean-up Crew.  
Photo by Fred Feltmann*



Photo by Cam Graham.

## February Trail Ambassador Highlights

February was busier than usual for interpretive programs at the park. There were 4 field trips serving a total of 210, 4th grade students. Supporting the field trips were Jay Haney, Anne Page Mosby, Gayle McAllister, Rena Bailey, Karen Petrella, Yvonne Robinson, Gavin Gaffney and Kelly Burke.

Under the supervision of Cam Graham and assisted by Trail Ambassadors and Crew Leaders, on February 14th, the Kennesaw Mountain High School Key club began the task of photographing all Union and Confederate wayside signs which were previously placed in the park by Eagle Scouts. The project is to obtain GPS coordinates, confirm sign descriptions and condition of the signs. In a 3-hour period the group was able to gather information on approximately 40% of the signs in the Cheatham Hill area. Supporting this project were Jay Haney, Stuart Haase, Kate Burton and Gavin Gaffney. The Key Club will continue this project on March 7th, 2020.

*Janie Brier*

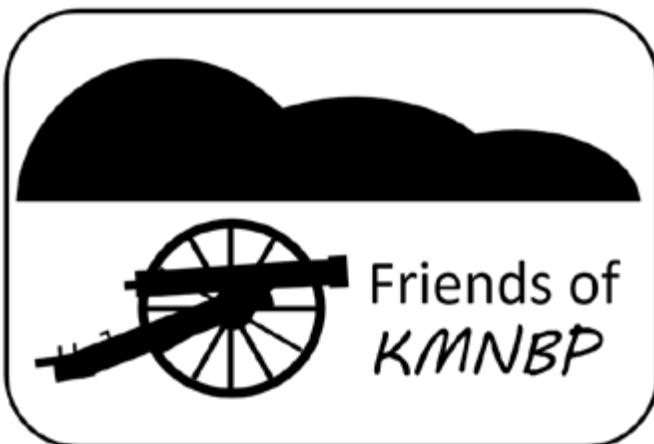
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*Additional Volunteers needed! Call today!*



The Friends of KMNBP'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](http://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 KMNBP 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

**Open Positions:** Membership Chair  
Audio File Transcriber  
1-Year Board Members

Contact Scott Mackay for info/details:

[box2105@mindspring.com](mailto:box2105@mindspring.com)

## 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 2018 (October 2017- September 2018 and Fiscal 2019 (October 2018- Present):

### FY 2019

ALLATOONA HS NJROTC  
ATLANTA OUTDOOR CLUB (AOC)  
BOY SCOUT TROOP 008 (EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT)  
BOY SCOUT TROOP 144 (EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT)  
BOY SCOUT TROOP 200 (EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT)  
BOY SCOUT TROOP 277 (EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT) (3 PROJECTS)  
BOY SCOUT TROOP 287 (EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT) (2 PROJECTS)  
BOY SCOUT TROOP 433 (EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT) (2 PROJECTS)  
BOY SCOUT TROOP 442 (EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT)  
BOY SCOUT TROOP 445 (EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT)  
BOY SCOUT TROOP 540  
BOY SCOUT TROOP 540 (EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT) (3 PROJECTS)  
BOY SCOUT TROOP 545 (EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT) (2)  
BOY SCOUT TROOP 700 (EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT)  
BOY SCOUT TROOP 797  
BOY SCOUT TROOP 797 (EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT) (2 PROJECTS)  
BOY SCOUT TROOP 1011 (EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT)  
BOY SCOUTS T 8880  
BOY SCOUT TROOP 8880 (EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT)  
CUB SCOUT PACK 204, MARIETTA  
GUMBERLAND SCHOOL  
DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION  
FLIGHTWORKS  
FRIENDS TO THE FORLORN PITBULL RESCUE  
GEORGIA TECH  
HARRISON HS BETA CLUB  
HARRISON HIGH SCHOOL KEY CLUB  
HARRISON NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY  
HILLGROVE HS NJROTC  
KENNESAW MOUNTAIN HS  
KENNESAW MOUNTAIN HS HOPE  
KENNESAW MOUNTAIN HS NJROTC  
KSU  
KSU BETA ALPHA PSI  
MARIETTA HS  
MT PARAN CHURCH  
PACESETTER STEEL  
SCA  
SPRAYBERRY HS HOPE



TRUST  
US ARMY  
VOLUNTEER KSU  
WHEELER HS  
WOODSTOCK HS NJROTC



### 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

Our February Work Day was cancelled because of weather - temperature below 40 - and snow! We did do a clean-out of the tool storage area.

### **Wanted: Membership Chair!**

"The Friends of Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park is looking for a personable, self-starting, take-charge volunteer to lead their membership team. Contact Scott Mackay at [box2105@mindspring.com](mailto:box2105@mindspring.com)."

### **Park Visitation Outdistances That At Other Civil War Battlefield Parks!**

Kennesaw Mountain again topped the charts in 2019 as the most-visited Civil War Battlefield Park in the country! In 2014, Kennesaw Mountain NB Park had 2,360,256 visitors and in 2019 we had 2,621,050 visitors far surpassing:

--Gettysburg 925,117  
--Chickamauga/Chattanooga 977,158  
--Fredericksburg/Spotsylvania 906,800  
--Vicksburg 576,456  
--Manassas 510,427



## Noses Creek Emergency Repair

You may recall that last year Dave and Bob used sandy clay to repair a hole on the Noses Creek Trail where an old corrugated metal pipe carrying a small creek passes under the trail (at the location where Geoff and friends rebuilt the old decorative stone headwall in 2014). At that time the pipe appeared to be in good condition.

On Tuesday, February 12, an experienced trail builder and observant hiker, Jay Dement, noticed an anomaly in the trail at the same spot. Using his experience and a keen eye, Jay stuck his trekking pole in the anomaly and it caved in making a large hole. If not for his discovery, an unsuspecting hiker or horse or emergency vehicle could have fallen through into the whole and suffered injury or damage. Jay notified the Park, and maintenance went to the location to block off the trail.

The pipe had partially collapsed, and due to recent heavy rains, the creek was flowing around the pipe causing the soil around the pipe to scour, causing a large void. The void extended along the pipe under the trail well beyond the caved in area.

On Friday, Eric, Dave, Bob, Harry, and Bill worked with staffers Mike and Norm to make a temporary repair. The hole was filled with big rocks in the bottom and used #4 stone, a lot of stone, to fill the hole and still allow any leaking water to flow through without causing anymore scour. Eric and Dave in his water boots placed large rocks at the inlet end to channel the now raging torrent more directly through the pipe.

Mike and Norm and Eric fabricated a temporary bridge to span the location of the hole. Mike and Norm and Bill and Harry assembled the temporary bridge, and the trail is again safe for hikers, horses, and the gator. A permanent fix will be constructed in the future. Then, the temporary bridge can be disassembled and stored or reused in another portion of the Park (and I know a couple of good places).

Bill Gurry  
Trails Director

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## Maybe It's Glue

There's a TV commercial, one of those - can't buy it in stores, fantastic new product, order now - type thing that gets one's attention. The product is a tape which will stick on both sides. Well, that's not so special except that this tape will release its grasp by twisting the object; thus breaking the bond. Not your normal two-sided tape. It hasn't been too many years since those hooks which can be attached to a surface and released (if one actually reads the directions) have been available. I've used them and they do work and like the advertised tape. There is no damage to the surface when removed.

Some sixty-five years ago there was a scientist who came to my grammar school assembly. He had a new glue that with just a few drops would, after a couple seconds, bind two steel discs together. Not bragging but I grew up in a tough neighborhood and a couple boys did not appreciate the laughter when they were unable to pull the discs apart.

The man didn't have a name for the glue, but it was some 3 to 5 years later that Super Glue hit the market.

Recently I was invited to a lunch for the Veterans who live in a large retirement community. There were at least fifty people attending.

After the lunch I was asked to speak. Well, I wasn't aware that was expected of me, I thought I was just having lunch with a bunch of OLD Vet's. It's rare when I'm the youngest in the crowd, but I gave it a shot; naturally I thanked them for their service to our country. Then I took pause and looked at these guys who were of the WWII and Korean War era and I said, "The military is the glue that binds our country together." Now I don't know where that thought came from but it got their attention and mine too; and I believe it.

I did a little research on the 'new tape' and found that it is actually a nano-technology product; thousands of infinitesimally tiny suction cups imbedded in a tape-like strip. That makes it a little easier to understand how it can be freed and not cause damage. Kind of like a well-placed rock put into a trail or making a set of stairs. Those rocks are held in place by dirt for years and years, but when twisted they can be removed. No damage to the rock and the trail is in no worse shape.

So there are items that can be stuck together and separated and those that can't. There are terms of understanding that bind people together and those who are laughed at if trying to break things apart. In all cases there is attraction that brings things together. Those of you who support and work with Kennesaw Mountain Trail Club in support of the National Park Service (NPS) are the glue that holds the park together. Next time you're at the Park, be sure to thank the NPS and the Trail Club for their efforts to provide us a place we can all be proud of.

Thanks,

Doug Tasse

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## 2019/2020 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 2020 big “ask.” We need your help with this, even small donations help. We will conclude this drive at the end of FY 2020 (September, 2020).

**As we approach our 18th year in operation, we ask you to please think ‘20’, like \$20.. \$40.. \$60..... \$200... \$2000. All donations to the Trail Club support our work at the park, and are tax deductible.**

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

- Use Guidestar on the bottom of our home page on the Trail Club website <http://www.kennesawmountaintrailclub.org>
- Subscribe to Amazon “Smile” where they will donate to us based on your purchases <https://smile.amazon.com/> - look for KEMO Trails Corps
- Send a tax deductible contribution to:

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

ALSO: Please check with employers about matching donations.

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



# Kennesaw Mountain Trail Club Calendar

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Event</u>
<b>March, 2020</b>			
3/14/20	8:30 am - Noon	Amphitheater - Near the Visitor Center	Trail Work Day - Register at SignUp, below. Park Day
<b>April, 2020</b>			
4/11/20	8:30 am - Noon	Amphitheater - Near the Visitor Center	Trail Work Day - Register at SignUp, below.
4/18/20	TBD	Visitor Center	Junior Ranger Day - sponsored by NPS Staff
<b>May, 2020</b>			
5/9/20	8:30 am - Noon	TBD	Trail Work Day - Register at SignUp, below.

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*See pages 10 for additional events scheduled this month by the National Park Service!*

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## Register for Our Work Days!

Be sure to register online for our Work Days at [http://  
signup.com/go/VvavYQj](http://signup.com/go/VvavYQj). By registering, we can be better prepared with the amount of tools, bottled water, gloves, etc. on hand.



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## 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. Registration will open at 8:00 am at the new parking lot, .2 miles north of the Visitor Center on Old 41 and usually are finished by 12:00 p.m. It takes approximately 5 minutes to walk to the picnic area near the Visitor Center - please arrive there by 8:30 am. 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.

During this time of year, 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.

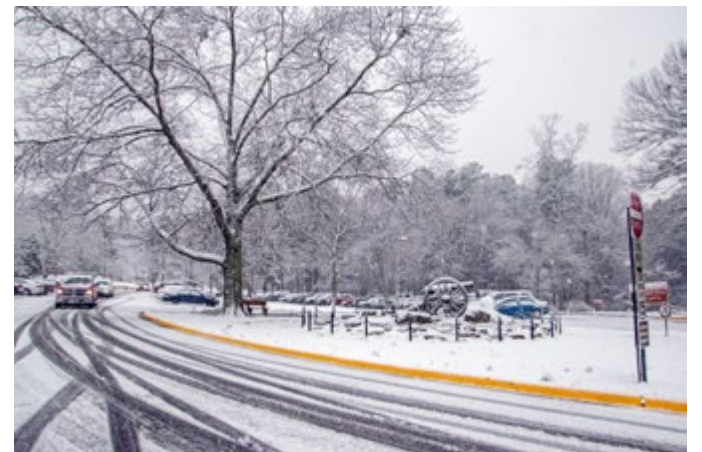
We hope to see you at a work day soon!



# February 8, 2020 - Cancelled Work Day



*Photos by Fred Feltmann*







Photos by Curt Spinney - 2/8/20



## Contact List - Updated 9/24/19

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Facebook Page		<a href="http://www.facebook.com/kmtcsocial">http://www.facebook.com/kmtcsocial</a>
Volunteer Sign-up website*		<a href="http://signup.com/go/VvavYQj">http://signup.com/go/VvavYQj</a>

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## Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park Interpretive Programs for **March**

\*\*All park programming is free and open to the public. No registration required unless noted.

Programs start at Visitor Center except when otherwise specified.

### **March 2 @ 2:30 pm – 4:30 pm ‘Guided Mountaintop Hike’**

Join us for a ranger-led hike to the top of Big Kennesaw Mountain. The hike will focus on local and Civil War history, as well some of the ecology of the area. This is an outdoor program, so please prepare accordingly.

Length of the hike will be approximately two miles, and will be weather dependent.

### **March 7 @ 11:00 am – 12:30 pm ‘Guided Environmental Trail Hike’**

Come out and enjoy a guided hike on one of our least traveled, but most informative trails. On this 1.3 mile gentle walk, you will see great examples of the varied geography of Kennesaw Mountain, the feint attack at the base of Big Kennesaw Mountain, and much more.

### **March 14 @ 8:00 am – 12:30 pm ‘Kennesaw Mountain Trail Club Work Day’**

Volunteers are needed for each work day to help park staff maintain the 20-plus trails of Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park. Parking and registration is at the Overflow Parking Lot on Old Highway 41. The NPS Volunteer Services Agreement is required. A parent must sign the form if the child is under 18 years old. The form and directions to the registration site are available on the club’s website: [kennesawmountaintrailclub.org](http://kennesawmountaintrailclub.org)

### **March 14 @ 2:30 pm – 3:00 pm ‘Life of a Soldier’**

Life for the common infantry soldier during the Atlanta Campaign was less than ideal. The sacrifice made by those men pave the way for the nation that we live in today. Come out and enjoy an interactive ranger presentation that will honor their sacrifice, as well as illustrate how soldiers lived and fought on the campaign trail in 1864.

### **March 21 @ 2:30 pm – 3:30 pm ‘Guided Assault Trail Hike’**

Follow in the footsteps of the Union and Confederate soldiers who fought here in that summer of 1864 with this guided hike. A ranger will take you along the Assault Trail, detailing the events of the Battle of Kennesaw Mountain and Cheatham Hill. The approximate length of this hike is one mile and will be weather dependent.

*\*This program is **not at the Visitor Center**;*

*Parking is at 902 Cheatham Hill Rd., Marietta (Recreation Area # 3 parking lot)*

### **March 28 @ 11:00 am – 11:30 am ‘The Fighting McCooks’**

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

### **March 29 @ 2:30 pm – 4:30 pm ‘Guided 24-Gun Battery Hike’**

Join us on a ranger- led hike along the historic 24- Gun Battery Trail to the location of the Union artillery position during the Battle of Kennesaw Mountain. Learn about Civil War history as well as the local ecology of the park. This trail is a moderately easy three miles long. Participants should gather inside the Visitor Center prior to starting the hike.

\*\* Outdoor programs (Living History programs and hikes) may be cancelled in the occurrence of inclement weather.

\*\*\* For more program details, please contact Visitor Center at 770-427-4686, ext. 0,

or visit our website at [www.nps.gov/kemo](http://www.nps.gov/kemo)





## Appalachian Trail Kick-Off Weekend

The first weekend of March - March 6 - 9, 2020 - is the traditional kick-off of the season for through-hikers of the Appalachian Trail to begin their trek to Maine. As part of the weekend, there is a program at the Amicalola Falls Lodge to help celebrate this kick-off and to provide advice on through-hiking. As noted below, our very own Jay Dement will be presenting a session on Leave No Trace. In addition, Paul Fitzner has been a long-time member of the Foothills District of the Atlanta Area Council. For more information on the event visit <https://www.amicalolafallslodge.com/appalachian-trail-kick-off/>.

*Fred Feltmann*

Date	Time	Guest	Company	Topic
Friday	4:45-5:45	Jack Layfield	AT Chaplaincy	AT Chaplaincy Program
Friday	6-7	Richard Judy & Emmy Law		An Ode to the Trail
Saturday	9-10	Paul Fitzner	Etowah Outfitters	Utilizing Solar Power
Saturday	10:15-11:15	Jay Dement	GA AT Club	Leave No Trace
Saturday	11:30-12:30	Judy Gross	Lightheart Gear	Dehydrated Food
Saturday	1-2	Whitney La Ruffa	Six Moon Designs	Hikers Advice
Saturday	2:15-3:15	Larry Dumas	Benton MacKaye Trail Assoc.	Hiking the Benton-McKay
Saturday	3:30-4:30	Ken Bunning	ALDHA	Staying Found
Saturday	4:45-5:45	Eric Manos	Evergreen Adventure Foods	Eliminating Single Use Plastic on the Trail
Saturday	6-7	Katie Rapp & Tom Ottinger	Ridge Runners, AT Conservancy	Stories from a Ridge Runner
Saturday	7:15-8:15	Carol & Jim Steiner	authors	Trail Tales
Sunday	10:15-11:45	Josh Harrington		Art Along the Trail





# Sponsors/Partners Corner

Many thanks to our Sponsors and Partners for their support!

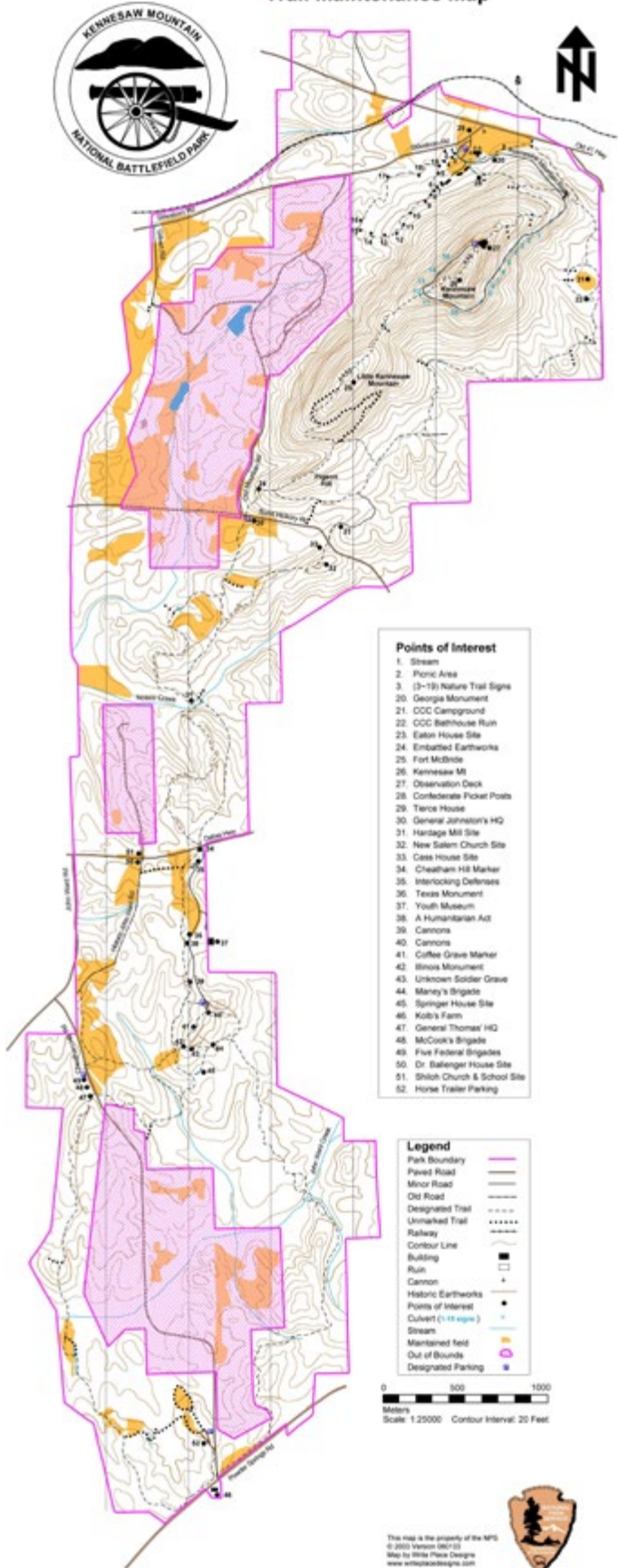


<http://americanhiking.org>



## 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!