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March Work Day!

We will be hosting a work day in March, however, it is on a limited one, because work crews can only be one/two crew leader(s) and 7 - 8 volunteers (we'll have 3 - 4 such crews). We will be working as much on social distancing /mask protocol as trail maintenance, with hope of honing our work day protocols for future, larger work day volunteers. Watch for our post work report in the April newsletter.

Bill Gurry
Trail Director



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Mask Directive - National Park Service

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

The mandate is that a mask is to be worn in federal buildings AND on federal lands. That means that while visitors are in the park, they are mandated to wear a mask. However, now there is more specific guidance to what wearing a mask "on federal lands" means.

Per the Department of the Interior and National Park Service, Kennesaw Mountain NBP will implement this executive order by taking the following measures:

- Masks or facial coverings will be required by visitors, staff, and volunteers while inside any federal buildings. This includes the Visitor Center, museum, and restrooms.
- While outdoors and on the trails, masks and facial coverings should be worn when proper social distancing cannot be maintained. For example, a mask may not be required for the entire hike on a trail but should be used when passing others on the trail if social distancing cannot occur. Masks should be worn outside in areas where people congregate and social distancing cannot occur (such as trailheads and specific areas of interest, like our cannons).
- In accordance with applicable law, NPS will provide reasonable accommodations for qualified individuals.

Amanda Corman

Park Ranger/Volunteer Coordinator

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 no later than March 20th!

PS Even if you're just a "volunteer," you can also present an article for publication - and you won't be the first!

Newsletter 1

<http://kennesawmountaintrailclub.org>

Are You a Daredevil?

Interesting article in last month's newsletter about Mr. Hames in which it was mentioned that he was the first "Printer's Devil" for 1866 volume 1 number 1 of the Marietta Journal. Go ahead and look up that "term" and you'll find that it applies to many of our volunteers at Kennesaw Mountain - lot's of fetchin' stuff and being an apprentice (as in learning). The article was very good; being about someone who seemed to be both adventurous and daring.

For more years than I care to recall at this time of year I was preparing to go to Daytona Beach for the annual March motorcycle week. Just seeing the word "Devil" in the article brought to mind "Daredevil". Well you can also look that word up and get a definition but I don't think there is a way to describe it.

We all have a bit of daredevil in us. I sure have seen plenty of people who would be described as being one. Like the original 'Speedy Babbs', he was first to ride a motorcycle (a rigid frame Indian) inside a woven steel lobe (that was 1960) and at the old Lakewood Fairgrounds they used to have "Wall of Death" motorcycle shows and the speedway had "Joey Chitwood" daredevil car shows (and of course a man would be blown up in a box by dynamite - that I still can't figure out). And, I did once help Evil Knievel get his motorcycle going when he was stalled along the side of the road in Daytona. Anyway, these are examples of who we may think of as being a daredevil.

Remember, I said that we all have some daredevil in us. That is especially true now. In recent issues of the newsletter we've been kept up to date with what has been going on in the park as far as doing maintenance and observing trail activity. One of the big things is the "New" program of picking up after your pet {doggy poop bags}. The "Bags" have been in use for many years at the park and for just

as many years many are left for someone else to pick up. Maybe the new drop stations will work, but I know what does work - someone being daring enough to pick it up and drop it where it goes, same goes for litter. Did you know that you're being a daredevil by just walking in the park, trees fall and rocks give way.

And, if you are daring enough to be sure that the park stays clean, then visitors can concentrate on looking at the beauty and not be distracted by some trash.

Yes, it is daring to something that others may not - that's their problem and not yours.



An "un-named" biker couple

Hopefully when the spring weather is here you'll be outside enjoying a hike. But please don't let your guard down, follow the guidelines for mask wearing and distancing. Be a daredevil and plan to be safe and make the place enjoyable for others - really that's what daredevils do, put on a good show.

Thanks,

Doug Fasse

Note: Speedy 1960's & Un-named Daredevil couple 1990.



Speedy Babbs

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Additional Volunteers needed! Call today!

A Special Thanks!

Each year we have various groups who come out and help us. Henceforth, we will make every attempt to list your group here for the current/past fiscal year. If you are participating as a group, be sure to let us know when you are registering!

Following is a list, in alphabetical order, of the groups who participated during Fiscal 2019 (October 2019- September 2020 and Fiscal 2021 (October 2020- Present):

FY 2020

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

FY 2021

KMTC CREW LEADERS
KSU CROSS COUNTRY TEAM
KSU HEALTH CLASS

We had 8 Crew Leaders participate in a Work Day on October 10, 2020, the KSU crosscountry team in November and a small group of KSU health class students in December.

Interesting Factoids - KMNBP

The Kennesaw Mountain Trail Club (KMTC) is a group of volunteers dedicated to preserving the beauty & history of Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park. Since our beginning in 2002, the Trail Club has contributed over 211,181 volunteer hours donated by the public to enhance the trail system within the park!

Kennesaw Mountain again topped the charts in 2020 as the most-visited Civil War battlefield park in the country! In 2014, Kennesaw Mountain NB Park had 2,119,013 visitors and in 2020 we had 2,356,401 visitors far surpassing:

- Gettysburg 536,533
 - Chickamauga/Chattanooga 678,414
 - Fredericksburg/Spotsylvania 838,835
 - Vicksburg 176,236
 - Manassas 558,036
- KMNBP (2019) - 2,621,050



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.**”

Crew Leader & Trail Ambassador Positions Available!

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

Bill Gurry - trails@kennesawmountaintrailclub.org

Janie Brier - ambassador@kennesawmountaintrailclub.org

2021/2022 Fund Raising

Your volunteer hours help greatly for the many projects we do in the park and we greatly appreciate you contributing your “sweat equity” alongside our 80+ staff volunteers who routinely support each event. We are a non-profit all volunteer organization. However, like any business, we do have bills to pay.

Many of our projects are funded by the park or through grants we apply for. These funds are typically targeted for specific projects and do cover the big expenses such as rocks, stone dust, dirt, wood beams, bridges, fences, and such. But, after all the big stuff is paid for, we still have need to cover our day-to-day operating expenses for things like saw blade sharpening, fuel, tool repairs, equipment maintenance, work gloves, bug spray, drinking water, snacks, and porta-potties, along with basic business expenses - e.g. insurance. For these expenses, we rely on your donations.

Each year we kick off a new round of fund raising and this is the 2021/2022 big “ask.” We need your help with this, even small donations help. We will conclude this drive at the end of FY 2022 (September, 2022).

As we approach our 19th year in operation, we ask you to please think ‘20’, like \$20.. \$40.. \$60..... \$200... \$2000. All donations to the Trail Club support our work at the park, and are tax deductible.

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

- Use Guidestar on the bottom of our home page on the Trail Club website <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

Date **Time** **Location** **Event**

All Work Days and events at Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park are cancelled indefinitely at this point.

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

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

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

The Mountain Top Concession Stand is now open daily from 10 AM till 5 PM.

See page 13 for NPS/KEMO for March activities.

Register for Our Work Days!

Be sure to register online for our Work Days at [http://](http://signup.com/go/VvayYQj)

signup.com/go/VvayYQj. By registering, we can be better prepared with the amount of tools, bottled water, gloves, etc. on hand.



Mark Your Calendars!

Upcoming Work Day Schedule:

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

If your school, church, business, or community organization would like to schedule a special work day as a team building or public service activity once we resume our work day schedules, e-mail us at 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 as soon as we return to our normal work days.

Seasons

by Lewis Bramlett



Pictorial Trail Report

by Anne Page Mosby



The Ward Creek bridge although damaged is still being used. Noticed additional rip rap from our last visit.



Root ball of the same tree, above, right.



A massive oak had been cleared to open the trail.

Jay Haney and Anne Page Mosby conducted this foot patrol on 2/17/21 from Bailey Farm to East bridge Kolb Farm Trail.



New small bridge had been installed.

Pictorial Essay

By Kathy Rearden (Week of 2/14/21)





FRIENDS OF KENNESAW MOUNTAIN

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 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

Contact List - Updated 10/27/20

POSITION

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KMTC Website	http://kennesawmountaintrailclub.org/
NPS Website	https://www.nps.gov.KEMO
Facebook Page	http://www.facebook.com/kmtcsocial
Volunteer Sign-up website	http://signup.com/go/VvavYQj

* updated

Decision at Kennesaw BG Cox and Turning the Confederate Flank

by
Jay B. Haney

This is a summary of a Power Point Presentation that includes maps and an annotated bibliography. Go to this link for the full presentation:

<https://tinyurl.com/1wsxi8fb>

Sherman's Strategic Vision

"The first and most comprehensive strategic question for a commander to answer is the nature of the war he is fighting."

Clausewitz

"Operate deep in the Enemy's rear areas to:

- *Destroy vast amounts of Southern Resources.*
- *Wreck the South's ability to transport supplies to its armies in the field.*
- *Shatter the confidence of Southern civilians and soldiers in the field (while rejuvenating the North's)*
- *Pose an increasingly direct threat to Lee's Army."*

Mr. Michael D. Hughes, Naval War College, 1994

Logistics, Signal, and Intelligence

"The battle is fought and decided by the quartermasters before the shooting begins."

Rommel

In March 1864 MG Sherman took command of the Western Theater of war. He faced constant enemy harassment of his long supply line and geographical obstacles from the barrier of the Appalachian Mountains.

Logistics

- "Railroad generalship" Christopher Gabel—supplying an army of 100,000 men and 35,000 animals over a single-track RR of 473 miles from Louisville to Atlanta. Without the RR it is estimated 36,000 wagons and 220,000 mules would have been needed. Instead, 5,000 Army supply wagons and 900 ambulances operated between the railheads and the troops.
- Deployed 88,000 troops to secure and operate his supply line.
- Demanded logistics discipline and efficient supply.

Signal — telegraph lines that followed the RR allowed him instant communication up and down his chain of command.

All-source Intelligence

- MG Thomas had "the best body of spies."
- US Census tables and Controller of the State of GA provided detailed information on population, crops and incomes of every county in the state.
- Debriefed refuge slaves on enemy troop movements.
- Broke the CSA signal flag codes.
- Knew the tendencies of CSA Gen Johnston

Union organization for mobility and maneuver

- “Convert all parts of the Army into a mobile machine, willing and able to start at a minute’s notice, and to subsist on the scantiest food.” Sherman, Memoirs.
- Tailored forces: rapid maneuvering, foraging and engagements.
- Engineer and construction troops, “pioneer battalions”, that enable the Army to move at an average of 13 miles per day despite enemy harassment, bad weather and unfavorable geography.

Sherman’s order for the attack on Kennesaw Mountain

Mission—Special Field Orders No. 28, paragraph V—24 June 1864

- “The Army Commanders will make full reconnaissance and prepare to attack the enemy in force on the 27th instant, at 8:00 am precisely. The Commanding General will be on Signal Hill, and will have telegraphic communication with all commanders.”
- Directed MG McPherson’s feint toward Marietta and secondary attack on Pigeon Hill.
- Directed MG Thomas’s main attack on Cheatham Hill.
- “MG Schofield will feel well to his extreme right and threaten that flank of the enemy with artillery, and display, but attack some point of the enemy’s line as near the Marietta and Powder Spring Road as he can with prospect of success.”
- “All commanders will maintain reserve and secrecy from their staff officers, but make all proper preparations and reconnaissance. When troops are to be shifted to accomplish this attack the movements should be made at night. At the time of the general attack the skirmisher at the base of Kennesaw will take advantage of it to gain, if possible, the summit and hold it.”
- “Each attacking column will endeavor to break a single point of the enemy’s line, and make a secure lodgment beyond, and be prepared for following up toward Marietta and the railroad in case of success.”

Orders modified after Sherman’s visit to Schofield on 25 June 1864

MG Schofield to BG Cox 26 June 1864:

“To carry out fully General Sherman’s plans it will be necessary for you to make a strong demonstration this afternoon in addition to that being made by COL Reilly. It might be made a short distance this side of the Sandtown Road, or near your present right, or even through the strip of woods near Hascall’s right. Such a demonstration made today and continued until dark will be far more valuable than one made tomorrow morning. A brigade and a battery will doubtless be sufficient force, its real strength concealed from the enemy. Hascall will also open with his artillery on the right.”

BG Cox Action: 26 June 1864

BG Cox action: 0400-0830 27 June 1864

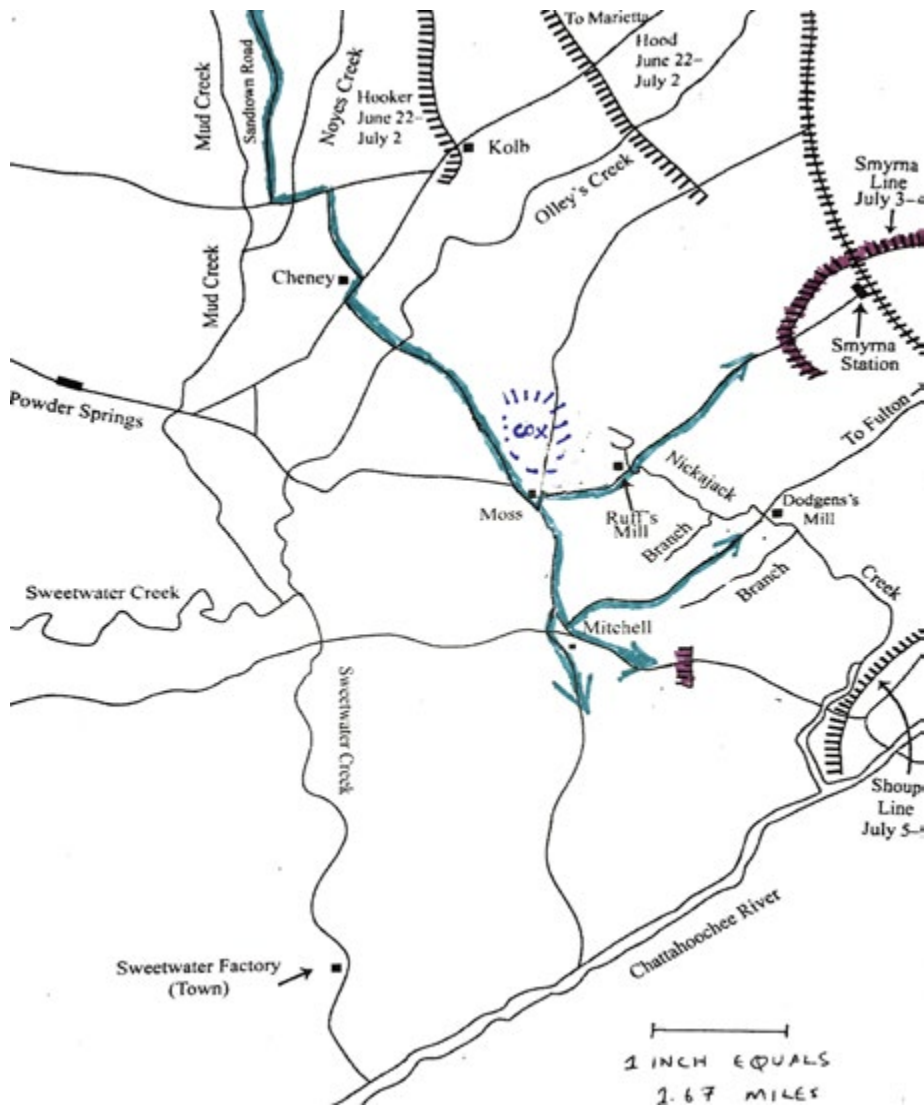
“The only advantage of the day” Sherman

Cox fortifies his forward position: 27 June 1864

Situation as of: dusk 27 June 1864

Flanking the CSA lines: positions as of 3 July 1864.

Pivoting on BG Cox's forward position, MG McPherson and his Army of the Tennessee, using MG Thomas Army of the Cumberland to cover his movement down the Sandtown road, was able to flank the Kennesaw and Smyrna Lines and was in position to threaten the Shoup River Line. See next map.



Conclusion—Situation Dusk 8 July 1864

BG Cox's Division is first across Chattahoochee River

After the Atlanta Campaign, Cox became a MG and Commanded the XXIII Army Corps



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

****All park programming is free and open to the public.**

All programs will be VIRTUAL and presented on Facebook/Youtube.

All programs are free with no registration required

March 1 @10:00 am ‘Civil War Nurses’

Join us on Facebook as we kick off Women’s History month. To start the month off, we’re highlighting two nurses, Emma Stephenson and Kate Cumming who were in and around the Battle of Kennesaw Mountain.

March 4 @10:00 am ‘Female Arsenal Workers of the Civil War’

In our second Women’s History Month post, we’re looking deeper at one of the more dangerous jobs for women: working at military arsenals. We’ll take a look at the tragic history of the Union and Confederate military arsenals.

March 6 @ 10:00 am ‘Deceptive Beauties: Female Spies of the Civil War’

Our next Women’s History post will shine a light on deceptive beauties otherwise known as spies. Our Facebook post will highlight the infamous Belle Boyd and the cunning Elizabeth Van Lew and their operations to help and hinder both armies during the Civil War.

March 14 @ ‘Monemia Johnson: a David and Goliath Tale’

Ranger Jake takes a moment to dive into the fascinating tale of Monemia Johnson, a civilian woman living in Marietta during the time of the Atlanta Campaign. With a spy husband, a destroyed livelihood, and an eventual court case against the United States, Monemia had quite the life.

March 18 – 21 @8:00 am – 8:30am ‘Joseph Johnston: Castles in the Air’

In this 4 part video series, Ranger James explores the life and military career of the complex and often misunderstood General of the Army of Tennessee, Joseph E. Johnston.

March 22,25 - 27 @10:00 am ‘Medal of Honor Series’

In observance of Medal of Honor Day, we’ll explore the four Union soldiers who earned the Medal of Honor for their actions around Kennesaw Mountain.

March 28 @8:00 am – 8:30 am ‘War’s Impact on Women and Families’

Join Ranger Sheila and uncover the stories of the voices not as well known. In this segment the stories of three women will be shared. The women are from diverse backgrounds and their stories are compelling and give a different perspective on the Civil War.

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

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KENNESAW MOUNTAIN NATIONAL BATTLEFIELD PARK

Trail Maintenance Map

