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Workday 02-12-22

We had 6 crew leaders and 1 under instruction for the workday. They were Bill, Eric, Fred, Geoff, Rich, and Mike. Vicki was under instruction. We split in two groups. The first group with Eric, Rich, and Vicki went up the mountain to Fire Road to work on the overflowing drains that were causing erosion on Fire Road. After finishing that project, they worked down the mountain on other drainage issues. The Second group of Bill, Geoff, and Mike worked on the 2 fencing projects. Our Trail Ambassadors Rena, Debbie, Yvonne, Karen, Kathy, James, Alaina, Wendy and Raj were able to show the volunteers where to park and process them quickly so that we could get them out on the trail performing maintenance. Thanks for Davis's assistance for getting the Ditch Witch with the auger out, the electric reciprocating saw, the electric screwdriver, and extra batteries for both. We accomplished items 1 to 4 on the workplan. Our volunteers from Lincoln Tech, Allatoona High School Honor Society, Wheeler High School Helping Hands, and individuals totaled 65. With this large of group, I am proud of what our Crew Leaders, Ambassadors, and volunteers accomplished.

After the workday, Robert and Rena cleaned up the picnic area. Bill, Fred, Eric, and Mike took the old fencing to the storage area off the Camp Brumby Trail.

On Friday, 2/11, Eric, Robert, and Mike prepared the trail for Saturday. We moved fencing into place and put out flags

On Saturday, 1/29, Fred, Scott, and Mike walked the posted work plan took notes and pictures. The workplan was written from this.

Our next workday is Saturday, March 12, 2022; we will meet at the picnic area near the Visitor Center. See registration instructions on page 3.

On Saturday, April 23, 2022, from 8 AM to 12 PM we will be conducting a class for new Crew Leaders.

Fred and I have before and after pictures.

Mike Collet
Trails Director

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!

Mission Capable (Applicable: Crew Leaders, Trail Ambassadors,

Volunteers)

"Yes," every year for about as long as I can remember around the beginning of February I think about going to Daytona Bike Week.

Well, pretty much now it's about the thinking than actually going.



Some of my favorite memories about riding relate to various movie clips, meaning those that just lasted a couple of seconds but will stick with one for what seems like forever.

My favorites are from a scene about Flat Track Racing in "On Any Sunday" when the rider pulls up on the shift arm with his right foot and the arm sort of bounces. Another, is a scene from "Easy Rider" that has Peter Fonda bobbing along while cruising the road; riding his long chopper. And, another is in the "Evel Knievel" movie when the actor pulls on his helmet with a look of, "I can do this."

Well, "No," I didn't jump a motorcycle like Evel, but I put on a helmet and did that other stuff. Sometimes the small items turn out to have a major meaning in what we remember and especially in what we do. I sure do remember military inspections, have all your stuff in order and ready to go. Toughest part was knowing that someone was going to inspect it and for sure "you" better be ready.

Recently, I walked by the Trail Club Tool Room. If you've been volunteering and haven't done that - then do it. Tools and equipment are neatly stacked in there, clean and ready for use. Thanks go to those who take charge and get others to help keep it in order.

To get something going you may have to put it in gear, Having the ability to bounce along riding down the road is pretty much akin to "Flagging" a trail. And the "Helmet" thing is being safe (You know- that safety briefing before work day).

Having things in order and ready for use are major factors to being "Mission Capable." Leave something out of place and things get muddled; break down and the mission won't get done.

Of course there are all types of "Missions" and it's up to the planners to decide if everything is in order to go or no go.

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Additional Volunteers needed! Call today!

The "Capable" part referenced in my article asks what the workers are capable of, particularly what you can do and "You" really need to be aware of that.

Actually, the phrase "Mission Capable" is one that's used in the military, particularly aviation. It covers pretty much what I wrote; but for what you may see at the park creek someday it's, "Have your ducks in order and be ready to fly at a moment's notice".

Be safe, stay well and continue your good work. Thanks,

Doug Tasse

Expect Delays at Dallas Hwy and Whitlock Ave

Crews will start clearing work for the Whitlock Avenue trail segment of the Kennesaw Mountain Pedestrian Improvements on Monday, Oct. 25. 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.

Cobb County Multi-use Trail System Below is a link to the map for the Cobb County Multi-use Trail System:

www.tinyurl.com/yu6ybcm5

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

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!

Volunteer Fair - 3/26/22

The NPS/KEMO staff will be hosting a Volunteer Fair, in conjunction with The Friends of KMNBP, on 3/26/22, from 10 am to 2 pm (Rain date will be 4/2/22.) The various organizations that volunteer at KMNBP will have displays to tell you about volunteer activities at the Park.

These organizations/activities include:

Visitor Services

- · Cheatham Hill Guide
- · Museum Tour Guide
- Shuttle Bus Guide
- · Mountain Top Greeter
- Visitor Center Assistant
- · Parking Lot Patrol
- · Education Volunteers
 - o Field Trips
 - o Outreach programs

Living History

- · Artillery Programs/Demonstrations
- · Infantry Programs/Demonstrations
- · 19th Century Civilian Programs

Friends of KMNBP

- · Leadership
- Grant Administration
- Fundraising

Kennesaw Mountain Trail Club

- · Board Members
 - o Leadership
 - o Training
 - o Grant Administration
 - o Newsletter Editor
 - o Eagle Scout Project Liaison
 - o Support NPS Special Programs
- Crew Leaders
 - o Haul/set up equipment
 - o Flag Trails
 - o Mountain Trails
- Trail Ambassadors
 - o Foot Patrols
 - o Support Education Programs
 - □ School Field Trips
 - □ Outreach programs
 - □ NPS guided Interpretive Hikes
 - o Parking Lot Patrol
 - o Safety Support
 - ☐ KMTC Workdays
 - □ Living History demonstrations

See page 12 for additional information.

There may be other volunteer activities available at a future date. At that time we'll update this list.

New Work Day Registration Procedure - Visitor Center

For several years the Trail Club has been running registration at Old 41 and at the Picnic Area when we were working near the Visitor's Center. We did it that way because we were having 150 to 200 people and had to provide parking for a large number of cars. With the events of the past 2 years, our workdays are now down to about 50 people.

The smaller number created some surprising unforeseen problems that had nothing to do with parking. First, groups were being split up. The part of the group that was dropped off, found themselves standing around wondering where the rest of their group was. Second, the remainder of the group would be at Old 41 waiting for the last person to show up. Then the entire group would walk over to the picnic area together which precipitated forming crews 20 and 30 minutes after the last person arrived.

So, when we will be working in the area of the Visitor's Center, registration and parking will be near the Picnic Area. First, drop off's may be dropped at the 'bus parking spaces' near the entrance to the picnic area. Regular vehicles will go past the "Volunteer" sign, at the end of the loop, and receive a paper 'Temporary Vehicle Permit'. Vehicles will be parked on the administrative road or in the field adjacent to it. Please note that KEMO and NPS parking permits will NOT be accepted, as the cars will be parking in an 'Unauthorized Area'. Paper permits will be provided at the time of entry into this parking area and are good until 12 Noon for that workday only and cannot be reused.

Workday volunteers who wish to park in the regular lots are welcome to do so by using either their own regular vehicle pass or the 'Temporary Vehicle Permit'. Please remember that registration is at 8:00 am and that crews are in the field by 8:15 am.

As always, we, and our patrons, thank all of our Community Volunteers for your assistance in maintaining the trails at Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park. We look forward to seeing you at one of our workdays in the coming months.

Have a great day!

Rena Bailey

Current NPS Covid 19 Status - As of 7/28/21

- There is a mask mandate for all persons to wear masks while indoors in the Visitor Center.
- · Shuttle bus is not restarting until March or so.
- The theater has closed until further notice the NPS will not be showing the film at this time.

Please refer to https://www.nps.gov/aboutus/news/public-health-update.htm for general info regarding Covid protocols.

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 2021

ALLATOONA HS NJROTC
ATLANTA OUTDOOR CLUB (AOC)
HILLGROVE HS JNROTC
ISMAILI CIVIC
KMTC GREW LEADERS
KSU CROSS COUNTRY TEAM
KSU HEALTH CLASS
REI
WALTON HIGH SCHOOL
WHEELER HIGH SCHOOL



ALLATOONA HS NJROTC
ATLANTA OUTDOOR CLUB (AOC)
HILLGROVE HS NJROTC
KENNESAW STATE UNIVERSITY (KSU)
MARIETTA HS SPORTSMANS CLUB
MOUNT PARAN
WHEELER HS, HELPING HANDS

This Past Month's Volunteers

ALLATOONA HIGH SCHOOL HONOR SOCIETY

LINCOLN TECH

WHEELER HIGH SCHOOL HELPING HANDS

At the February work day, we had 65 volunteers in addition to the 8 Crew Leaders and 9 Trail Ambassadors. Our next work day is planned for March 12, 2022.

Crew Leader & Trail Ambassador Positions Available!

Contact Mike Collett (regarding Crew Leader positions) or Donald Olds (Trail Ambassador positions) if interested.

Mike Collett - <u>trails@kennesawmountaintrailclub.org</u>
Donald Olds (Interim) -

ambassador@kennesawmountaintrailclub.org

Grant Writer Needed

One of the ways of getting funds for the various activities supported by the Friends/KMTC is to



receive grants. To do this, the Friends (and KMTC) need the expertise of someone who is versed in completing grant applications. If you are interested in this worthwhile endeavor, please contact Scott Mackay - President@ TheFriendsOfKMNBP.onmicrosoft.com. In the past the Trail Club has successfully applied for grants of \$10,000 and more. One of these successful efforts provided the funds to build the bridge across John Ward Creek on the Kolb Farm West Trail! Other grants that the Trail Club successfully applied for included the funding of the Ticket-To-Ride program providing transportation, program and materials to introduce grade school children to the park. So this is a very important and worthwhile position on the Friends Board. Our previous grant writer retired after 15 years of successful service to the Trail Club. We look forward to hearing from anyone interested in this volunteer position if you would more details/information about this position.

Training Positions Available!

In an effort to improve smoother transitions in leadership, we are adding training slots for the various Directors and President. Initial training slots are for President/Vice President, Trail Ambassador Director and Communications Director. Contact Donald Olds - ambassador@kennesawmountaintrailclub.org - for additional information.



Birds of a Feather...

Our Work Day was a great day - we accomplished much, we got to see a little wildlife, and our friend here enjoyed the hunting in great weather....

Fred Feltmann

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

<u>Date Time Location Event</u>

3/12 8:00 am - Noon Picnic area/Visitor Center KMTC Work Day
3/26 10 am - 2 pm Visitor Center Volunteer Fair

4/9 8:00 am - noon Visitor Center Park Day/KMTC Work Day

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

See Pages 13 for list of NPS Staff Events for March.

All trails are open. All parking lots are open. The Mountain Road parking lot is open when the Mountain Road is open.

Visitor Center is now open, however masks are required.

The Visitor Center theater is now open and the movie is now showing.

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

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.

Register for Our Work Days!

Be sure to register online for our Work Days at tinyurl.



<u>com/2rtzm55n</u>. 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

Parking for the March work daywill be in the field near the Visitor's Center. Vehicle Entrance Passes will issued at registration. Registration will be conducted in the picnic area near the amphitheater at the Visitor Center.

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 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.

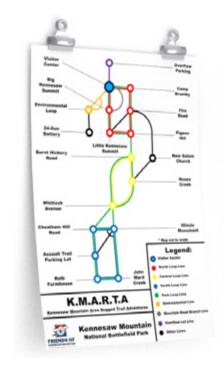
We hope to see you at a work day as soon as we return to our normal work days.

The Friends of Kennesaw Mountain Establish a 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 1930s. The shirt can be purchased online for \$20 at https://friendsofkmnbp.org/shop/. Visit our website! *New items have been added!*

Andrew Bramlett









The Friends Of Kennesaw Mountain

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

Your Membership helps to fund this mission.

Please join us.

Our website is **FriendsOfKMNBP.org.**

Visit to find out more info, to donate, or to sign up for one of our Board positions or to register as a member of the Friends organization.

Our Mission:

The mission of the Friends of Kennesaw Mountain is to work in partnership with the National Park Service and the local community to 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.

Contact List - Updated 9/21/21

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Amazon Smile

https://smile.amazon.com/

KMTC Website

http://kennesawmountaintrailclub.org/

NPS Website

https://www.nps.gov.KEMO

Facebook Page

http://www.facebook.com/kmtcsocial

Volunteer Sign-up website

https://signup.com/go/QKAUKsQ

* updated

Congratulations, Michael Christman!

I am pleased to announce that Michael Christman has completed his pathway student trainee program with a diploma in Horticulture; also receiving specialized training certificates in Lawn maintenance specialist, and turfgrass maintenance technician. Through his diligence and hard work Michael maintained a GPA of 3.6, all why continuing his work duties here at a very high level.

Effective immediately, Michael Christman has been promoted to a permanent WG 7 maintenance worker employee. Help me in congratulating Michael as you see him out and about the park.

Job well done Michael!

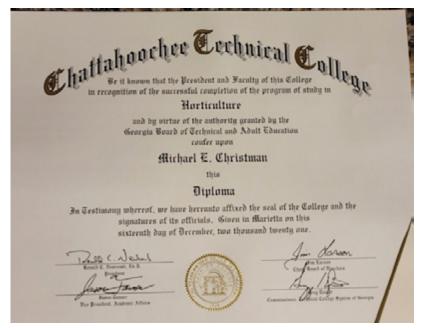
Persistence + Hard work= Works!

"There is NO substitute for hard work" Thomas Edison

Carlos Hurston

Facility Manager

Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park





Work Day - 2/12/22 Photos by Fred Feltmann















Before/After - 2/12/22 Work Day Photos by Fred Feltmann



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Kennesaw Mountain News Release

Release Date: Immediately

Contact: Amanda Corman, amanda corman@nps.gov, 770-427-4686 x 229

Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park Announces Spring Volunteer Sign Up Festival

Kennesaw, GA: Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park announced its Spring Volunteer Sign Up Festival open to all visitors interested in helping at the park which hosts over 2.5 million visitors every year. The event takes place Saturday, March 26, 2022, outside the Visitor Center from 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. Volunteers and park staff will be available to share more information on the many opportunities open to help at the park.

Patrick Gamman, Kennesaw Mountain NBP Superintendent said, "we are very excited to invite visitors and our community to sign up, have fun, make new friends and give back to the park. We really have something for everyone!"

Areas represented include Visitor Services, Living History, Friends of KMNBP and the Kennesaw Mountain Trail Club. Volunteer opportunities vary in time and flexibility and include tour guides, greeters, parking lot patrol, education, historical programs and demonstrations, fund raising, newsletters, Eagle Scout project coordination, trail maintenance crew leaders, trail patrols, trail workdays and much more. Kennesaw Mountain NBP is the largest contiguous green space in the Metro-Atlanta area with over 2900 acres and 22 miles of maintained trails. Visitors enjoy the natural beauty of the flora and fauna alongside history, civil war battlefields and challenging mountain hikes with incredible views.

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Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park is open daily from sunrise to sunset and is located at 900 Kennesaw Mountain Drive, Kennesaw, GA 30152 www.nps.gov/kemo

The National Park Service

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

*All programs are outdoors and weather dependent.

March 6th, 11 am – Memorial Field History Walk

This history talk will begin at the Visitor Center. The Ranger will take you to several points that were crucial during the Battle of Kennesaw Mountain and the demonstration made to the north of the Confederate line. You will see rebel earthworks and hear accounts from men that took part in that fateful feint attack.

March 13th, 11 am – Monemia Johnson: a David and Goliath Tale

Join us as one of our rangers 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. This talk will be held on the Visitor Center patio.

March 19^{th} , 11 am - 12:30 pm - Guided Mountain Top Hike This Ranger- led hike will take you to the top of Big Kennesaw Mountain and explore the history of the lonely peak from its creation to today. It is approx. 2 miles (round-trip) with an elevation gain of around 700 ft over moderate terrain. Please bring water and decent hiking shoes. We will meet at the Visitor Center.

March 20th, 11 am - Pigeon Hill Walk/Talk

On the morning of June 27th, 1864, the Union army would coordinate multi-faceted diversions and attacks against the Confederate 'Kennesaw Line'. One of the major frontal assaults was up the rocky slopes of Pigeon Hill.

> Join a ranger for this moderate .5- 1 mile hike along the battle line. (Please meet the Ranger at the Burnt Hickory Parking Lot,

> > GPS: 33.963276, -84.594391)

March 26th, 10 am – 2 pm – Kennesaw Mountain Volunteer Fair

Have you ever been curious what it's like to fire a cannon? Do you enjoy the outdoors, history, and working with the public? Those are just some of the volunteer opportunities available at Kennesaw Mountain NBP. Come out to our front Memorial Field for an exciting event designed to answer all of your questions about volunteering at Kennesaw Mountain and to highlight our wonderful volunteer program.

*** 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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