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The Amazon Smile Program

The Amazon Smile program has officially ended. Thanks to all who have contributed to the Friends and KMTC over the years. Your donations through Smile were greatly appreciated.

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List of Abbreviations

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

Newsletter Sign-up

Would you like to receive our newsletter? To sign up, click on the following link: <http://eepurl.com/gKjX1n> Complete and submit this form. You'll be added to our subscription list.

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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!

Calendar of Events - Friends/KMTC

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Event</u>
3/8	6 pm - 8 pm	Visitor Center	Friends Monthly Meeting
3/11	8:30 am - noon	Pigeon Hill Parking Lot	March, 2023 Work Day
4/8	8:00 am - noon	TBD	American Battlefield Park Day/Work Day - Rain date is 4/15

See page 5 for this month's NPS activities at the Park!

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

Current Status Of Park

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

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

Visitor Center is open; masks are **optional**. The Visitor Center theater is open - the movie is being shown.

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

Trail closures

The horse trail crossing on John Ward Creek on the Kolb Farm East Trail is closed until further notice because of the treacherous creek crossing there.

The New Salem Church trail is currently closed where it crosses Burnt Hickory Rd. while the multiuse trail is being constructed there and New Salem Church Trail reroute is being completed. Current plans are to have the reroute completed by late June, 2023.

Park Update Notes

- Bathrooms at Illinois Monument parking to start **February 15th - In-process - Expected completion 3/23**
- **Park Day is April 8th (Rain date will be April 15th)**
- **The Living History Programs will be again in April.**
- **There will be volunteer spotlights on Facebook and Instagram** *Updated*
- **Mountain road is being restriped to help sort out cars, pedestrians, bicycles**
- Road to summit is a future project study in progress
 - 2nd shuttle bus is being proposed to move people about the park
- Reroute of New Salem Church Trail has started – expecting completion **June 23**, 2023. Signs will be going up
- New signage about the park history is coming
 - No "Bicycle on Trails" signs going up
 - Looking at putting up signs "Your Fee Dollars at Work"
- More special speakers are being planned for over the winter
- Reforestation project - April (Plant hardwood trees at various locations within Park boundaries)
- Bicycle racks & multi-use trails to complete in June 23
- 160th battle planning will be starting in January 2023 (monthly meetings)
- Cannon Restoration - 23 cannons (multi-year project)
 - All cannon barrels are from the Civil War
 - All carriages are replicas and will be refurbished/rebuilt
- EV Charging Stations
 - A joint NPS/Friends study is being done to install EV charging stations at various parking lots in the Park.

Patrick Gamman

Superintendent

Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park

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<http://kennesawmountaintrailclub.org>

Fiscal 2023 General Schedule of Events

March 8, 2023	<i>Friends of KMNBP Board Mtg</i>
March 11, 2023	Trail Work Day - Pigeon Hill
March 25, 2023	KSU Service Day
April 8, 2023	Trail Work Day/American Battlefield Trust Park Day
April 12, 2023	<i>Friends of KMNBP Board Mtg</i>
April 25, 2023	<i>KMTC Board Meeting</i>
May 10, 2023	<i>Friends of KMNBP Board Mtg</i>
May 13, 2023	Trail Work Day
June 7, 2023	<i>Friends of KMNBP Board Mtg</i>
June 10, 2023	Trail Work Day/National Trail Day
June 14, 2023	<i>Friends of KMNBP Board Mtg</i>
June 24 & 25, 2023	159th Battle Anniversary
July 8, 2023	Trail Work Day
July 12, 2023	<i>Friends of KMNBP Board Mtg</i>
July 25, 2023	<i>KMTC Board Meeting</i>
August 9, 2023	<i>Friends of KMNBP Board Mtg</i>
August 12, 2023	Trail Work Day
September 09, 2023	Trail Work Day/ National Public Lands Day
September 13, 2023	<i>Friends of KMNBP Board Mtg</i>
September 16, 2023	<i>KMTC Annual Meeting</i>
October 11, 2023	<i>Friends of KMNBP Board Mtg</i>
October 14, 2023	Trail Work Day
October 24, 2023	<i>KMTC Board Meeting</i>

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

New Salem Church Trail/ New Trail Reroute

Just a reminder that the Salem Church Trail at Burnt Hickory crossing is closed. This is a part of the multi trail project from Cobb D.O.T. The trail itself is not closed just at the crossing at Burnt Hickory. Work has begun on the new trail reroute by my staff and the trail club. Any further questions or concerns please tell them to contact me by email at carlos_hurston@nps.gov or office at ext. 235. Thank you all for your patience and understanding.

Carlos Hurston
Facility Manager

Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park

Expect delays at Dallas Hwy and Whitlock Ave

Some work continues on the trail segment along Whitlock Ave, and some delays can still be expected. Significant delays are expected along Dallas Highway/Whitlock Avenue between John Ward Road and Cheatham Hill Drive. Crews will be working in the area from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on weekdays, and road capacity will be reduced to one lane.

Traffic delays are expected to be worse in the afternoon in the westbound direction. Alternate routes are recommended.

For more information, contact Cobb DOT at 770-528-1623. Expected completion is July 30, 2023. Click [here](#) for general info on Cobb County projects.

See also:

<http://www.cobbcommute.org/1311#> - Dallas Hwy

<http://www.cobbcommute.org/1257#> - Cheatham Hill Rd..

Proposed and Existing Trails in Cobb County

For those who would like to know what the existing trails in Cobb County are, check out <https://geo-cobbcountyga.hub.arcgis.com/apps/55470d12c0814f1f8c68e96724610e87/explore>.

Regarding proposed trails for Cobb County, check out the following link:

<https://www.cobbcounty.org/transportation/planning/trails>. This website has both proposed and current trail maps.



Friends/KMTC Merger

Committees within each organization have been formed. This will be a significant effort. The merger of the two newsletters is just a first of a long series of steps that must be evaluated. Stay tuned!



New Restroom Facilities!

New restroom facilities are being installed at the Cheatham Hill Drive Parking Lot, near the Illinois Monument. The initial installation was completed on 2/15/23. The final completion of the installation will be sometime in March, 2023. The funds for this facility were provided through the new Park Fees program. Photos, below, were provided by Carlos Hurston, Facilities Maintenance Director, NPS.





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

*All programs are outdoors and weather dependent.

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

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

March 4, @ 11 am – ‘Kennesaw Mountain’s Illinois Monument: Commemorating the Past, Honoring the Present and Inspiring the Future’

The story of Kennesaw Mountain did not end after the battle in 1864 but was continued by the veterans who fought on the battlefield. The ranger will discuss how Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park was established through efforts of Union veterans who fought at Cheatham Hill.

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

March 5, @ 11 am – Memorial Field Walk

As a diversionary tactic, several companies of men would make a fateful charge against the base of Kennesaw Mountain on June 27th, 1864. In this short, guided walk, one of our rangers will use firsthand accounts and official records to put the action in perspective.

March 11, @ 11 am – Assault Trail History Hike

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

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

March 12, @ 11 am – Guided Mountain Top Hike

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

March 18, @ 11 am – The Fighting McCooks

On June 27, 1864, Colonel Daniel McCook, Jr. led the Federal assault up Cheatham Hill, where he was mortally wounded. This brave man was not the only McCook to fight for the Federal army. This 30-minute program will introduce the ‘Fighting McCooks’, the story of 3 Ohio brothers and their 15 sons who joined the Federal forces and fought throughout the Civil War.

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

March 19, @ 11 am – Battle of Kolb’s Farm Guided Walk

Occurring on June 22, 1864, the Battle of Kolb’s Farm would foreshadow the storm to come. In response to the seemingly impregnable ‘Kennesaw Line’, Sherman sends probing forces down the Powder Springs Rd. to find a way around. Johnston would shift his line to meet the threat, and conflict would erupt in the summer stillness. This short ranger walk and talk will highlight some aspects of this battle.

**This program is not at the Visitor Center; parking is at the Kolb Farm House parking lot)*

March 25, @ 11 am – Medal of Honor Day Talk

The Medal of Honor is the highest honor that can be bestowed in the U.S. military. Join volunteer Andrew Bramlett as he presents this program that focuses on Cobb County’s connections to the Medal of Honor, from the Great Locomotive Chase to the Battle of Kennesaw Mountain and the recipients buried at the Marietta National Cemetery.



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Release Date: Immediately

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John Ward Creek Crossing Closed to Horseback Riders

Kennesaw, GA – Effective immediately, the John Ward Creek crossing just south of the Illinois Monument is closed to horseback riders until further notice. This closure stems from a safety concern due to hazardous conditions relating to an unstable streambed. The closure affects the creek crossing between Milepost 3.5 and Milepost 4 of the Kolb's Farm East Trail.

Superintendent Patrick Gamman states, "We are concerned for the safety of all park users. Crossing John Ward Creek at this section of the trail poses a risk that we want to alert our horse community to, as it could potentially cause harm to both horse and rider. We will be working as quickly as possible to mitigate this problem."

Please contact the park at 770-427-4686 or visit the park's website at www.nps.gov/kemo for further information.

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The Friends of Kennesaw Mountain Webstore

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

Andrew Bramlett



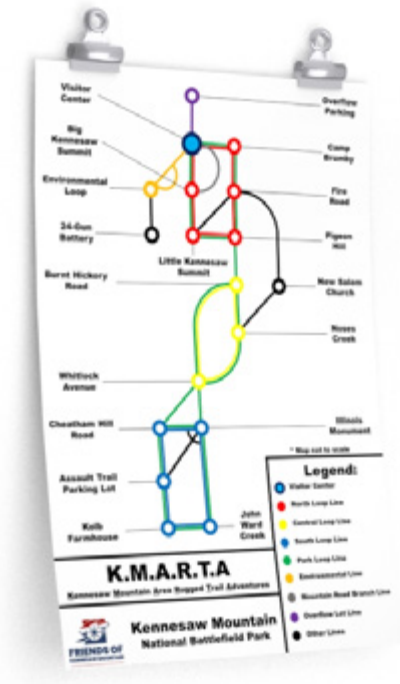
Some of the items for sale.



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Service Animals

The idea or concept of Service Animals brings to mind dogs picking up objects, opening doors, etc. It also brings up 'horror stories' of peacocks, cats, snakes, etc. being taken on board airplanes. Then, again, you hear that 'emotional support animals' are allowed within public buildings and that, we, as Trail Ambassadors, Crew Leaders, Educational volunteers, have to just accept whatever comes in the doors, as service animals.

First off, let's define a 'service animal'.

"The ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act) defines service animals as dogs that are individually trained to do work or perform tasks for people with disabilities. Examples of such work or tasks include: guiding people who are blind, alerting people who are deaf, pulling a wheelchair, alerting and protecting a person who is having a seizure, reminding a person with mental illness to take prescribed medications, calming a person with Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) during an anxiety attack, or performing other duties." (2010 Standards)

The first sentence is the most important, with the key words being: dogs, individually trained, perform tasks. The examples of tasks performed, listed above, are highly specific.

Now, let's dispel some misconceptions. Service animals are NOT pets, they are working dogs. Many service animals know that when their vest goes on, they are immediately at work, however service animals are not required to wear a vest, have any sort of certification, etc. The dog does not have to be a certain size or breed, but common breeds include labs, and German shepherds and frequently mixed breeds.

By definition, cats, snakes, peacocks, etc. are not service animals, regardless of what they do. Also, by ADA definition, 'emotional support animals' are not considered 'service animals'. 'Emotional support animals', may be part of a medical treatment, by helping to dispel loneliness, anxiety and certain phobias. However, these tasks are NOT highly specific in nature and do not require special training.

According to the ADA, the handler is responsible for the care and handling of the dog, at all times. 'Service animals' must be:

- Housebroken
- Under control by the handler, at all times
- Fully vaccinated in accordance with state and local laws
- The ADA does not require that facilities clean up after the dog.
- Do not require a certification or an identification card or vest.

The ADA, also, requires that the owner be willing to answer

two questions:

- Is the animal required because of a disability?
- What work or task has the animal been trained to perform?

These questions cannot be asked if the function or disability is obvious. Examples include guiding a person who is blind or has low vision, or opening a door for an individual in a wheelchair, etc.

The facilities are required to admit a service dog into all facilities where people are admitted including restaurants, public buildings, etc. 'No pets policy' and breed restrictions do not apply.

How does all of this pertain to the Visitor's Center? If a dog enters the VC, we, as volunteers, should notify an NPS staff member and allow them to handle the situation. We can answer general questions on the subject, but any specific situations or questions need to be handled by the staff.

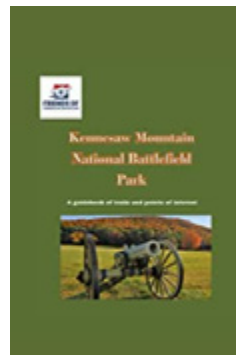
There are numerous other requirements of different situations such as employment, hotel accommodations, etc. In general, 'service animals' have become an integral part of our society but the dogs, the handlers and the facilities have certain responsibilities

REFERENCES:

<https://www.ada.gov/resources/service-animals-2010-requirements/>

<https://adata.org/guide/service-animals-and-emotional-support-animals>

Rena Bailey



Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park Guidebook

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

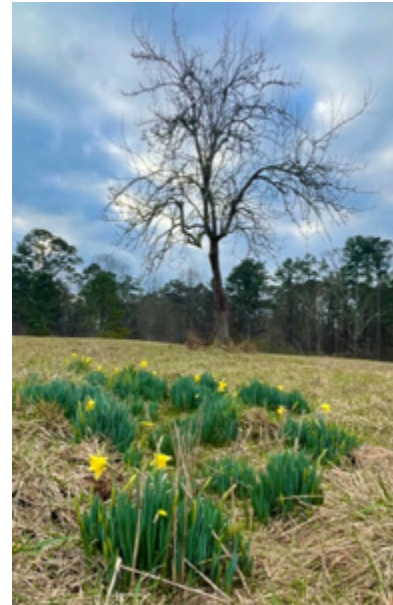
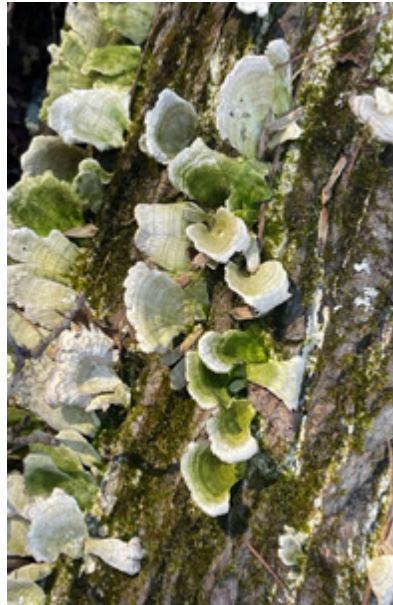
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Additional Volunteers needed! Call today!

Park Moments



Spring has Sprung - early February, 2023. Photos by Kathy Bearden.

Annual Visitation Record Year by Park (1904 - Last Calendar Year)

Park Name	Park Type	2005	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Pea Ridge NMP	National Military Park	65,557	131,907	95,251	104,686	114,578	119,490	121,163	101,969	102,753	80,455	82,854	81,992
River Raisin NBP	National Battlefield Park		50,667	57,464	55,281	109,118	202,375	238,813	240,548	226,354	309,977	263,472	241,998
Wilson's Creek NB	National Battlefield	207,199	167,205	157,309	161,058	161,004	183,698	206,346	220,276	232,838	287,260	271,245	282,914
Antietam NB	National Battlefield	295,309	510,921	370,832	337,079	347,180	351,911	366,508	326,197	287,343	85,884	110,544	115,619
Manassas NBP	National Battlefield Park	7,155,622	600,354	538,888	514,140	502,045	534,835	605,577	542,004	510,427	558,036	516,604	532,727
Monocacy NB	National Battlefield	17,985	47,249	37,647	56,187	64,596	87,547	113,820	84,901	144,969	155,116	137,300	127,111
Fort Neccessity NB	National Battlefield	102,004	187,893	165,159	219,546	280,705	290,021	294,145	280,970	312,104	199,801	274,853	259,293
Fredericksburg & Spotsylvania NMP	National Military Park	534,636	982,324	880,251	873,328	891,917	969,895	919,311	926,464	906,800	838,835	736,416	756,296
Gettysburg NMP	National Military Park	1,705,601	1,126,577	1,213,349	1,020,702	1,080,185	1,091,320	1,038,649	949,989	925,117	536,553	687,631	764,576
Petersburg NB	National Battlefield	143,455	188,426	190,086	205,572	192,655	191,898	208,473	204,322	235,691	152,878	201,606	180,907
Richmond NBP	National Battlefield Park	68,438	156,952	151,240	179,552	184,175	208,969	224,014	199,344	197,242	179,598	152,308	173,124
Big Hole NB	National Battlefield	54,934	35,207	38,092	36,987	39,549	41,795	36,717	56,943	45,861	36,234	31,734	54,781
Chickamauga & Chattanooga NMP	National Military Park	901,384	1,032,844	905,984	996,694	1,002,373	1,027,738	994,537	945,962	977,158	678,414	945,390	964,272
Cowpens NB	National Battlefield	208,936	231,973	216,239	200,836	206,740	213,299	212,692	189,410	223,413	226,903	204,811	212,534
Fort Donelson NB	National Battlefield	208,687	284,762	247,734	262,317	260,744	259,343	208,816	168,986	254,431	325,496	234,898	183,638
Guilford Courthouse NMP	National Military Park	497,193	313,374	541,581	173,261	222,602	321,796	348,991	236,016	223,900	186,020	211,689	389,057
Horseshoe Bend NMP	National Military Park	58,564	58,668	55,965	64,359	89,282	83,370	74,255	49,491	45,372	28,600	58,285	67,773
Kennesaw Mountain NBP	National Battlefield Park	1,005,510	1,935,909	1,924,076	2,119,013	2,174,870	2,360,256	2,593,725	2,549,164	2,621,050	2,356,401	1,800,823	1,322,003
Kings Mountain NMP	National Military Park	288,394	265,713	247,632	251,093	257,077	263,357	291,841	287,635	262,031	249,477	265,666	238,656
Moore's Creek NB	National Battlefield	48,406	79,345	72,330	87,774	89,944	83,889	86,747	56,531	77,006	58,786	60,727	53,681
Shiloh NMP	National Military Park	315,296	587,620	536,206	409,086	356,535	421,862	435,107	376,099	360,989	386,883	371,863	387,205
Stones River NB	National Battlefield	206,425	260,537	258,242	272,499	264,925	346,213	230,562	266,503	284,516	301,270	365,833	417,791
Vicksburg NMP	National Military Park	703,484	573,262	573,838	550,874	532,444	508,914	475,074	474,387	576,456	176,236	391,947	410,487

2,621,050 - Highest visitor visitation to date for all parks for the period of 1977 - 2023.



Fund Raising Committee Formed

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

Endowment Fund Planned

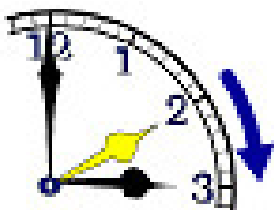
Scott Mackay is working on the establishment of an endowment fund. Details will follow.

New Park Map(s) in the Planning Stages

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

Citizen Science Program Coordinator Position Filled!

Please welcome Jessica Stephenson Reaves! She has volunteered to take on the position of **Citizen Science Program Coordinator!**



March 12th

The Friends of Kennesaw Mountain Are Looking For A Few Good Folks!

Like the Trail Club, the Friends have many opportunities for volunteers to provide services to the Park. Here are a few select ones:

Butterfly Garden & Plant Nursery Coordinator - This individual would work with the NPS staff at the park to coordinate volunteer projects around the Park

Citizen Science Program Coordinator - Filled!

160th Anniversary (2024) Coordinator - This individual would head up a volunteer group to coordinate various activities with the NPS staff to conduct the 160th Anniversary of the Battle for Kennesaw Mountain.

Activities might be:

- Fundraising
- Parking
- Food logistics for feeding the various volunteers
- General logistics
- Publicity
- Hospitality Services

Endowment Fund Chair - Coordinate/lead the activities necessary to establish an Endowment Fund for the Friends:

- Policies
- Publicity
- Establish a core group to manage it

Volunteer Recruiter (back office)

- Solicit for long term volunteers
- Inform them of the commitment
- Route them to roles they might enjoy both VIP and Friends
- Be their "buddy" during the on boarding into the "family"

Legal Secretary

For more information on these positions, contact Scott Mackay - President@TheFriendsOfKMNP.onmicrosoft.com

Contact List - Updated 2/20/23

POSITION	NAME
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Parliamentarian	Jason Shepherd
Treasurer	Tom Okerberg
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Newsletter Editor	Fred Feltmann
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Social Media	Andrew Bramlett
Fundraising	Bart Henderson Kathy Bearden
Citizen Science Program	Jessica Stephenson Reaves*
Disbursements	Lewis Bramlett
Archives	Vacant
Membership	Vacant
Living History Liaison	Andy Cole
Trail Club Liaison	Jay Haney
Eastern National Liaison	Dan Beard
Events Planner	Kathy Bearden
Accessibility Advocate	Marjorie Rogers
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Grant Writer	Holly Ringle

Board Members:

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Lewis Bramlett
Bart Henderson
Scott Johnson
John Nash
Jason Shepherd
Kim Sherk

A Special Thanks!

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

FY 2020

GUIDE BOOK PROJECT - RACHEL ELEY
ORAL HISTORY PROJECT - SUSAN CAOLA
TIME KEEPING PROJECT - SCOTT MACKAY

FY 2021

GUIDE BOOK PROJECT - RACHEL ELEY
ORAL HISTORY PROJECT - SUSAN CAOLA
TIME KEEPING PROJECT - SCOTT MACKAY

FY 2022

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

FY 2023

MAP PROJECT - CHARLES KAYS
LINSAY BARNES
GIS PROJECT - OPEN



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The Friends Of Kennesaw Mountain

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

Your Membership helps to fund this mission.

Please join us.

Our website is FriendsOfKMNB.org.

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

Our Mission:

The mission of the Friends of Kennesaw Mountain is to work in partnership with the National Park Service and the local community to provide volunteers and raise funding to support activities such as:

- Visitor & Away Events
- Transportation, Housing, and Feeding of volunteer groups (example: Living History, Student Conservation Association, Invasive Plants Team)
- Museum Upgrades and Indoor and Outdoor Exhibit Additions (& the Wallis House)
- Restrooms, Parking, and Picnic Area Facilities
- Trails, Fire Roads, and Bridges Maintenance
- Educational Day Trips and Vacation Camps
- Volunteer-In-Park Training Programs

The ultimate goal is to create endowments for the most significant expense items and move them toward a sustainable and perpetual self-funded status that reduces the need for these items to rely on federal budget support.

2023 Projects(s) - October status

- Painted Rock Restoration (National Park Lands Day) - **Next project work day - 4/2023**
 - Raise funding for trail improvements, living history, new cannon & trailer - **in process**
 - Fundraising goal established for FY 2023 - **\$76,600**
 - Fall Friends Alliance Conference - Nov 1 - 3 at Great Smokey NP (**Completed**)
 - Raise community support for new restrooms, Wallis House & Trail to Anderson Hill - **in process**
 - Help with scripts for the Augmented Reality App filming has started and many stories are in work - **in process**
 - Spring Friends Alliance Conference - May- Washington DC
 - Support the battle anniversary (159th Anniversary - **June, 2023**). **Help to advertise, set-up as it occurs**
 - Support Volunteer Fair planning in process (**current date of fair will be April, 2023???**)
 - Continue support to all park activities - **continuing**
 - Provide funding/publicity/signs for 5 bike racks to promote alternative transportation to/from the Park (not for trail riding) - **in process**
- Provide support/funding for 160th Anniversary (June 2024) - **in process**
- Fund Raiser - **TBD**



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

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

These include:

- Hiking/Equestrian Trail improvements and Maintenance
- Museum improvements and expansion
- Living History Demonstrations
- Additional parking and restrooms
- Guest speakers
- More

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



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

Annual membership levels:

Individuals

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

Businesses

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



Four Ways To Donate

You can support the Friends in 5 ways:

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



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

Thanks for your support!

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

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



FRIENDS OF KENNESAW MOUNTAIN

FY 2023 Fundraising Goals

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

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

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

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

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

Electric Vehicle (EV) Charging Stations

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



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

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

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

Bicycle Racks Fund Raising Project

- Goal is to support park with a fund raising campaign for bicycle racks and to encourage alternative transportation use when visiting the park
- Current goal is \$1800 for 5 racks
- Signage is also needed est \$1800
- Get word out through social media and ask donors to tag their donation with “#Racks”
- Recommended locations study has been presented to the park





EARTHWORKS

Workday 02-25-23

We had 12 crew leaders for the workday. They were Anna, Curt, Geoff, Harry, Jeffrey, Mark, Robert, Stewart, Todd, Tom, Bill, and Mike. We had 3 Trail Ambassadors and 51 volunteers. The Trail Ambassadors were Wendy, Rena, and Lauri. They directed traffic and conducted registration. James took photos directed parking. The volunteers were from Hillgrove JROTC, Allatoona JROTC, the Atlanta Outdoor Club, Kennesaw State University individual students, and several individuals.

On Saturday, I welcomed the volunteers at the picnic area. From there we walked to the first line of the workplan, tools were staged there by Gator, I conducted the safety briefing, and split our volunteers into teams. Team 1 did line 1 of the workplan and was led by Todd, Geoff, Curt, and Stewart with the Hillgrove JROTC. They completed this and went to line 7. Line 1 was the most difficult. It required the largest number of volunteers and the most time. Team 2 did line 2 of the workplan and was led by Harry and Anna with the Allatoona JROTC. When they completed this line, they went to line 5 of the workplan. Team 3 did line 3 of the workplan was led by Mark and Robert with the individual volunteers. When they completed this line, they went to line 6 of the workplan. Team 4 did Line 4 of the workplan and was led by Tom and Jeffery with the Atlanta Outdoor Club and Kennesaw State University individual students. When they completed this line, they proceeded to an area past line 7 that had drainage issues and worked on it. Bill drove the Gator in support of all teams. I bounced between teams ensuring compliance to the workplan and park regulations. Thanks to the effort of our crew leaders and volunteers we accomplished all lines of the workplan plus a few extra drainage issues that we encountered that were not in the workplan.

As we walked from the tool shed down to the picnic area, just before the second bridge, we encountered a large hole caused by erosion. While the volunteers were being checked in Geoff, Bill, Robert, and Harry patched that hole.

On Friday, February 24, Anna, Stewart, Tom, Bill, and I reviewed the work planned and put the flags out.

I also want to thank Geoff for showing Michael Christian the issues with the Pulaski's and Michael for doing routine maintenance on the Pulaski's.

Mike Collett
Director of Trails

March Work Day

Our next workday is Saturday, March 11, 2023. We will be conducting general trail maintenance between Pigeon Hill and the switchback going up Little Kennesaw Mountain.

Mike Collett
Director of Trails

Crew Leader Training Class - 5/20/23

On Saturday, May 20, 2023, from 8:30 to 1:00 Amanda and Mike will be conducting a class for new Crew Leaders and a refresher class for current Crew Leaders.

If you are interested in participating in this class or have questions regarding the Crew Leader position, contact Mike at trails@kennesawmountaintrailclub.org

Mike Collett
Director of Trails

Come join us for Trail Ambassador Training!

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

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

TA's must be 16 years of age. The NPS Volunteer Service Agreement and COVID forms are required, signed by a parent or guardian, if the student is under 18 years old. The forms are available on the trail club web site: <http://www.kennesawmountaintrailclub.org/volunteer.php>

Participants are encouraged to wear casual clothes and closed toed shoes for the training class.

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A Special Thanks!

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

Following is a list, in alphabetical order, of the groups who participated during Fiscal 2022 (October 2021-September 2022 and Fiscal 2023 (October 2022-Present):

FY 2022

ALLATOONA HIGH SCHOOL HONOR SOCIETY
ALLATOONA HS NJROTC
ATLANTA OUTDOOR CLUB (AOC)
BSA TROOP 2319
HILLGROVE HS NJROTC
KENNESAW STATE UNIVERSITY (KSU)
LINCOLN TECH
MARIETTA HS SPORTSMANS CLUB
McEACHERN HIGH SCHOOL
MOUNT PARAN
WHEELER HS, HELPING HANDS

FY 2023

ALLATOONA HS NJROTC
ATLANTA OUTDOOR CLUB (AOC)
GA TECH ROTC
HILLGROVE HS NJROTC
KSU
MARIETTA HS SPORTSMANS CLUB

This Past Month's Volunteers

For our February work day (February 26, 2023), we had 12 crew leaders, 3 trail ambassadors and 51 volunteers. Thanks! The volunteers were comprised of the following groups:

ALLATOONA HS JROTC
ATLANTA OUTDOOR CLUB
HILLGROVE HS JROTC
KENNESAW STATE UNIVERSITY (KSU)



“Other” Volunteers Needed!

Interested in being more active with the Trail Club (or the Friends), but don't want to do Crew Leader or Trail Ambassador work? See page 10 for a list of activities/functions available. Contact Scott Mackay - his email address is at the end of the article on page 10.



Crew Leader & Trail Ambassador Positions Available!

Contact Mike Collett (regarding Crew Leader positions) or Gayle McAllister/Wendy Turner (Trail Ambassador positions) if interested.

Mike Collett - trails@kennesawmountaintrailclub.org

Gayle McAllister/Wendy Turner -
ambassador@kennesawmountaintrailclub.org

Trail Ambassador Training Continued from page 17

If you have any questions, please contact Wendy Turner at ambassador@kennesawmountaintrailclub.org to find out when the next course will be conducted **or** for more information. We look forward to seeing you there!

Have a great day!

Rena Bailey



Photo by James Turner.

2023/2024 Fund Raising

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

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

Each year we kick off a new round of fund raising and this is the 2023/2024 big “ask.” We need your help with this, even small donations help. We will conclude this drive at the end of FY 2024 (September, 2024).

As we approach our 21st year in operation, we ask you to please think ‘21’, like \$21.. \$42.. \$63..... \$210... \$2100. All donations to the Trail Club support our work at the park, and are tax deductible.

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

- Use Guidestar on the bottom of our home page on the Trail Club website <http://www.kennesawmountaintrailclub.org>
- 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.

* Our Corporate name is KEMO Trail Corps, Inc., an IRS 501(c)(3) non-profit corporation.



Register for Our Work Days!

Be sure to register online for our Work Days at tinyurl.com/27ef2vph. By registering, we can be better prepared with the amount of tools, bottled water, gloves, etc. on hand.



Mark Your Calendars!

Upcoming Work Day Schedule:

See the sign-up links, above. Anyone one is now welcome to sign-up. We will be working according to our Winter schedule - registration will open at 8:30 am.

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, if desired. The NPS Volunteer Service Agreement and COVID forms are required, signed by a parent or guardian, if the student is under 18 years old. The forms are available on the trail club web site: <http://www.kennesawmountaintrailclub.org/volunteer.php>

For March's work day, parking and registration will be at the Pigeon Hill Parking Lot, located at Burnt Hickory an Old Mountain Rd.

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.

Cancellation policy

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

Three Ways To Donate

You can support the Friends in 4 ways:

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

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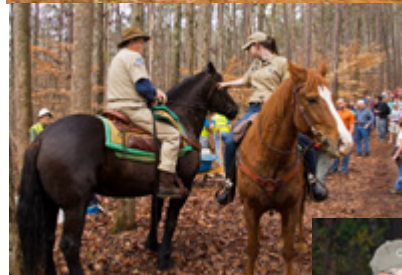
Thanks for your support!

KMTC Contact List - Updated 9/17/22

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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* www.tinyurl.com/27ef2vph

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**In Memory of
Larry Shogren.**



2/25/23 Work Day Photos

Photos by James Turner



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<http://americanhiking.org>



KENNESAW MOUNTAIN NATIONAL BATTLEFIELD PARK

Trail Maintenance Map

