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Fiscal 2024 FOKM/KMTC Consolidated Calender

March 9, 2024 Trail Work Day

April 13, 2024 Trail Work Day

April 16, 2024 FOKM/KMTC Board Meeting

May 11, 2024 Trail Work Day

June 8, 2024 Trail Work Day & Park Day

July 13, 2024 Trail Work Day

July 16, 2024 FOKM/KMTC Board Meeting

August, 10, 2024 Trail Work Day

September 14, 2024 Trail Work Day

October 12, 2024 Trail Work Day

October 15, 2024 FOKM/KMTC Board Meeting





Daylight Saving Time begins this weekend! Set your clocks forward Saturday night (3/9/24)!

April Newsletter Deadline

If you wish to have an article published in the April **faf1948@bellsouth.net** no later than March 20th!

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Calendar of Events - Friends/KMTC							
<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Location</u>	Event				
March, 2024							
3/9	8:00 am - noon	Visitor Center Amphitheater	March, 2024 Work Day				
April, 2024							
4/ 6	8:00 am - noon	Visitor Center Amphitheater	KSU Volunteer Day / Park Day / American Battlefield Trust Day				
4/13	8:00 am - noon	Cheatham Hill Dr. Parking Lot (Illinois Monument)	April, 2024 Work Day				
May, 2024							
5/11	8:00 am - noon	Visitor Center Amphitheater	May, 2024 Work Day				

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 now 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)

The shuttle bus is now transporting visitor to/from the Visitor Center/Kennesaw Mountain Top Parking Lot on weekends.

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.

See page 4 for a listing of NPS-sponsored events for the month of March.



Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park Guidebook

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

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: <u>http://eepurl.com/gKjX1n</u> Complete and submit this form. You'll be added to our subscription list.

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!

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Additional Volunteers needed! Call today!

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Kennesaw Mountain News Release

Release Date: Immediately Contact: Marjorie Thomas, <u>Marjorie thomas@nps.gov</u>, 770-427-4686 x 231

John Ward Creek Crossing Closed to Horseback Riders

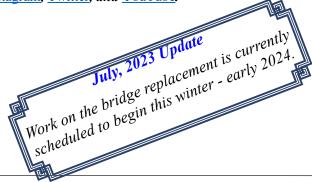
Kennesaw, GA – Effective immediately, the John Ward Creek crossing just south of the Illinois Monument is closed to horseback riders until further notice. This closure stems from a safety concern due to hazardous conditions relating to an unstable streambed. The closure affects the creek crossing between 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 <u>www.nps.gov/kemo</u> for further information.

The National Park Service

About the National Park Service. More than 20,000 National Park Service employees care for America's 423 national parks and work with communities across the nation to help preserve local history and create close-to-home recreational opportunities. Learn more at the <u>NPS</u> website, and on Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, and YouTube.



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Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park

Interpretive Programs for March *All outdoor programs are weather- dependent. *Unless otherwise noted, all programs will be held at the Visitor Center

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

March 9th, @11 am – Cheatham Hill Walk

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 easy ranger - guided tour explores the heaviest area of fighting during the battle.

*The hike will begin at the parking lot for the Illinois Monument, at the end of Cheatham Hill Drive.

March 10th, @11 am- Pickett Line Walk

The Battle of Kennesaw Mountain was a large-scale offensive with many moving parts. One of the first actions of that day was a diversionary attack at the base of Kennesaw Mountain itself and part of the way up the slope. Join one of our rangers for a short walk along this line of battle as they detail the techniques, tactics, and aftermath of this fateful assault. This walk includes rolling, rocky terrain and is approximately 1.3 mile long.

March 23rd Assault Trail 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.

*The hike will begin at the Activity Area 3 parking lot and end at the Illinois Monument.

<u>March 30th, @ 11 am – Mountaintop Hike</u>

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 31st, @ 11 am – Pigeon Hill Hike

"And from the earth there sprang a host of men..." On June 27th, 1864, some of the heaviest and most desperate fighting of the American Civil War would take place on a spur in rural Georgia. This Ranger-led history hike will be moderately difficult, so bring good shoes and plenty of water.

*This program is not at the Visitor Center; parking is at Pigeon Hill at the intersection of Old Mountain Rd. and Burnt Hickory Rd.

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

Park Moments





Photo left: Along the Hardage Mill Trail Photo above: Along Noses Creek, near the Noses Creek Bridge.

Photos by Scott Mckay, on 2/10/24



Photo above: Along the Hardage Mill Trail Photo right: Along the Hardage Mill Trail Photo below: Along the Hardage Mill Trail Photos by Fred Feltmann, 2/10/24





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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

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

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- 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

Legal Secretary

For more information on these positions, contact Scott Mackay - <u>President@TheFriendsOfKMNBP.onmicrosoft.</u> <u>com</u>

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.

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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/ 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!



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

The Friends of KMNBP'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.

Six Ways To Donate

You can support the Friends in 6 ways:

- 1. Directly through our website <u>https://friendsofkmnbp.</u> org/giving-membership/donate/
- 2. Through PayPal <u>https://www.paypal.com/US/</u> <u>fundraiser/charity/3750205</u>
- 3. Through Guidestar (Network for Good) <u>https://www.</u> <u>nfggive.com/donation/83-4627827</u>
- 4. QR Code:





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:

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6. Or, by mailing to:

Friends of KMNBP 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.

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2024 Pledge Car	Quarterly Payment	
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February 10, 2024 Work Day

We had 11 crew leaders for the workday. The Crew Leaders were Anna, Aron, Curt, Donald, Eric, Fred, Rich, Scott, Stewart, Tom, and Mike. We had a potential junior Crew Leader, Asshrith. We had 7 Ambassadors. The Trail Ambassadors were Debbie, Doug, Karen, Laurie, Rena, Shelly, and Yvette registering the volunteers and handling parking. We had 39 volunteers. They were from Allatoona High School JROTC (13), Hillgrove High School JROTC (8), Etowah High School Eagle Service Connection Club (8), individuals from Kennesaw State University (6), and the Atlanta Outdoor Club (5, I was part of this number). Fred took pictures and documented the event and Scott took buckets of crush and run to one of the groups, using his truck.

The forecast predicted that rain would occur about 1 pm. We did have a brief sprinkle as we were getting into our vehicles to leave.

We split into two groups:

The first group with Eric, Donald, and Rich consisted of the Atlanta Outdoor Club, Hillgrove High School JROTC, and individuals from Kennesaw State University started on the south side of the Hardage Mill Trail south of Noses Creek. Donald took a subgroup and debermed the trail as required. When they completed this they proceeded to help Eric, where they removed double stacked 4*4's that hikers were walking around, smoothed out the mounds that had formed, and reused the double stacked 4*4's to form new berms. See the pictures below. Meanwhile, Rich took another subgroup and worked on deberming along another part of the trail as needed.





Before looking at erosion on both sides of the steps. After we removed the old steps & created a berm.

The second group, with Aron, Tom, Curt, Anna, and Stweart with Allatoona High School JROTC and Etowah High School Eagle Service Connection Club worked on the erosion on the right-side Noses Creek Trail south of the Noses Creek Bridge. Part of this involved diverting water at the top of the hill and part required placing rock back in the swale and then filled with crush and run every 3 to 4 feet. They also

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repaired three berms going across the Noses Creek Trail going toward Noses Creek Bridge. This was the larger group due to the amount of crush and run that had to be moved.





Before looking at erosion on the right side of the road. After, rocks placed every 3 to 4 feet.

I bounced between sites monitoring the progress with our Potential Junior Crew Leader.

The pre-workday was done on Friday, February 9, with Aron, Eric, Rich, Tom, and I reviewed the work plan and put out flags.

Our next workday is Saturday, March 9, 2024. We will be working on the Camp Brumby Trail starting at the Visitor Center.

Mike Collett Trails Director



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 2023 (October 2022-September 2023 and Fiscal 2024 (October 2023-Present):

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This Past Month's Volunteers

For our February 10, 2024 work day, we had 11 crew leaders, 7 Trail Ambassadors and 39 volunteers. Thanks! The volunteers were comprised of the following groups:

ALLATOONA HS JROTC

ATLANTA OUTDOOR CLUB ETOWAH HIGH SCHOOL EAGLE SERVICE CONNECTION 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 6 for a list of activities/functions needed to maintain the organizations and contact the various department heads to volunteer!

Crew Leader & Trail Ambassador **Positions Available!**

Contact Mike Collett (regarding Crew Leader positions) or Kathy Van Valkenburg/Wendy Turner (Trail Ambassador positions) if interested.

A training class for prospective Trail Ambassadors will be announced shortly.

Mike Collett - trails@kennesawmountaintrailclub.org

Kathy Van Valkenburg/Wendy Turner -

ambassador@kennesawmountaintrailclub.org

Trail Ambassadors Have A Great Time At The Park....

Ranger-led history hikes are a fun way to volunteer for any Trail Ambassador. The Ranger needs at least two sweepers for each scheduled hike. I learn something new almost every time I help with one of the hikes, and it is very interesting to chat with visitors from this area....or from somewhere around the country. It is also encouraging to find young people who are willing to find out what exactly happened here on this land that made it a National Battlefield! There are a variety of hikes to choose from: Mountain Top, Picket Line, 24-Gun or the Assault Trail.

Kathy Van Valkenburg/



Photo from 153rd Anniversary. Photo by Fred Feltmann

2023/2024 Fund Raising

All future KMTC fundraising will now be handled through the Friends - see pages 8 & 9 for options for donating.

Thanks to all who have contributed in the past to make the Trail Club a success. Please contribute to the Friends to continue our mission. You can designate the funds from your donation be directed toward specific areas of the Friends - see the pledge card - page 9.



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<u>FY 2024</u>

Allatoona HS NJROTC Atlanta Outdoor Club Hillgrove HS NJROTC KSU



This Past Month's Volunteers

The January Work Day was cancelled because of inclement weather, however one volunteer form the Atlanta Outdoor Club 6 crew leaders and one Trail Ambassador braved the elements and completed the final work required to finish the New Salem Church reroute effort.

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Register for Our Work Days!



Be sure to register online for our Work Days at <u>tinyurl.</u>

<u>com/27ef2vph</u>. By registering, we can be better prepared with the amount of tools, bottled water, gloves, etc. on hand.

kennesawmountaintrailclub.org at least 4 weeks in advance. Trail work can be performed any day of the week.

Kennesaw Mountain

Trail Club

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.

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: <u>http://www.kennesawmountaintrailclub.org/volunteer.php</u>

For March's work day, parking and registration will be in the field near the Visitor's Center. Vehicle Entrance Passes will issued at registration. Registration will open at 8:00 am.

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 <u>trails@</u>

KMTC Contact List - Updated 1/4/24POSITIONNAME

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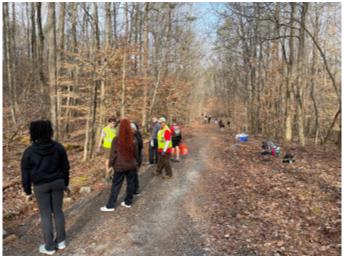
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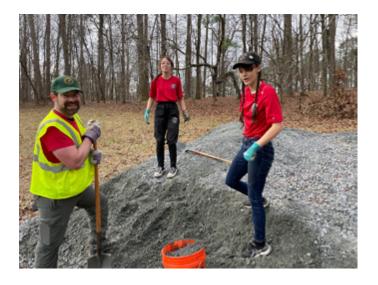


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2/10/24 Work Day Photos Photos by Scott Mackay







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KENNESAW MOUNTAIN NATIONAL BATTLEFIELD PARK Trail Maintenance Map

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