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Celebrate National Trails Day - June 6, 2009

Nature lovers of all ages are invited to join us at Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park on Saturday, June 6th, to celebrate National Trails Day (NTD). The Kennesaw Mountain Trail Club will be leading groups of volunteers into the park to repair hiking trails and pick up litter. Registration will be from 8 - 8:30am and the work day will end at 1:30pm with a free lunch served at the Visitor's Center for all volunteers who pre-register by June 1st. Please contact Anne Strand at kmtcmembership@kennesawmountaintrailclub.org to pre-register.

Volunteers of all ages are invited to attend. To speed registration on the day of the event, all volunteers are encouraged to print out the National Park Volunteer Service Agreement form at the following web address & bring the completed form with them to the park -- <http://www.kennesawmountaintrailclub.org/sitebuildercontent/sitebuilderfiles/kmtcvolunteerservicesag.pdf>.

Anyone under the age of 18 must have the form signed by their parent or guardian in order to participate.

There will be displays and information on park activities available Saturday morning from 8am - 1pm for visitors

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May 9, 2009 Work Report - More Garlic Mustard!!!

More garlic mustard plants were found on the mountain and several trail club members were right out on it by spraying a planticide that the national parks approved for use. The sprayers were very heavy (3 & 4 gallon capacity) backpacks with manually operated pump systems. A blue dye was added to the mix to help verify where spraying was done. The garlic mustard plant (Alliaria petiolata) is an invasive species not native to North American and known for its ability to take over vast areas and choke out other plant life. It has already devastated forest areas in the north.

Scott MacKay



Hartzog Award Winners.

WASHINGTON, DC – More than 175,000 people donated time and talent to the National Park Service last year, performing virtually any task imaginable. On April 30, the National Park Service and the National Park Foundation recognized exceptional volunteers in five categories with the 2008 George B. Hartzog, Jr. Awards for Outstanding Volunteer Service.

"Volunteers of all ages and abilities make a significant contribution to the work of our agency," said Acting National Park Service Director Dan Wenk. "Today we acknowledge the dedication and hard work of a young man who shares his love of history with visitors, a couple that helps preserve a rare ecosystem, a woman who staged a large special event, a group that maintains a national scenic trail, and a volunteer program that participates in every aspect of a park's operation. They exemplify the commitment and enthusiasm of volunteers throughout the system."

The awards are named for the late George B. Hartzog, Jr., the seventh director of the National Park Service who served from 1964 to 1972. Hartzog created the National Park Service Volunteers-In-Parks (VIP) Program in 1970. In retirement, he and his wife established a fund to support the program and honor volunteer efforts.

Hartzog's widow, Helen, was a special guest at the awards ceremony. She expressed heartfelt gratitude to the volunteers and the volunteer program that continues to grow. Last year, volunteers contributed 5.5 million hours of service valued at \$107 million.

We were nominated for this year's award. Following are this year's recipients:

Outstanding Volunteer Service by an Individual:

Sally Maertens, Florissant Fossil Beds National Monument

Outstanding Volunteer Service by a Group:

Ice Age Park & Trail Foundation, Ice Age National Scenic Trail, Wisconsin

Outstanding Service by a Park VIP Program:

Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area VIP Program

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Additional Volunteers needed! Call today!
FAX: 770-516-9120 (*Call first, so I can turn it on!*)

Outstanding Service by a Youth Volunteer:

Adam Sackowitz, Sagamore Hill National Historic Site, New York

Enduring Outstanding Volunteer Service:

Rick and Jean Seavey, Everglades National Park, Florida

To read more about each of the award winners, you can visit the following website -

[http://home.nps.gov/applications/digest/headline.cfm?
type=PressReleases&id=863&urlarea=npsnews](http://home.nps.gov/applications/digest/headline.cfm?type=PressReleases&id=863&urlarea=npsnews)

No June Newsletter!

I'll be visiting Philmont Scout Ranch in June. Fortunately there will be no phones, internet connections, TV, or newspapers available during my sojourn. Consequently, I'll be unable to put out a June newsletter. But we will be back in July!!!!

I hope you all have a safe and fun summer until then!

Fred Feltmann, Jr

National Trails Day - June 6th

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who won't be able to join us for trail maintenance work. National Trails Day is a nationwide celebration encouraging individuals & families to get outside, get active, and experience the wonders of trails through educational exhibits, trail dedications, instructional workshops and trail work projects.

Most volunteers will be engaged in actual trail maintenance work, but the Trail Club also still needs help to staff & manage the event. If you'd like to volunteer your time to help us at the park Visitor Center on Saturday, please contact our Membership Director, Anne Strand at kmtcmembership@kennesawmountaintrailclub.org or Jim Moylan at 404-290-9318. For more information on Trail Club activities please visit -- <http://www.kennesawmountaintrailclub.org>.

We hope to see you at the Park on Saturday, June 6th!

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

NATIONAL TRAILS DAY, JUNE 6, 2009

VISITOR'S CENTER

TIME: REGISTRATION - 8 - 8:30 AM
WORK TIME - 8:45 AM - 1 PM
LUNCH - 1:30 PM - FOR PRE-REGISTRANTS ONLY

Special work Day in honor of National Trails Day. There will be several work projects, based on the number of pre-registrants.

2ND SATURDAY WORKDAY, JULY 11, 2009

PARK SERVICE AREA

TIME: 8:30 AM – 1:30 PM

Continue construction of the new mountain trail and other projects depending on the number of volunteers available

2ND SATURDAY WORKDAY, AUGUST 8, 2009

PARK SERVICE AREA

TIME: 8:30 AM – 1:30 PM

Continue construction of the new mountain trail and other projects depending on the number of volunteers available

Crew Leader Report – Lower Rock Step project on Kennesaw Mountain

Saturday, May 9th, 2009

As you can see from the photos on page 4, these steps were in great need of repair. The steps had been washed away by water running down the trail as well as wear and tear from foot traffic between and around the rocks.

We began by removing the existing stones and leveling the ground. We decided to make the steps about 8 ft wide and 3 or 4 steps deep. The team took it in turns to break up the soil and then move it out of the way so that we could begin with a flat surface that spanned the length of the steps.

Whilst some of the team were preparing the steps, others were looking for good rocks to use. These large and very heavy rocks had to be dragged to the step area and it took a lot of muscle power to get them there!

Other teams also improved the drainage digging a drainage ditch to the side and a rolling grade dips to above.

Thanks to the Boy Scout Troop that came out and helped along with all the other volunteers that gave their time to help our trails. Our new steps look great!

Lyn Cocksedge
Trail Crew Leader

Special Trail

Project

At our Board meeting on April 28 at REI, I stepped down as president of the Kennesaw Mountain Trail Club in order to prepare for an Appalachian Trail Through Hike in 2010.



However, there is a piece of unfinished business that I need your help to complete. Seven years ago when I stopped in at the Visitor's Desk to volunteer to do some work on the trails, I really just wanted to fix the old trail on Little Kennesaw. In the fall of 2004 we opened the new 1/2 mile segment that replaces the old "Rock Climb." That trail segment is now 5 years old, and has become an extremely popular route for hikers runners and other sightseers. The trail is badly in need of expansion and repair.

I want to form a volunteer crew of 10 to 20 people to work with me 1 or 2 days a month over the summer and fall, outside of our regularly scheduled 2nd Saturdays, to expand and repair the Little Kennesaw Trail from Fort McBride down to the Fire Road Connector between Little K and Pigeon Hill. It will be hard work, with many stone cribs, and steps to be built and repaired as well as widening and benching the tread to handle the increased traffic we've seen in this part of the park.

If you would like to help with this effort, please e-mail or call me. As soon as we have a few folks to work, we'll get together to walk the section, and plan the work, and put together a work schedule.

Richard C. Angeli

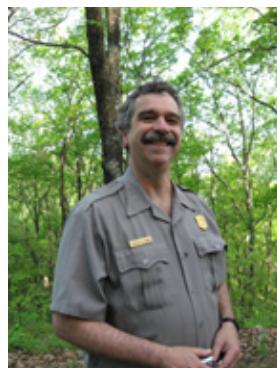
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*Immature Red Tailed Hawk,
Audubon Society Walk - 4/26/09*



Volunteers At Work - May 9, 2009 - Another Set of Steps!



Trail Club Shirts and Merchandise Available

http://www.cafepress.com/kennesaw_trails

100% Cotton Denim Embroidered Shirt \$35.00



Support your club and Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park by showing the colors. We have a selection of shirts both long-sleeved and short-sleeved available in our online Gear Store. 20% of the purchase price of any of our products goes directly to support the park.

The yellow tee shirt (\$17.99) with the club logo on the back has become the default standard uniform shirt for trail workdays. The bright yellow color stands out in the woods, and the logo is clearly visible when you are bent over swinging a Pulaski or a MacCloud.

We can make bulk orders for 15+ of the yellow shirts and get them for \$10.00 each delivered. If you would like to have one or more shirts at this price, e-mail kmtcpresident@kennesawmountaintrailclub.org with your name, size, and quantity of shirts. We'll place an order when we have 15 or more orders, and you can pay on delivery.

Reporting Your Hours - An Important Aspect of Volunteering!

"TIME = Money for the Park - Each Volunteer is currently worth more than \$17.00/hr."

Yes, we all are guilty - forgetting/neglecting to report our hours for working. How many hours did we REALLY work for the Park last year? Was it 500 hours, 2000, or maybe 5000???? Have you spent time outside of our 2nd Saturday Workdays helping the Park - e.g. spent time picking up trash, fixing drainage, helping with events, or club administration?

If you signed the roster at an event, your time is recorded. Otherwise you need to report it through the form on the website.

Youth Service Project candidates need to report total hours for their project to the Trail Club and to the Park before their project is considered complete.

Help us out this coming year - Please enter your hours on the website - it's currently near the top of the first page - or go directly to <http://kennesawmountaintrailclub.org/formmail.html>.

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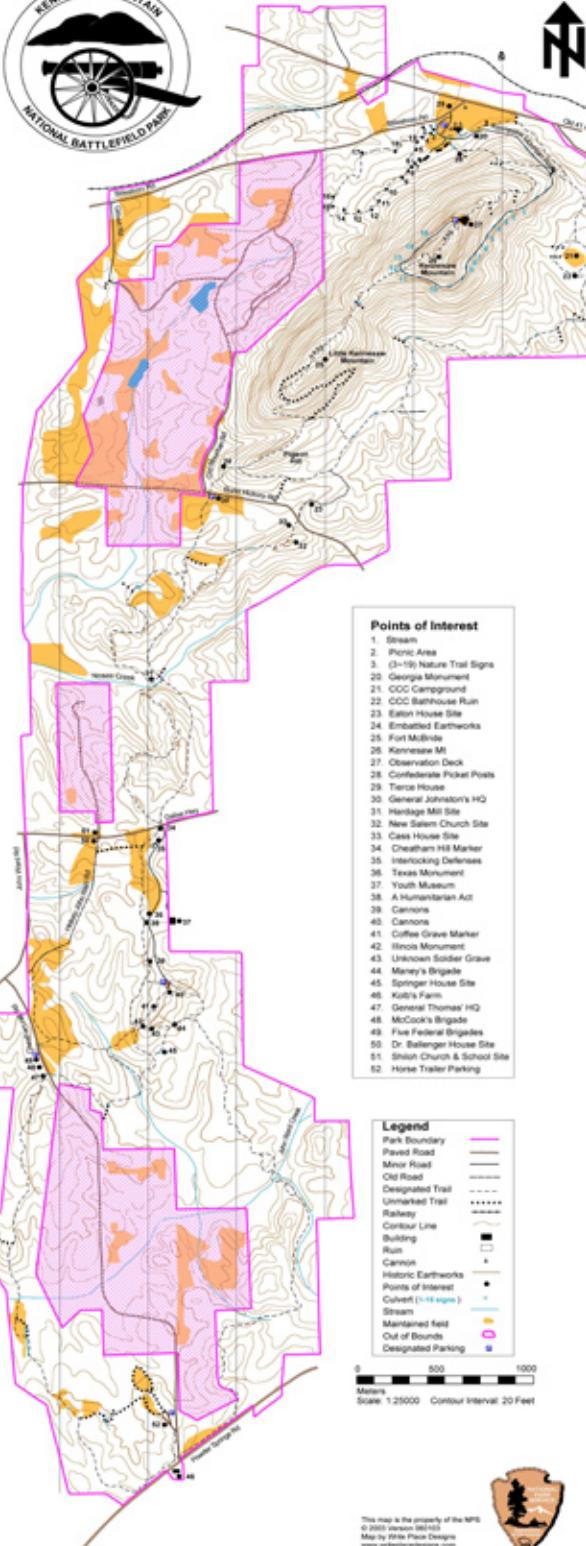


July Newsletter Deadline

If you wish to have an article published in the July Newsletter, please submit it to Fred Feltmann at faf1948@bellsouth.net no later than July 10th!

KENNESAW MOUNTAIN NATIONAL BATTLEFIELD PARK

Trail Maintenance Map



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