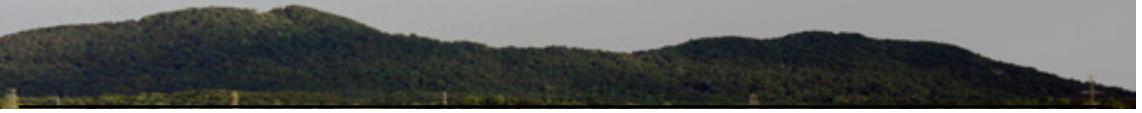




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Junior Ranger Day Kudos

I wanted to take a minute and extend a very big THANK YOU to you all for what looks like yet another successful Junior Ranger Day. Everyone present went above and beyond today. 'Herding Cats' is a phrase that comes up quite a bit in this profession, but you all did it with style and gusto today. Your excitement, knowledge, and dedication is absolutely contagious and made for a great day with our newest Junior Rangers.



When asked if I was nervous about the event, I said of course not. I have the cream of the crop of volunteers and staff members, and my very easy job of the day was to sit back and watch the well-oiled machine run.

I am lucky to call you all coworkers and most of all, friends. Until the next event...

Jake Boling

Park Guide

Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park

President's Corner

This past month our 2nd Saturday trail work day event was combined with Civil War Trust Day. All volunteers earned a T-shirt from the CWT to reward them for their help. Work projects for this day shifted somewhat to include work for a wider variety of ages. A lot of good work was completed, including eradication of garlic mustard plants, cleaning of Key drainage ditches, and continuing work on the lower section of the main trail up Kennesaw Mountain.

The 3rd Saturday this month was Junior Ranger Day, one of my favorite annual events! It takes many volunteers to assist the park staff as large groups of kids spend several hours rotating through a set of learning sessions and then taking the Jr. Ranger oath. This year's events focused on 4 areas of history: the pioneer days, the civil war days, the Civil Conservation Corps days, and current times. What makes it special is watching the kids learn with excitement. Who knows which of them might grow up to become Park Rangers or volunteers-in-park like many of us. If you have younger kids,

this should be a must do event for you next year.

Have I told you that the trail club is an all volunteer staff? We grow in two ways: new volunteers and cash or in-kind donations. If you are interested in getting deeper involved with us, please approach one of us and ask if you can help. Everyone has unique skills that can help us in ways we might have not thought to explore. If you think you can make a difference in helping with our mission to protect, preserve and teach about the history at KMBNP, please do get involved. Your unique skill contribution might be just what we need (or what you need in your life).

On the donation side, we are always in need to help. If you can't donate cash maybe you can give your time?

Scott McKay

President

Kennesaw Mountain Trail Club

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Trail Ambassador(s) At Work

Larry (and his sidekick, Spirit) is frequently out riding the trails looking for maintenance concerns. Sometimes he doesn't have to go far as this tree is hanging right over the driveway at the horse trailer parking lot. A quick text & picture to park maintenance and they'll get it taken care of. However, "Spirit" did enjoy munching on the fresh new growth leaves.

Doug Tasse

PS Spirit enjoys being a Trail Ambassador and "hiking" the trails as well.

Photo by Doug Tasse

Quarterly Trail Ambassador (TA) Report

The following is the Trail Ambassador Director Report presented at the March 2018 Board meeting.

Each directorate was tasked with developing Standard Practices for their service. The Trail Ambassador Director Standard Practice was submitted for review and accepted.

Currently there are 60 Trail Ambassadors (TA). Since October 2017 there were 3 new Trail Ambassadors added. Two Trail Ambassadors resigned.

Have 14 Trail Ambassador Candidates (TAC). 10 have completed 1 or more requirements. .

From January 30 – March 31, 2018, TAs supported the following events:

- 1 – Saturday lecture series
- 1 - Civil War Earth works lecture and facilitated hike
- 1 - Life of a Soldier
- 1 – Marietta Mentoring
- 1 – Ranger Led Hikes
- 2 – Club trail work days. February make up work day 2/24 and the March second Saturday work day
- 4 – Trail Ambassador guided hikes (Jay Haney and Cam Graham each led 2 hikes)
- 1 – Staff Ride – Jay Haney

Student Volunteer Invasive Plant Management Program – Led by Cam Graham

- 03 FEB18 - Kennesaw Mountain High School Key Club/AP Environmental Science class – 18 volunteers, 54 hours
- 24 FEB18 - Pope High School National Honor Society - 12 volunteers, 60 hours
- 10 Mar18 Pope – 15 volunteers, 75 hours
- 03 MAR18 KMH - 19 volunteers, 57 hours
- 24 MAR18 KMH – 14 volunteers, 42 hours

Total Hours: 288 Total Volunteers: 78

Adult volunteers for this program include: Harry Carpenter, Karen Petrella, Janie Brier, Danny Leigh, Jay Haney, Teagan Nuss, Rich Robinson.

The volunteer service days in March concludes the school year. Cam will begin planning the FY19 program in August.

TA Future Plans:

TA orientation scheduled for May 20th, 2018 at 1:00 PM in the Visitor Center.

Develop a Trail Ambassador job description which can be posted to the KMTC Web site.

Janie Brier

Trail Ambassador Director

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Additional Volunteers needed! Call today!

A Special Thanks!

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

Following is a list, in alphabetical order, of the groups who participated during Fiscal 2017 (October 2016- September 2017 and Fiscal 2018 (October 2017- Present):

FY 2017

ATLANTA OUTDOOR CLUB
ALLATOONA HS BETA CLUB
ALLATOONA HS NJROTC
AUSTIN MIDDLE SCHOOL
BENCHMARK PHYSICAL THERAPY
BETA ALPHA PSI (KSU)
BOY SCOUT TROOP 252
BOY SCOUT TROOP 540 - EAGLE SCOUT PROJECTS
BSA TROOP 703 - EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT
CAMPBELL HS BETA CLUB
CUB SCOUT PACK 11
CUB SCOUT PACK 405
CAMPBELL HIGH SCHOOL BETA CLUB
HILLGROVE HIGH SCHOOL NJROTC
HOME DEPOT
INTERNATIONAL ACADEMY (SMYRNA)
KEEP COBB BEAUTIFUL
KENNESAW MTN HS NJROTC
KENNESAW MOUNTAIN HS KEY CLUB
KING'S ACADEMY JROTC
KSU
KSU DELTA SIGMA PI
KSU HONORS BETA CLUB
MCEACHERN HS BETA CLUB
NORTH ATLANTA CHURCH
POPE HS HONOR SOCIETY
RANSTAAD TEMPORARY STAFFING
VENTURE CREW 75
VOLUNTEER KSU
WOODSTOCK HS NJROTC

FY 2018

ATLANTA OUTDOOR CLUB
ALLATOONA HIGH SCHOOL HONOR SOCIETY
ALLATOONA NJROTC
BSA TROOP 17, ARAGON, GA

HARRISON HIGH SCHOOL
HILLGROVE HS NJROTC
KENNESAW MOUNTAIN HIGH SCHOOL KEY CLUB
KENNESAW MOUNTAIN HIGH SCHOOL AP
MAGNET ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE CLASS
KSU BETA ALPHA PSI
KSU PHI SIGMA PI
PACK 405, MCEACHERN UMC
PHI SIGMA PI FROM KSU
POPE HS HONOR SOCIETY
POPE HS SCIENCE NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY
VOLUNTEER KSU
U.S. ARMY TRAINING CLASS

The following groups participated in our April work days:

BSA TROOP 1011
BETA ALPHA PSI FROM KSU
SERVICE DAY - KSU

We had a total of 85 volunteers participate this month, along with our crew leaders, Trail Ambassadors and Board Members.

Thanks!




The Board of Directors of KMTC

In the past months, the Community Volunteers, the Crew Leaders, and the Trail Ambassadors were introduced. Now the most eclectic bunch happens to be the Board of Directors. But the most common thread, is that not a one of them will put the word, "I" in the word, "TEAM".

This group of people were asked 4 questions: How did you get involved in KMTC? What is your favorite part of the club? What do you do now? And Retired? From what?

How did you get involved in KMTC?

Jay Haney (Program Planning), and Jerry Givan (Information Technology) were neighbors to the park. Donald Olds (Vice President), admitted that he 'listened' to Fred Feltmann (Photographer), and others 'listened' to Doug Tasse (Past President)....., but haven't the foggiest notion as to why they listened to them. One Board member, Peter Stell (Fund Raising) admitted that History was not his best subject in school but found himself intrigued by the history in his own back yard. Peter and a number of others had also hiked the trails for so long, they felt that they were a part of them. Rusty Bradley (Historian) majored in History in school, visited Gettysburg and was hooked. He now volunteers regularly at the Front Desk. Scott McKay (Past & Current President) said that he had stumbled onto a Work Day and found himself working. Bill Gurry (Assistant Trail Director) was sent here for his work to study the geology and got hooked on the history. Bill missed the 1st Trail Work Day back in 2002 but he is still coming back today. Janie Brier (Trail Ambassador Director) was more interested in giving back to the community and the National Park Service. Like most of us, KMTC wasn't even on Janie's radar. Fred Feltmann got tired of hiking on badly eroded trails on the backside of Little Kennesaw one Saturday, in March, 2002, and having hiked the trails at Kennesaw Mountain for over 10 years at that point, thought something needed to be done - Richard Angeli (past president) happened to be hiking with him that day agreed - it's been 16 years since that fateful day in March, 2002.

Jerry Givan found that he had a relative in the Union Calvary at Kennesaw Mountain

What is your favorite part of the Club?

Most people admitted that the people were the best part. Rusty Bradley (Historian) particularly enjoys the people from other countries. Now, considering a good sense of humor is a pre-requisite, one Board member said, rather euphemistically, that it was the "bacon, on his 'club' (sandwich)." Janie Brier (TA Director) and Rena Bailey (Community Volunteers) admitted to running into Cam Graham (Past TA Director), but we shall remain nameless.

Jay Haney, and Scott McKay like the idea of doing something to maintain the trails. They are now Director

of Program Planning and President, respectively. Bill Gurry's (Assistant Trail Director) favorite things are the History and, well OK, the 'de-briefing' sessions after the Work Days (aka lunch). Bill also admits that he (and several others) thoroughly enjoyed teasing Doug Tasse (Past President). Doug took most of that in stride, though at one point he said "that he was "mad as @\$&!" about the teasing "and won't take it any more."

What do you do? Other than as little as possible.

Peter Stell (Fund Raising Director) has learned that a 'water bar' is a major no-no. Bill Gurry (Assistant Trail Director) admits that he spends a lot of his time reading History books. Rena Bailey (Community Volunteers) line dances whenever possible. Donald Olds (Vice President) is a Scout Leader and a Property Manager. Rusty Bradley (Historian) is a Commercial Real Estate Appraiser and Tom Okerburg (Treasurer) is an Accountant. Several of us never dreamed that we would become History Enthusiasts. Other hobbies listed were quilting, working out, reading, playing golf, and visiting other State and National Parks.

Retired? From what?

Peter Stell (Fund Raising), Jerry Givan (IT) and Scott McKay (Past and Current President) were in computers or finance. Fred Feltmann (Photographer/Communications Director) is a retired software quality engineer. Rena Bailey (Community Volunteers) is a retired educator and Janie Brier (TA Director) is a retired nurse practitioner (NP). Bill Gurry was a Civil Engineer. Several people are Retired Military. Several members of the Board of Directors worked for such 'little known' businesses as IBM, Bank of America, Microsoft, MARTA and the Department of Defense. Tom Okerburg (Treasurer), Rusty Bradley (Historian), Scott McKay (Past and Current President) and Donald Olds (Vice President) are still working full time. Several others questioned the word "retired" since they didn't really know what that meant nor were they particularly interested in going back to work.

But Donald Olds (Vice President) said it best for all of us, "I'm not sure I'll ever retire, I'll just pick a trail and hike off into the sunset."

Rena Bailey

Community Volunteer Director

2018 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 40+ 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. For these expenses, we rely on your donations.

Each year we kick off a new round of fund raising and this is the 2018 big “ask”. We need your help with this, even small donations help.

As we approach our 16th year in operation, we ask you to please think ‘15’, like \$15.. \$30.. \$45..... \$150... \$1500. 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
- 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.



Welcome Douglas Brand!

I'm very pleased to announce that Douglas Brand has joined our maintenance staff as of April 29, 2018. He will be working Wednesday through Sunday schedule.

Doug comes from the Great Smokey Mountains National Park where he was a seasonal employee. He has a vast amount of maintenance experience including historical preservation, carpentry, electrical, plumbing, and also grounds maintenance. Doug has also spent several years working for TSA as a Transportation Security Officer. Before that, he worked with Ellington Field Fire Department as a Lead Fire FireFighter.

Doug will start out working on some structural installations and repairs of our buildings, as well as preservation work throughout the park.

Doug brings a calm demeanor, and he also is very personable. He is very eager to roll his sleeves up and get to work.

Take a moment and stop by to welcome Doug Brand to our Park.

Carlos Hurston

Acting Facility Manager

Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park

Alive!

Fred Feltmann

4/11/96

He lives!

Bringing joy, and sadness, dreams and memories
into a life.

The composer - using music to express his every
thought, mood and desire.

The musician - using sound and tempo
to express an emotion.

The photographer - capturing his every vision on film,
that others may experience what he has seen.

The minister - cajoling his flock to be true to their beliefs,
to follow what they believe,
and live the dream.

The writer - to capture the scene in flowing words and
phrase, expressing the ideas that wells within his soul.

The poet - setting a mood with the flowing word and
phrase, using their rhythm and rhyme to express a
feeling.

To be alive!

To take in each experience,
turn it over in one's mind,
examine it, relish it,
and give it back to another,
that they might examine it in their way,
and in their time.
To be alive!

Kennesaw Mountain Trail Club Calendar

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Event</u>
May, 2018			
5/12	8:00 am - 12 pm	Visitor Center	Trail Work Day (Meet in the amphitheater next to the picnic area.)
June, 2018			
6/9	8:00 am - 12 pm	TBD	Trail Work Day (National Trails Day)
July, 2018			
7/14	8:00 am - 12 pm	TBD	Trail Work Day

See, also, the flyers on pages 16 - 17 for all National Park Service Programs this month at Kennesaw Mountain Battlefield National Park!

Register for Our Work Days!

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

signup.com/go/VvavYQj. 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:

Our trail work days are open to the public on the 2nd Saturday of each month and are a wonderful way to get outside & enjoy nature while helping preserve the national park for future visitors. Registration will open at 8:00 am at the new parking lot, .2 miles north of the Visitor Center on Old 41 and usually are finished by 12:00 p.m. It takes approximately 5 minutes to walk to the picnic area near the Visitor Center - please arrive there by 8:30 am. Activities usually include the use of shovels, rakes, picks, and other tools to fix erosion problems on the 20+ mile trail system. Please do not wear open-toed shoes. Long pants are recommended.

If we must cancel a workday, we'll post an announcement on the front page of the KMTC website at: www.kennesawmountaintrailclub.org

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

We work closely with the Park Service and assist the park staff by providing critically needed volunteer effort to install signs, build bridges, and maintain the 20+ miles of trails. Since our beginning in 2002, the Trail Club has donated over 45,000 volunteer hours to Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park.

We hope to see you at a work day soon!

Park Day - Sponsored by the Civil War Trust

Photos by Fred Feltmann , 4/14/18



Junior Ranger Day - 4/21/18

Photos by Fred Feltmann



Environmental Work - 4/14/18

Photos by Cam Graham - 2 below and 2 to the right.



Invasive plants don't always grow in readily accessible places on the mountain - sometimes you have to work to get to them! In this instance the volunteers are after garlic mustard, which grows in some dastardly locations on the mountain! Photos above and on the right by Fred Feltmann



Trail Work Never Ends!

Photos and notes by Eric Sawyer - 4/21/18

Work done by Danny Leigh and Eric Sawyer last Saturday. We were working the area near the steel bridge. Specifically, we were clearing down trees on the horse trail that bypass the two bridges. Below are before and after pictures.



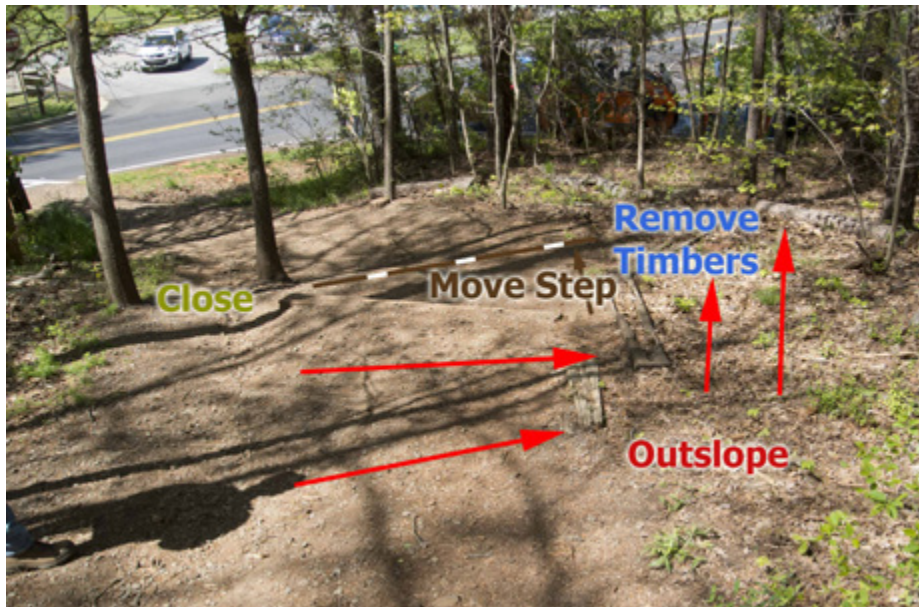
More pictures from the work by Danny Leigh and Eric Sawyer last Saturday. This is just down the creek from the small wood bridge near the steel bridge. This is the area that had the major washout. It appeared that a large log was blocking the creek, creating a dam, which may have caused the wash out. Danny cut up the log into four smaller segments that we pulled out of the creek. Below are after pictures showing the creek flowing clear and pictures of the log pieces.



Trail Maintenance Refresher Course

Photos & notes by Jay Dement.

Jay conducted a refresher course on “how to” do trail maintenance. The course was attended by 10 crew leaders. He provided the following note: “Great job the other day. The attached shows a couple of before and after shots.”



Below: Before

Below: After





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Kennesaw Mountain News Release

Not For Immediate Release

Local National Park Sites Receives National Park Foundation Grant for Volunteer Capacity-Building

WASHINGTON (April 18, 2018) Chattahoochee River National Recreation Area and Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park have jointly received a National Park Foundation grant to strengthen their volunteer programs at each park, respectively. At Chattahoochee River NRA, funds will go towards hiring a longer term intern to assist with all aspects of their volunteer program. At Kennesaw Mountain NBP, funds will go towards purchasing more authentic Living History clothing and a full range of uniforms for park volunteer.

Bill Cox, park superintendent at Chattahoochee River NRA states, “These funds will go towards providing an internship opportunity for someone to assist in all aspects of our park’s volunteer management program, from recruitment to river and land-based cleanups to community events. Our volunteers are the heart of what we do to protect the Chattahoochee River, and their efforts allow us to operate more effectively and efficiently.

Nancy Walther, park superintendent at Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park says, “We pride ourselves in the professional look of our volunteers, so we will now have a greater capacity to provide our volunteers standardized uniforms. Additionally, the park has been unable to purchase quality Living History clothing due to funding, so this will allow us to “retire” certain pieces that are almost 40 years old. Our programming and the visitor services that we provide hinges on our volunteers, and we are so thankful for their commitment and dedication.

Hundreds of thousands of volunteers-in-parks (VIPs) serve alongside National Park Service (NPS) employees to help preserve America’s most precious natural, historical, recreational, and cultural treasures and to provide crucial services to the visitors who come to enjoy parks. The NPS works hand-in-hand with communities to engage people of all ages and backgrounds in meaningful and mutually beneficial volunteer opportunities.

The grant was made possible by a donation from American Express to the National Park Foundation’s [Centennial Campaign for America’s National Parks](#). The donation to the Foundation supports a total of [seven grants](#) to strengthen volunteer programs in national parks across the country.

“American Express’ passion for volunteerism continues to make a huge difference in the national parks community,” said National Park Foundation President Will Shafroth. “Capacity-building grants boost a park’s ability to reach, engage, and properly train more volunteers from diverse backgrounds.”

These grants complement the [more than \\$13 million in funding American Express has provided to park-related causes](#) since 2015. Funds have helped increase volunteerism, preserve sites within national parks, and encourage people of all backgrounds to rediscover their parks – particularly in urban areas. American Express is also a premier partner of the National Park Foundation for the [Find Your Park/Encuentra Tu Parque movement](#).

“Since our founding in 1850, American Express has advocated for programs that promote community service and civic engagement,” said Timothy J. McClimon, president, American Express Foundation. “National parks strengthen our communities, and we hope these grants will inspire the public to conserve and protect our public lands.”

ABOUT CHATTAHOOCHEE RIVER NATIONAL RECREATION AREA

Chattahoochee River National Recreation Area is a series of park lands along a 48-mile stretch of the Chattahoochee River – a place rich in natural and human history each influenced by the river’s pervasive force – which protects not only the river, but also the natural, cultural, and scenic resources within the park’s boundaries.

ABOUT KENNESAW MOUNTAIN NATIONAL BATTLEFIELD PARK

Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park preserves, protects, and interprets, for the benefit and inspiration of the people, the historical and natural features of this major battle site in the American Civil War’s 1864 Atlanta Campaign.

ABOUT THE NATIONAL PARK FOUNDATION

Celebrating 50 years, the National Park Foundation is the official charity of America’s national parks and nonprofit partner to the National Park Service. Chartered by Congress in 1967, the National Park Foundation raises private funds to help PROTECT more than 84 million acres of national parks through critical conservation and preservation efforts, CONNECT all Americans with their incomparable natural landscapes, vibrant culture and rich history, and ENGAGE the next generation of park stewards. In 2016, commemorating the National Park Service’s 100th anniversary, the Foundation launched The Centennial Campaign for America’s National Parks, a comprehensive fundraising campaign to strengthen and enhance the future of these national treasures for the next hundred years. Find out more and become a part of the national park community at www.nationalparks.org.

ABOUT AMERICAN EXPRESS

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THE NATIONAL PARK SERVICE IS COMPOSED OF MORE THAN 20,000 RANGERS, BIOLOGISTS, HISTORIANS, GEOLOGISTS AND OTHER PROFESSIONALS WHO CARE FOR MORE THAN 400 NATIONAL PARKS AND OTHER SPECIAL PLACES SO THAT EVERYONE TODAY AND IN THE FUTURE CAN EXPERIENCE AMERICA’S HISTORY AND BEAUTY.

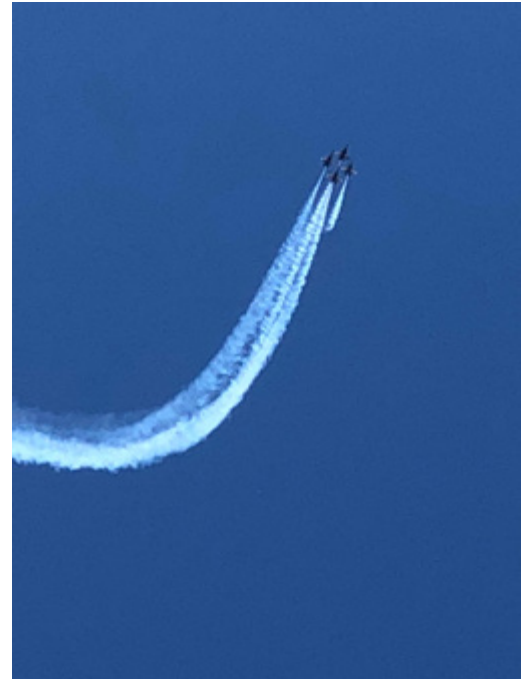
EXPERIENCE YOUR AMERICA™

The National Park Service cares for special places saved by the American people so that all may experience our

There Are Other Parks!

Anne Page and Jay Haney paid a visit to Fort Pickens, part of the Gulf Islands National Seashore, a few weeks ago and provided a couple of photos regarding his visit!

50,000 pound Civil War coast gun, at Fort Pickens where we viewed the Blue Angels



*Blue Angels seen from Fort Pickens, NPS
Santa Rosa Island, FL*

Both photos were taken by Anne Page Mosby

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Volunteer Sign-up website*

<http://signup.com/go/VvavYQj>

* updated

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<http://kennesawmountaintrailclub.org>



Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park

Interpretive Programs for May

**All park programming is free and open to the public. No registration required unless noted. Programs start at Visitor Center except when otherwise specified.

Everyday @ 1:00 pm **Ranger Led Museum Tour**

May 1 @ 7:30 am – 10:30 am ‘Audubon Bird Walk’

Kennesaw Mountain is the premier migrant hotspot in the southeast. Join an Audubon Society birder to look for migrating flycatchers, vireos, thrushes, warblers, tanagers and grosbeaks on a hike up the mountain (2.5 miles total; 800’ elevation gain). Bring water and snacks. All levels are welcome. A free bird checklist specifically for the park is available upon request in the Visitor Center. For more information, please visit the Audubon Society website @ <https://www.atlantaudubon.org/field-trips.html>

May 5 @ 11:00 am – 11:30 am ‘Civil War Hygiene...Silent but Deadly’

Times were tough for the campaigning soldier in the 1860’s. This 30 minute program focuses on the poor hygiene of the average soldier during the American Civil War and explores how this led to large casualty rates and widespread diseases.

May 6 @ 11, 12, 2, & 3:00 ‘Artillery Demonstrations’

Artillerists explain the steps of firing a cannon by detailing the role of each person working the cannon. Afterwards, the process is performed in real time and the cannon is fired. The program is free and open to the public. Please note that cannon firings are very loud, especially to those with hearing sensitivity (i.e. dogs, children, etc.). Demonstrations will take place on top of Kennesaw Mountain.

May 6 @ 11:00 am & 1:00 pm ‘Cheatham Hill Walk’

Historians Phillip Whiteman, Stuart Berkowitz, and Brad Quinlin are leading a number of guided walks and history talks on the historic battle at Cheatham Hill throughout the summer. The programs last approximately an hour and consist of a short, 250 yard paved and dirt path. Please meet the historian at the Cheatham Hill Dr. parking area near the Illinois Monument.

May 12 @ 8:00 am – 12:30 pm ‘Kennesaw Mountain Trail Club Work Day’

Volunteers are needed for each work day to help park staff maintain the 20-plus trails of Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park. Parking and registration is at the overflow parking lot on Old Highway 41. The NPS Volunteer Services Agreement is required. A parent must sign the form if the student is under 18 years old. The form and directions to the registration site are available on the club’s website.

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May 12 @ 11:00 – 11:30 ‘Civil War Sharpshooters’

With heritage dating back to Europe, the American sharpshooter has been a vital component of every American conflict. This program will discuss the history of the sharpshooter and the role these men played during the Civil War and the Battle of Kennesaw Mountain. This program will begin at the Visitor Center and then move to nearby rifle pits. There is a very short walk involved.

May 13 @ 11:00 am & 1:00 pm ‘Cheatham Hill Walk’

Historians Phillip Whiteman, Stuart Berkowitz, and Brad Quinlin are leading a number of guided walks and history talks on the historic battle at Cheatham Hill throughout the summer. The programs last approximately an hour and consist of a short, 250 yard paved and dirt path. Please meet the historian at the Cheatham Hill Drive parking area near the Illinois Monument.

May 19 @ 2:00 pm – 3:00 pm ‘Saturday Lecture Series: Battle of Glorietta Pass’

Discussing Civil War military operations in southwestern United States, New Mexico native Dr. Frederick Yarger will examine pre-Civil War events predicting the Confederate campaign in New Mexico and the effective end of military operations in the region.

May 20 @ 11, 12, 2 & 3:00 ‘Infantry Demonstrations’

Come out and enjoy an interactive infantry demonstration at Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park. This program will consist of a step-by-step description and demonstration of basic infantry tactics and culminate in a rifled musket firing. This program is free to attend and open to the public. Please note that rifled musket firings are loud, especially to those with hearing sensitivity (i.e. dogs, children, etc.). Demonstrations will take place on top of Kennesaw Mountain.

May 26 @ 11:00 am – 11:30 am ‘Life of a Soldier’

Life for the common infantry soldier during the Atlanta Campaign was less than ideal. The sacrifice made by those men paved the way for the nation that we live in today. Come out and enjoy an interactive Ranger presentation that will honor their sacrifice, as well as illustrate how soldiers lived and fought on the campaign trail in 1864.

May 26 @ 11:00 am – 3:00 pm ‘Civil War Music’

Music during the Civil War served many functions. Not only did it help to organize and rally, but also went a long way to boost morale amongst the soldiers. Come join the musicians of Three Rivers Fife and Drum as they demonstrate this through performance and discussion of 19th century fife and drum music.

May 27 - 28 @ 11, 12, 2, & 3:00 ‘Artillery Demonstrations’

Artillerists explain the steps of firing a cannon by detailing the role of each person working the cannon. Afterwards, the process is performed in real time and the cannon is fired. The program is free and open to the public. Please note that cannon firings are very loud, especially to those with hearing sensitivity (i.e. dogs, children, etc.)

***In honor of Memorial Day, the military veterans on our artillery crew will perform a small flag raising ceremony at 12:00 pm.**

*** Outdoor programs (Living History programs and hikes) may be cancelled in the occurrence of inclement weather).*

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

Civil War Trust Park Day Note of Thanks

Dear Donald Olds,

Thank you to all of the sites and volunteers that participated in our 22nd Annual Park Day on Saturday, April 7th! A record-breaking 157 battlefields and historic sites across 32 states and the District of Columbia took part this year, including Civil War, Revolutionary War, and War of 1812 sites.

Keeping our historic sites preserved and pristine is a collective responsibility requiring communal effort. This year, nearly 7,000 volunteers across the country came out to do their part, donating over 25,000 hours of volunteer work.

At Wilson's Creek National Battlefield in Republic, Missouri, 56 volunteers helped with fence construction, stream clean up, and housekeeping work in the park's library and living history clothing and equipment cache. Ultimately, an entire dump truck load of trash was removed, and a total of 265 feet of rail fence were put up.

At Buford Massacre Battlefield in Lancaster, South Carolina, seventy JROTC students and members of the community came out to help clear brush, rake leaves, and pick up trash. Volunteers also cleaned markers and picnic tables.

And at Mine Creek Battlefield in Pleasanton, Kansas, 37 volunteers helped wash windows, clear 2.5 miles of trails, and clean storage areas.

If you have any photos of the events, remember to [enter our Photo Contest here](#). You can help us document this year's success and be eligible to win special prizes! We'll be announcing the winners in a few weeks. Keep checking back to vote for your favorites!

Historic sites rely heavily on the dedicated work of volunteers, and your hard work will make a difference for years to come. Thank you again!

Sincerely,

Courtney Wilke
Park Day Coordinator



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Kennesaw Mountain News Release

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Tourism to Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park creates \$148 Million in Economic Benefits

Report shows visitor spending supports 2,320 jobs in local economy

Kennesaw, GA – A new National Park Service (NPS) report shows that 2.6 million visitors to Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park in 2017 spent \$148 million in communities near the park. That spending supported 2,320 jobs in the local area.

“Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park is a place loved by visitors from far and wide. Our park truly has something for everyone – those with a passion for Civil War history, the hiking enthusiast, the bird watcher, and the family coming to picnic and explore”, says Superintendent Nancy Walther. “We are delighted to share the story of this place and the experiences it provides, and to be a destination in the community where people come to experience a national park. National park tourism is a significant driver in the national economy, returning \$10 for every \$1 invested in the National Park Service, and it’s a big factor in our local economy as well. We appreciate the partnership and support of our neighbors and are glad to be able to give back by helping to sustain local economies.”

The peer-reviewed visitor spending analysis was conducted by economists Catherine Cullinane Thomas of the U.S. Geological Survey and Lynne Koontz of the National Park Service. The report shows \$18.2 billion of direct spending by more than 330 million park visitors in communities within 60 miles of a national park. This spending supported 306,000 jobs nationally; 255,900 of those jobs are found in these gateway communities. The cumulative benefit to the U.S. economy was \$35.8 billion.

The lodging sector received the highest direct contributions with \$5.5 billion in economic output to local gateway economies and 49,000 jobs. The restaurants sector received the next greatest direct contributions with \$3.7 billion in economic output to local gateway economies and 60,500 jobs.

According to the 2017 report, most park visitor spending was for lodging/camping (32.9 percent) followed by food and beverages (27.5 percent), gas and oil (12.1 percent), souvenirs and other expenses (10.1 percent), admissions and fees (10.0 percent), and local transportation (7.5 percent).

Report authors also produce an interactive tool that enables users to explore visitor spending, jobs, labor income, value added, and output effects by sector for national, state, and local economies. Users can also view year-by-year trend data. The interactive tool and report are

available at the NPS Social Science Program webpage:
<https://www.nps.gov/subjects/socialscience/vse.htm>

To learn more about national parks in Georgia and how the National Park Service works with local Georgia communities to help preserve local history, conserve the environment, and provide outdoor recreation, go to www.nps.gov/GEORGIA.

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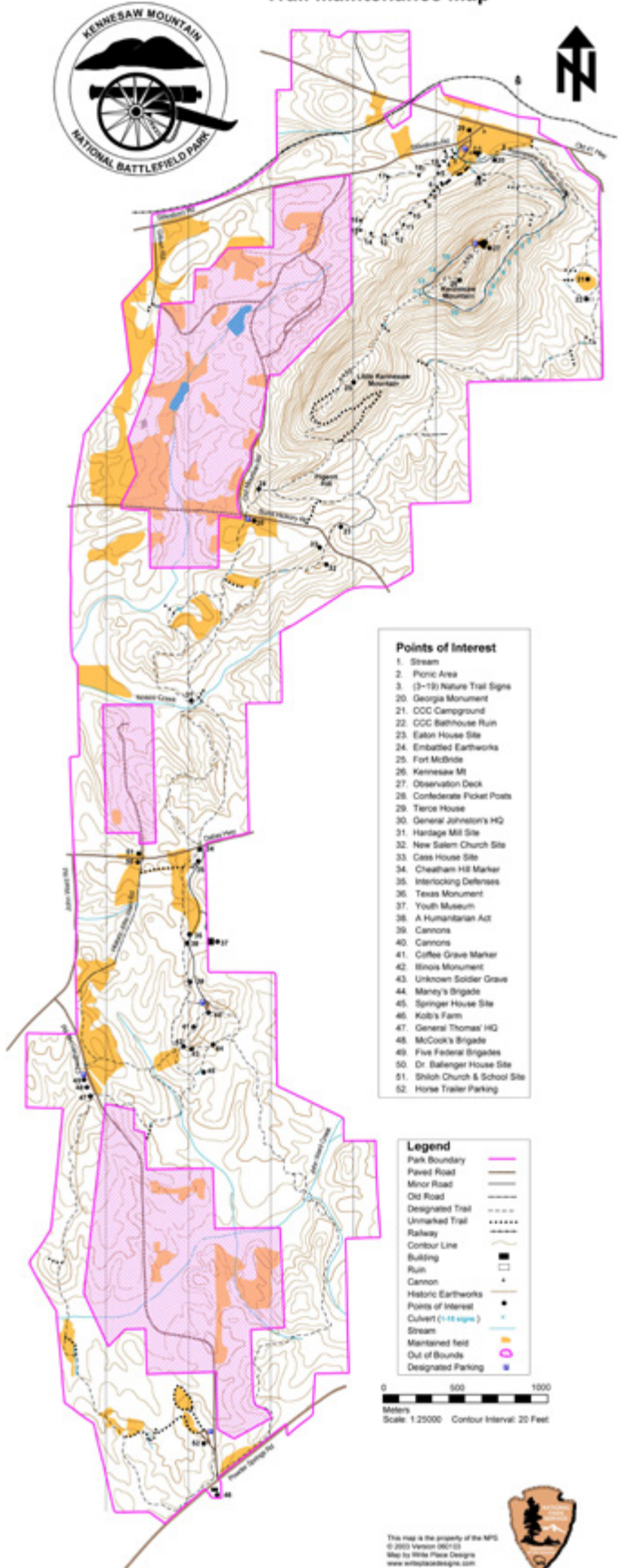


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KENNESAW MOUNTAIN NATIONAL BATTLEFIELD PARK

Trail Maintenance Map



June Newsletter Deadline

If you wish to have an article published in the March Newsletter, please submit it to Fred Feltmann at faf1948@bellsouth.net no later than May 15th!