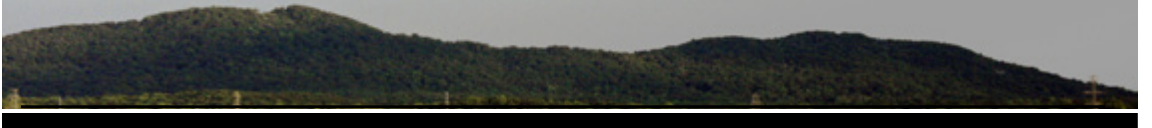




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158th Anniversary Events

The commemoration of the 158th Anniversary of the Battle of Kennesaw Mountain will be held on June 25th and 26th. More details will be provided in the June Newsletter.

May 14, 2022 Work Day

This month's work day schedule will be a continuation of trail maintenance along the main trail from the Visitor Center to the parking lot on top of Kennesaw Mountain. Parking will again be in the grass field adjacent to amphitheater. You will be provided a temporary parking pass upon arrival.

Mike Collet
Trails Director

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Volunteer Festival Thank You

I just wanted to send you a quick e-mail to say thank you for everything you did to help make our very first volunteer festival a success! I know it took a lot of planning and behind the scenes work just to get to the event and even more work during the festival. I think we all can agree that volunteerism at Kennesaw Mountain NPS is very important for the future of this national park site. I look forward to working with you as we expand the volunteer program and help take care of this special place.

Thanks again for all you do!

Sincerely,

Patrick Gamman
Superintendent

Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park

Crew Leader Training/Orientation

Class Held April 30, 2022

We sponsored a Crew Leader Training/Orientation Class on April 30th. We signed up several new Crew Leaders and we look forward to them providing support to future Work Day sessions in the future.

Mike Collet
Trails Director



June Newsletter Deadline

If you wish to have an article published in the June Newsletter, please submit it to Fred Feltmann at faf1948@bellsouth.net no later than May 20th!

Mountain Store Trailer Opens First Weekend in May

Eastern National will open the Mountain Store Trailer the first weekend in May (May 7th) and will remain open on weekends and major holidays until the last weekend in September (September 25th). The store will be open from 10 am until 5 pm and have hats, t-shirts, snacks, water, Powerade and ice cream for sale for our hikers and other visitors to the mountain.

[Dan Beard](#)

WHAT IF?

By Bill Gurry

These two little words spoken 20 years ago on the trail at Kennesaw Mountain in the spring of 2002 have cost me thousands of hours.

On a training hike for a trek out to Philmont Boy Scout Ranch one day 20 years ago, Richard Angeli and Fred Feltmann noticed that the trails could use a little work (ok, a lot of work). Being familiar with the workings of the Appalachian Trail Club, one hiker said to the other: "What if" we formed a volunteer group to help the Park maintain these popular trails?

The two hikers put a plan together to present to KMNBP Superintendent John Cissell and Facilities Manager Marion Harris, and, after a lot of work, the Kennesaw Mountain Trail Club was born. Now, 20 years and hundreds of thousands of volunteer hours later, here we are.

I recently told Richard that if he and Fred hadn't said "what if" to each other, I could have used all the time I've spent in the Trail Club to become a scratch golfer and learn 5 languages! (Of course I couldn't do either.) Richard said sure, but just think of the fun you wouldn't have had, the good work that wouldn't have been done, the exercise you would have missed, the Mexican lunches you wouldn't have eaten, and the friends you wouldn't have met.

All true. Here's to Richard and Fred and 20 years of the Kennesaw Mountain Trail club and to the next 20 years!



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Additional Volunteers needed! Call today!

Expect delays at Dallas Hwy and Whitlock Ave

Crews will start clearing work for the Whitlock Avenue trail segment of the Kennesaw Mountain Pedestrian Improvements on Monday, Oct. 25. Significant delays are expected along Dallas Highway/Whitlock Avenue between John Ward Road and Cheatham Hill Drive. Crews will be working in the area from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on weekdays, and road capacity will be reduced to one lane.

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

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

See also:

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

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

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.

Current NPS Covid 19 Status

- Masks are discretionary while in the Visitor Center
- Shuttle bus is not restarting until later this Spring.
- The theater has reopened and the film regarding the battle for Kennesaw Mountain is now being shown.

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

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.

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!

A Special Thanks!

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

Following is a list, in alphabetical order, of the groups who participated during Fiscal 2019 (October 2019-September 2020 and Fiscal 2021 (October 2020-Present):

FY 2021

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



FY 2022

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

This Past Month's Volunteers

We had 70 volunteers at our April Work Day. They represented Hillgrove HS JROTC, Allatoona HS NHS, Lincoln Tech, Georgia Tech and Kennesaw State University.



Grant Writer Needed

One of the ways of getting funds for the various activities supported by the Friends/KMTC is to receive grants. To do



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

“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 7 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 Donald Olds (Trail Ambassador positions) if interested.

Mike Collett - trails@kennesawmountaintrailclub.org

Donald Olds (Interim) -

ambassador@kennesawmountaintrailclub.org

Training Positions Available!

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

2021/2022 Fund Raising

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

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

Each year we kick off a new round of fund raising and this is the 2021/2022 big “ask.” We need your help with this, even small donations help. We will conclude this drive at the end of FY 2022 (September, 2022).

As we approach our 19th year in operation, we ask you to please think ‘20’, like \$20.. \$40.. \$60..... \$200... \$2000. All donations to the Trail Club support our work at the park, and are tax deductible.

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

- Use Guidestar on the bottom of our home page on the Trail Club website <http://www.kennesawmountaintrailclub.org>
- Subscribe to Amazon “Smile” where they will donate to us based on your purchases <https://smile.amazon.com/> - look for KEMO Trails Corps
- Send a tax deductible contribution to:

Kennesaw Mountain Trail Club*
Attn: Tom Okerberg
Whitlock Accounting Services
739 Kennesaw Avenue NW
Marietta, Ga. 30060

ALSO: Please check with employers about matching donations.

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



Kennesaw Mountain Trail Club Calendar

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Event</u>
5/14	8:00 am - noon	TBD	KMTC Work Day
6/11	8:00 am - noon	TBD	National Trails Day/KMTC Work Day
6/25 - 6/26		Various Park Locations	158th Anniversary
7/9	8:00 am - noon	TBD	KMTC Work Day

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

See Pages 12-13 for a list of NPS Staff Events for May.

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

Visitor Center is now open, masks are discretionary.

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

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

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

Plan on visiting the Park for the 158th Anniversary of the Battle of Kennesaw Mountain - There will be Artillery, Infantry and Living History demonstrations throughout the weekend.

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:

We are back in the business of trail maintenance! See the sign-up links, above. We are still limiting our numbers, but anyone one is now welcome to sign-up.

The Trail Club will provide supervision and tools. Volunteers should wear work clothes and closed toed shoes. Participants are encouraged to bring their own water, work gloves and masks. The NPS Volunteer Service Agreement and COVID forms are required, signed by a parent or guardian, if the student is under 18 years old. The forms are available on the trail club web site: <http://www.kennesawmountaintrailclub.org/volunteer.php>

Parking and registration will be in the field near the Visitor's Center or at the parking lot on Old 41 Hwy. Vehicle Entrance Passes will issued at registration.

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 282,000 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.

Outdoors

While on a ski trip in New Hampshire a few weeks back I watched a local PBS program called "Windows to the Wild" that focuses on outdoor activities. This episode talked about an idea of spending 1000 hours outdoors every year and highlighted a local organization called <https://www.1000hoursoutside.com>. This organization is all about getting people to spend more time outdoors in the fresh air and it's physical and psychological benefits, especially after most of us have been forced to stay inside our home these past few years.

Being older and having underlying health issues, I too, was a person who avoided being away from my house. But, it was not very long before I started getting outdoors again. I am not sure if I get 1000 hours a year but I bet I get more than most people. Some of my outdoor time is spent doing yard work, some helping at outdoor events, some skiing in winter and camping in summer, but the largest amount is spent hiking the trails at Kennesaw mountain. My time outdoors away from the TV and computer has definitely helped my well-being. Yes, I do still take out my phone often, but it's usually to take photos of the nature around me or to brag to family and friends about how great it is outdoors in hopes that it will brighten up their day too. Also, I have occasionally talked to my mom using FaceTime so she could share in being outdoors with me. She lives in a nursing home in New Hampshire and really loves remembering our multi-day family backpacking trips from our younger years.

At Kennesaw Mountain, I do occasionally hike the big mountain itself. However, most of my hiking is on the other trails. I often wonder how many people visit the park and have never explored the 22+ miles of trails. A good way to get yourself outdoors more often is to have a goal. In my younger years I would hike every trail in the park at least 4 times per year. That equates to about 88 miles or around 220 hours of hiking per year. It's nothing like Appalachian trail but it is significant when you think about the physical and mental health benefits. And, if you do it with family or friends, that benefit can multiply.

Since I usually don't have full days to hike, I most often hike alone, I have divided the park's trails into 2 mile and 5 mile treks. Some are out and backs but most are loops. Some are mountainous and some are relatively flat. I choose which one I will take based upon the weather, my energy level, and how much time I have. And, yes, I do sometimes hike in my rain gear.

The point is, getting outdoors and immersing yourself in the woods is good for you. The woods can help "bathe" your mind and renew your spirit. I believe we all know this but the hard part is getting the motivation to go out and do it. They say every hike starts with the first steps. What the 1000 Hours Outside organization suggests is to set goals and track your progress over time. They publish an interesting circular flower like tracking chart where you can color in small and larger pedals to record your progress. At the end of a year, you end up with a colorful flower representing your year. And we all know that great feeling we get when we check off a box that says "done".

We are blessed to have this large National Park close to our homes with ample hiking trails waiting to be explored.

And, there is a lot of history in this park. We must never forget our country's history as we have journeyed to become "the land of the free." Kennesaw Mountain played an important part in that history. Consider getting out on those less used trails and feeling the effects and benefits of a nice hike. And, please support Friends of Kennesaw Mountain as we help the park. You might have already noticed the new pet poop bag disposal stations. Soon there will be bicycle racks installed at several trail heads so you can bike to your favorite hiking trail instead of driving. And there is more in the works.

Friends of Kennesaw Mountain is an all-volunteer non-profit organization focused of raising local support to help the park do the things they cannot do on their own. Please become a donor, member, or a volunteer. Every

little bit becomes part of the whole.

Scott Mackay

Friends of Kennesaw Mountain

(Scott has also been known to come outside for the KMTCC monthly Work Days to help out to maintain those same trails he's known to hike - an all-around great guy!

Fred Feltmann)



Volunteering With The Trail Club Has It's "Ah ha" Moments

I was asked by my Tri Delta Alumnae Group to do a talk at Cheatham Hill. The women attended college at the University of Idaho, University of Kansas, Rhodes College, Southern Mississippi and UGA (among others). After 'preparing' for 2.5 years (the pandemic didn't help), the talk finally happened on Tuesday, April 19. The morning brought cooler weather than usual for mid April but twelve lovely ladies were truly surprised that a battlefield could be so interesting.

It was amazing that the opposing sides played cards and talked like old friends during the truces. Socks were the most requested item from home and they made it to the intended person many times. Admittedly, a few inquisitive mail clerks took some, as well. Despite the war, there were truly gentlemen on both sides. And, finally that the beginning of the 3000 acre Kennesaw Mountain NBP started with a very humble purchase of 60 acres at Cheatham Hill by a group of veterans from Illinois.

A special thank you goes out to Yvonne Robinson for her help with trail safety and Fred Hybart for his living history talk on the life of the soldier.

(And, as Rena always closes her emails - "**Have a great day!**")

Rena Bailey



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 - This individual would work with the NPS staff to coordinate volunteer projects around the Park regarding such things as:

- Compile data to monitor health in the park
- Water sampling
- Bird species counts
- Flowering plant species counts
- Effects of our changing climate

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

Legal Secretary

Map Project Coordinator - This individual would work with NPS Staff and Eastern National to develop two maps:

- A general purpose map with all of the trails on it
- A Battlefield map - a map that portrays the location of the various Federal and Confederate forces, as well as an overlay of the current trails

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

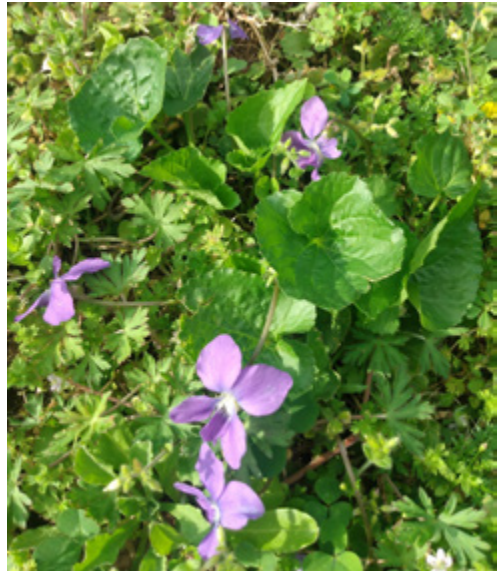
“Focus on the Light”

The article heading is a quote from Jon Batiste and it fits the way that he views things. Also I recently heard, “Gain from the past and look forward to the future”; I don’t recall her name but I do remember that she’s 97. The quote and thought got me thinking about them being applied to writing about Trails and Kennesaw Mountain NBP.



No better place to start than my own backyard. It’s Spring and Daylight Saving Time (maybe that won’t change back). Yes, a few more hours of sunlight and we do tend to focus more when light is shining upon something.

That may not be what Mr. Batiste was referring to, but being somewhat of a musician I believe that I know, and it wasn’t sunlight. Most likely he believes in the brighter things of life; see him perform, smiling like a ray of light.



And what about the Lady who’s 97; what did she mean. What’s in the ground may grow in the spring. Maybe not exactly that, but it does happen. Go to Kennesaw Mountain, walk the trails and you’ll see lots of structure of past conflict; and hopefully you’ll look forward to the future.

Now back to the yard. I’ve included a bunch of pictures of plants and whatnot that may pop up as the spring sunshine helps since they’ve been dormant all



winter; gain from past & grow. If you work or walk the trails you may see several of the ones that I’ve photographed. Come help out the plant team and the leader will advise which are native, planted or invasive. Some of them are beautiful even though they’re Bad. There’s probably a good mixture of the same growing at your place. Some are pretty common and several not so much; but they all seem to grow tended or not. Kind of like the trails and grounds at the Park; they’re there but they sure look better with some hands on care.

Not too much is needed to see the beauty of something. Like volunteering to help out. Look on the bright side, focus on the light, gain from others and look forward to helping out.

Figure out which plants are: Good, Weeds or Invasive—they’re all there. And don’t ever think that you can’t help out - Hey, those beautiful Irises will survive and flower if you just throw the bulb on the ground (some say even concrete). Simple, come grow with the Trail Club - and weed out the bad stuff.



Doug Jasse

4/9/22 Work Day

Photos by Fred Feltmann





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.

KMTC Contact List - Updated 9/21/21

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Amazon Smile

<https://smile.amazon.com/>

KMTC Website

<http://kennesawmountaintrailclub.org/>

NPS Website

<https://www.nps.gov.KEMO>

Facebook Page

<http://www.facebook.com/kmtcsocial>

Volunteer Sign-up website

<https://tinyurl.com/27ef2vph>

** updated*

David Browne was featured in this quarter's LANDSCAPEculture Newsletter.

<https://content.govdelivery.com/accounts/USDOINPS/bulletins/3129c79>



David Browne outside the Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park Visitor Center (NPS Photo).

Employee Spotlight

LANDSCAPEculture

*A newsletter for NPS cultural landscape stewards
Park Cultural Landscapes Program Spring 2022*

Name: David C. Browne

Position: Maintenance

Park: Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield (KEMO)

How long have you worked for the NPS?

I have worked for the NPS for just over 2 years

What is your background?

My background is forestry and heavy equipment operations. I grew up on a farm working with animals, tractors, and various equipment. My family is in forestry (growing and sale of timber). We own and operate a tree harvesting business. I was in the military for 8 years and worked in the retail world for another 8 as an operations manager.

What is your favorite part of your job?

I love the ability to work on projects, train future workers, and educating people about various activities that our park has to offer. I also love learning about the park history and teaching others.

What project are you working on?

I am currently working on developing and building two new trails within the park. I am also working to clean and maintain earthworks within the park that have been damaged by various storms.

What was your favorite experience in the park?

My favorite part of working with the park is the constant ability to be exposed to new and exciting adventures and projects.



Earthworks at Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park in November 2004 (NPS Photo).



Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park

Interpretive Programs for **May**

**All programs are outdoors and weather dependent.*

May 7, 11 am & 3 pm: Atlanta Campaign Museum Tour

It's more than just the artifacts! Join us for two special tours of our Visitor Center museum where our Rangers take you on a journey through the entirety of the Civil War (with heavy focus on the Western Theater and the Battle of Kennesaw Mountain). We'll discuss the causes, biggest battles, blunders and how the war still affects us today over 150 years later.

May 8, 11 am: Kennesaw Mountain Hike

"The scenery from the top of the Mountain is really grand and will repay in some measure for being shot at so much"- William Wallace McMillan, 17th Alabama. Join us for a Ranger- guided hike to the summit of Big Kennesaw Mountain. We will explore the history of the area from pre- history to today.

The climb is moderately- difficult, so wear sturdy shoes and bring plenty of water.

May 14, 2 pm: 24- Kennesaw Mountain: Beyond the War

Native Americans, a water resort, statues, a plane crash and more! Come learn stories with volunteer Andrew Bramlett about what has happened at Kennesaw Mountain before and after the Civil War.

May 15, 11 am: 24- Gun Battery Hike

The fighting in and around Kennesaw Mountain was known for its brutally- effective artillery action. Experience the Federal cannon positions for yourself with this Ranger led hike. The hike will be roughly 3 miles long and will begin at the Visitor Center. It is weather dependent.

Please wear sturdy shoes and bring water.

May 21, 11 am: Pigeon Hill Hike

"Presently, and as if by magic, there sprung from the earth a host of men, and in one long, waving line of blue the infantry advanced."- General Samuel French. Some of the toughest fighting of the war occurred on a small spur just below the dual- peaks of Kennesaw. This Ranger- led hike will describe the futile Union assault and the Confederate defense of Pigeon Hill. We will meet at the Pigeon Hill parking area (GPS Coordinates: 33.963276, -84.594391) and will go up the rocky slope.

The hike is moderate, so bring good shoes and plenty of water.

May 22, 11 am: Cheatham Hill History Talk

"Hell had broke loose in Georgia, sure enough" This tour will take you along the Confederate earthworks as we discuss the most well known fighting that took place on the fateful morning of June 27th , 1864. Meet the ranger at the Cheatham Hill parking lot. The tour involves a short and easy walk to the Illinois monument.

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May 28, 11 am: Assault Trail Hike

“And how can a man die better, than by facing fearful odds- for the ashes of your fathers and the temples of your gods?” This Ranger- led guided hike will put you in the footsteps of the Union soldiers, re- tracing their charge against the Confederate trenches at Cheatham Hill. The hike begins at the Activity Area 3 parking lot (GPS Coordinates: 33.933020, -84.604780)

May 29 & 30, 11 am, 12 pm, 2 pm & 3 pm: Artillery Demonstrations

Come commemorate Memorial Day weekend with us as we host cannon firings throughout Sunday and Monday. Artillery was a vital component to the operations of both armies during the Atlanta Campaign and played a key role in several engagements during the Battle of Kennesaw Mountain.

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



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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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