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[3-D video of 2023 Official White House Ornament on Amazon](#)

## Door Prize - May 17, 23 Fundraiser

One of several door prizes to be given out during a drawing at the May 17th Fundraiser at the Marietta Wine Market - details on page 15,

## 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](mailto:faf1948@bellsouth.net) no later than May 20th!

## 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

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## Friends/KMTC Merger

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

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## Park Update Notes

*Updated*

- ***There will be volunteer spotlights on Facebook and Instagram***
- ***Mountain road is being re-striped to help sort out cars, pedestrians, bicycles***
- Road to summit - a future project study is in progress  
2nd shuttle bus is being proposed to move people about the park
- Reroute of New Salem Church Trail has started – expecting completion **June 23**, 2023. Signs will be going up
- New signage about the park history is coming  
No “Bicycle on Trails” signs going up  
Looking at putting up signs “Your Fee Dollars at Work”
- More special speakers are being planned for over the winter
- Bicycle racks & multi-use trails to complete in June 23
- 160th battle planning has started (monthly meetings)
- Cannon Restoration - 23 cannons (multi-year project)  
All cannon barrels are from the Civil War  
All carriages are replicas and will be refurbished/rebuilt
- ***Plans for Mountain Top restrooms are in process***
- ***New Rotary intersections will be installed at Stilesboro and Old 41 and at Kennesaw Ave and Old 41***  
***Work to begin in 2025***
- EV Charging Stations  
A joint NPS/Friends study is being done to install EV charging stations at various parking lots in the Park  
Electrical power lines have been installed.

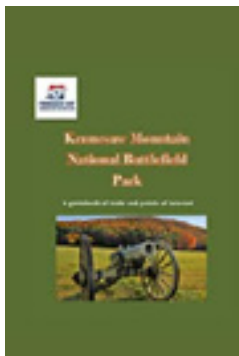
*Patrick Gamman*

Superintendent

Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park

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## Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park Guidebook

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

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“Earthworks” is published monthly jointly by the Friends of KMNPB & the Kennesaw Mountain Trails Club.

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***Additional Volunteers needed! Call today!***

## 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!

**Newsletter 2**

<http://kennesawmountaintrailclub.org>

## Calendar of Events - Friends/KMTC

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Event</u>
<b>May</b>			
5/10	6:00 pm - 8 pm	Visitor's Center	Friends of KMNB Meeting
5/13	8:00 am - noon	Cheatham Hill Parking Lot	Work Day - Cheatham Hill Rd.
5/17	5 pm - 7 pm	Marietta Wine Market	Wine Tasting/Fundraiser - see page 17!
5/20	8:30 am - 1 pm	Maintenance Shed	Crew Leader Training
<b>June</b>			
6/3	9 am - 1 pm	Visitor Center	Trail Ambassador Training Class
6/10	8:00 am - noon	TBD	Work Day/National Trails Day - Burnt Hickory or Cheatham Hill Drive
<b>July</b>			
7/8	8:00 am - noon	TBD	Work Day
7/12	6:00 pm - 8 pm	Visitor's Center	Friends of KMNB Meeting
7/25	6:30 pm - 8 pm	Visitor's Center	KMTC Board Meeting

The Park staff is conducting Virtual Events on their Facebook Page - [https://www.facebook.com/pg/KMNB/posts/?ref=page\\_internal](https://www.facebook.com/pg/KMNB/posts/?ref=page_internal)

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*See pages 7- 9 for a listing of NPS-sponsored events for the month of May.*

*See page 4 for a general listing of Friends and KMTC events that will be occurring for the remainder of the Fiscal Year.*

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## 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), however the Park bus is not making trips on the weekend to the Mountain Top until further notice."

## Trail closures

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

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

## Fiscal 2023 General Schedule of Events

May 10, 2023	<i>Friends of KMNBP Board Mtg</i>
May 13, 2023	<b>Trail Work Day</b>
<b>May 17, 2003*</b>	<b>Wine Tasting, Marietta Wine Market</b>
<b>May 20, 2023*</b>	<b>Crew Leader Training Class</b>
<b>June 3, 2023*</b>	<b>Trail Ambassador Training Class</b>
June 10, 2023	<b>Trail Work Day/National Trail Day</b>
June 24 & 25, 2023	<b>159th Battle Anniversary</b>
July 8, 2023	<b>Trail Work Day</b>
July 12, 2023	<i>Friends of KMNBP Board Mtg</i>
July 25, 2023	<i>KMTC Board Meeting</i>
August 9, 2023	<i>Friends of KMNBP Board Mtg</i>
August 12, 2023	<b>Trail Work Day</b>
September 09, 2023	<b>Trail Work Day/ National Public Lands Day</b>
September 13, 2023	<i>Friends of KMNBP Board Mtg</i>
September 16, 2023	<i>KMTC Annual Meeting</i>
October 11, 2023	<i>Friends of KMNBP Board Mtg</i>
October 14, 2023	<b>Trail Work Day</b>
October 24, 2023	<i>KMTC Board Meeting</i>

If interested in attending the KMTC Board meeting, contact **Donald Olds**:  
[president@kennesawmountaintrailclub.org](mailto:president@kennesawmountaintrailclub.org)

If interested in attending the Friends Board meeting, contact **Scott Mackay**:  
[President@TheFriendsOfKMNBP.onmicrosoft.com](mailto:President@TheFriendsOfKMNBP.onmicrosoft.com)

*\* Updated*

## New Salem Church Trail/ New Trail Reroute

Just a reminder that the Salem Church Trail at Burnt Hickory crossing is closed. This is a part of the multi trail project from Cobb D.O.T. The trail itself is not closed just at the crossing at Burnt Hickory. Work has begun on the new trail reroute by my staff and the trail club. Thank you all for your patience and understanding.

*Carlos Hurston*

Facility Manager

Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park

## Expect delays at Dallas Hwy and Whitlock Ave

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

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

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

See also:

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

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

## Proposed and Existing Trails in Cobb County

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

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

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





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## Kennesaw Mountain News Release

Release Date: Immediately

Contact: Marjorie Thomas, [Marjorie\\_thomas@nps.gov](mailto:Marjorie_thomas@nps.gov), 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 [www.nps.gov/kemo](http://www.nps.gov/kemo) for further information.

[The National Park Service](#)

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<http://kennesawmountaintrailclub.org>





# United States Department of the Interior

NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

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Dear Volunteers,

As we prepare for National Park Week, I'm so pleased that we first have the opportunity during National Volunteer Week to honor the hundreds of thousands of people who give their time and talent to help accomplish our mission across the National Park Service.

The Volunteers-In-Parks program officially began under Director George Hartzog in 1970, though the noble efforts of private citizens have always been a force behind the movement to preserve and protect America's special places. What started with a few hundred volunteers over 50 years ago has grown significantly, and the National Park Service now relies on many thousands of volunteers in a typical year. We are truly fortunate to have so many citizen stewards supporting our work.


I'm honored to have this opportunity to say **'thank you'** to the many who have given their time and talent over the years. From a family with young children who decide to volunteer together on National Public Lands Day, to a young professional seeking to gain new skills, to a retired couple writing their second chapter as botanists, historians, librarians, or campground hosts, we truly could not do what we do without our volunteers.

I also want to take this chance to say **'join us!'** to those who have thought about volunteering in the past or who used to volunteer, but haven't in a while. From one day volunteer projects to weekly or months-long commitments, there is a place for everyone to give back to their favorite national park. The possibilities are as diverse as our national parks themselves.

And your help is needed more than ever—many volunteers were unable to continue serving in the last few years, which means fewer friendly faces greeting park visitors, fewer services at campgrounds, fewer miles of maintained trails, fewer Junior Ranger badges distributed, more dangerous interactions with wildlife, less data to track the impacts of climate change, more invasive plants, and fewer artists celebrating our nation's parks. Just as importantly, fewer volunteers also means that people are missing out on incredible connections and unforgettable experiences.

I encourage you to consider how you might give back to your favorite national park by becoming a volunteer. Learn more about the Volunteers-In-Parks program at [NPS.gov/volunteer](https://www.nps.gov/volunteer).

Thank you for making our great places better,

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Charles F. Sams III  
Director, National Park Service



## Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park Interpretive Programs for **May**

\*All programs are outdoors and weather dependent.

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

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

#### **May 6, @ 11 am, 12, 2 and 3 – Infantry Demonstrations**

Come on out and see our living history volunteers and Rangers set up camp right next to the Visitor Center and live life for a day as Civil War infantryman. Rifle firings will occur at the above- specified We will also go over basic drill, school of the soldier, arms and accoutrements and even food and disease.

*\*(These demonstrations will be held at the end of Cheatham Hill Dr.)*

#### **May 7, @ 11 am, 12, 2 and 3 – Artillery Demonstrations**

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. Our living historians will hold camp and shoot the cannon at the above- listed times.

*\*(These demonstrations will be held at the end of Cheatham Hill Dr..)*

#### **May 13, @ 11 am – New Salem Community**

Prior to the Battle of Kennesaw Mountain, the area had several small thriving communities. During this presentation, the ranger will discuss the Hardage Family and others who lived in the shadow of the mountain. This program will be held in the field at the foot of Pigeon Hill, near the parking area.

*\*Please note this program is NOT at Visitor Center; parking is on Burnt Hickory Road.*

#### **May 14, @ 11 am – Guided Assault Trail Hike**

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

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

#### **May 20, @ 11 am – Chemical Weapons and Technology of the Civil War**

“The weapons technology of the Civil War grew exponentially. The Gatling gun and the Henry rifle were some of the more popular examples. But did you know that there were proposals for poison gas shells, and the Ketchum grenade?

Meet near the Visitor Center front desk to join the discussion about the forgotten technology and innovation seen during the war.

#### **May 21, @ 11 am – Kennesaw Mountain and the Civilian Conservation Corps**

Have you ever wondered how Kennesaw Mountain NBP made the transition from war torn battlefield to a lush green space with great hikes? Join this short 1 mile hike (2 miles roundtrip) to Kennesaw Mountain’s Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) Camp Brumby to learn more. This hike will leave from the Visitor Center.

#### **May 27, @ 11 am, 12, 2 and 3 – Infantry Demonstrations**

Come on out and see our living history volunteers and Rangers set up camp right next to the Visitor Center and live life for a day as Civil War infantryman. Rifle firings will occur at the above- specified times. We will also go over basic drill, school of the soldier, arms and accoutrements and even food and disease.

**May 28, @ 11 am, 12, 2 and 3 – Artillery Demonstrations**

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. Our living historians will hold camp and shoot the cannon at the above- listed times. Will be held at the front field.

**May 29, @ 11 am, 12, 2 and 3 – Artillery Demonstrations**

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. Our living historians will hold camp and shoot the cannon at the above- listed times. Will be held at the front field.

*\*\*\* For more program details, please contact Visitor Center at 770-427-4686, ext. 0, or visit our website at [www.nps.gov/kemo](http://www.nps.gov/kemo)*

**Park Updates**

**Congratulations, Carlos Hurston!**

Carlos has been promoted to the position of Facility Manager at Martin Luther King, Jr. National Historical Park!

**Congratulations, Ladrick Downie!**

Ladrick has been promoted to the position of Acting Facility Manager here at Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park!





# Kennesaw Mountain History Hiking Challenge

Spend some time learning the history behind some of your favorite trails and earn a prize!

*See the monthly interpretive program for the hike schedules - pages 7 & 8 this month.*

- ⇒ Pigeon Hill Hike
- ⇒ Mountain-top Hike
- ⇒ Assault Trail Hike
- ⇒ 24 Gun Battery Hike
- ⇒ CCC Camp (New for 2023!)

Between Memorial Day and Labor Day, attend two Ranger-led history hikes

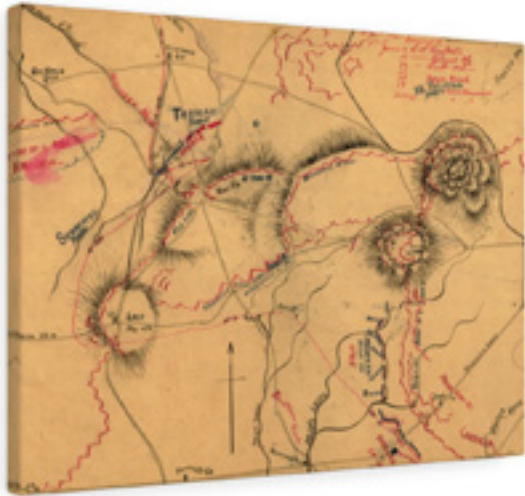
- Along with hiking the following trails on your own
- ⇒ Mountain Loop Trail (5.8 miles)
  - ⇒ Kolb Farm Loop (5.1 miles)
  - ⇒ Noses Creek and Cease Fire Trail to Illinois Monument (5.6 miles)

Then, turn in your log sheet to the Visitor Center to claim your prize!

# The Friends of Kennesaw Mountain Webstore

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

*Andrew Bramlett*



Some of the items for sale.



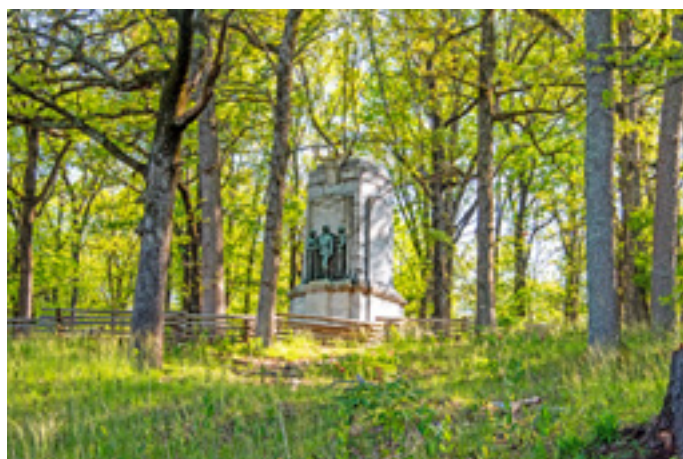
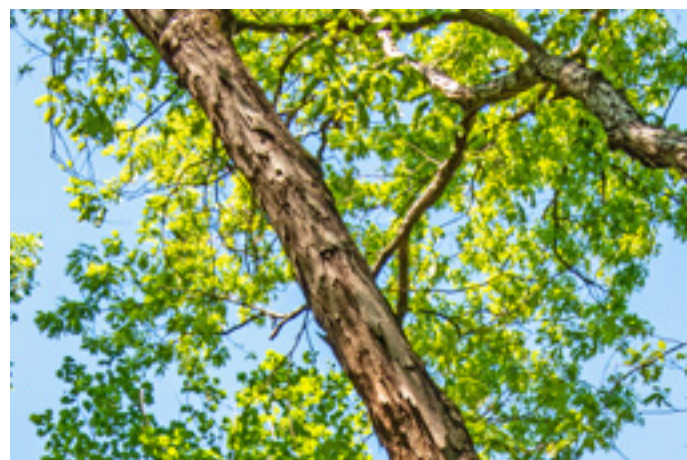
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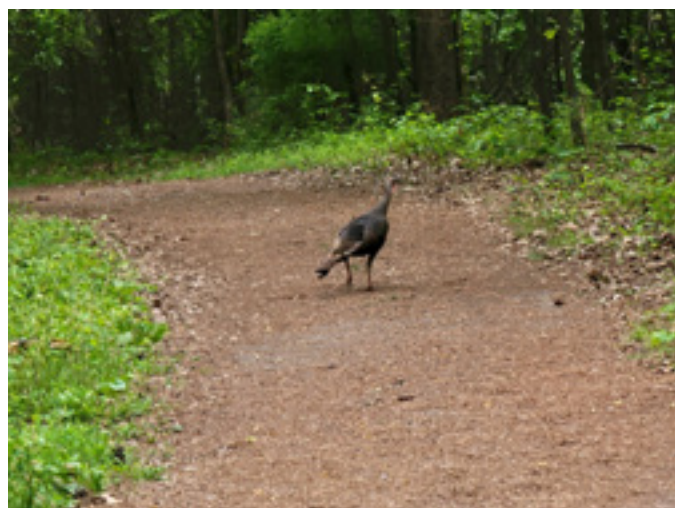


## Park Moments



*Photos above and photo on left were taken by Fred Feltmann.*

*The photo below was taken by Mike Collett.*



## Wallis House

- The Wallis Farm was built ca. 1835 by Josiah S. Wallis (1807-1878) and wife Julia Angelina Ramey Wallis (1810-1888)
- It was occupied/used as headquarters by both Union and Confederates during the Battle of Kennesaw Mountain.
- The house remained in the Wallis family until 2003, when it was purchased by the Cobb County Land Trust.
- With the help of Congressman Barry Loudermilk and Senator Johnny Isakson the house has been transferred to Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield
- Plan is to restore it for interpretation and educational use







## Fundraising Committee Formed

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

New this month is a revised Pledge Card. As part of the planned merger of the Friends and the Trail Club, we are consolidating the fundraising process. The revised pledge card allows the donator to designate where his/her donation will go. The options are:

- Friends - General
- KMTC
- Living History
- Endowment Fund

The Friends fund will support the overall organization and the funds will be apportioned to all subtier organizations, as needed.

Regarding the KMTC option, funds donated will be used specifically to do maintenance, restoration and development of new trails at the Park.

Regarding the Living History option, funds donated will be used toward the Living History subtier organization's operations at the Park.

The endowment fund will be used establish a future base of funds for all activities within the Friends of Kennesaw Mountain, such as development of new trails, facilities and equipment for any of the subtier Friends organizations.

## Endowment Fund Planned

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

## New Park Map(s) in the Planning Stages

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

## 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
- 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 - [President@TheFriendsOfKMNBP.onmicrosoft.com](mailto:President@TheFriendsOfKMNBP.onmicrosoft.com)



## Contact List - Updated 34/25/23

<b>POSITION</b>	<b>NAME</b>
President	Scott Mackay
Vice President	Donald Olds
Secretary	Kim Sherk
Parliamentarian	Jason Shepherd
Treasurer	Tom Okerberg
Communications	Fred Feltmann
Newsletter Editor	Fred Feltmann
Website	Mark Angeli
Social Media	Andrew Bramlett
Fundraising	Bart Henderson
	Kathy Bearden
Citizen Science Program	Jessica Stephenson
	Reaves
Disbursements	Lewis Bramlett
Archives	<b>Vacant</b>
Membership	<b>Vacant</b>
<b>Outreach</b>	<b>Matthew Dobson*</b>
Living History Liaison	Andy Cole
Trail Club Liaison	Jay Haney
Eastern National Liaison	Dan Beard
Events Planner	Kathy Bearden
Accessibility Advocate	Marjorie Rogers
Map Project	Charles Kays
	Linsay Barnes
Grant Writer	Holly Ringle

<b>Board Members:</b>	
	Bart Henderson
Dan Beard	Scott Johnson
Kathy Bearden	John Nash
Lewis Bramlett	Marjorie Rogers
Andy Cole	Jason Shepherd
Jay Haney	Kim Sherk

## A Special Thanks!

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

### **FY 2020**

*GUIDE BOOK PROJECT - RACHEL ELEY*

*ORAL HISTORY PROJECT - SUSAN CAOLA*

*TIME KEEPING PROJECT - SCOTT MACKAY*

### **FY 2021**

*GUIDE BOOK PROJECT - RACHEL ELEY*

*ORAL HISTORY PROJECT - SUSAN CAOLA*

*TIME KEEPING PROJECT - SCOTT MACKAY*

### **FY 2022**

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

### **FY 2023**

*MAP PROJECT - CHARLES KAYS*

*LINSAY BARNES*

*GIS PROJECT - OPEN*



Website - Friends

<https://friendsofkmnbp.org/>

Website - NPS

[www.nps/kemo.gov](http://www.nps/kemo.gov)

Facebook Page - Friends

<https://www.facebook.com/FriendsofKMnBP>

Facebook Page - NPS

<https://www.facebook.com/KMNBP>

Twitter

<https://twitter.com/FKmnbp>

Instagram

<https://www.instagram.com/FriendsofKMnBP/>

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## The Friends Of Kennesaw Mountain

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

Your Membership helps to fund this mission.

Please join us.

Our website is [FriendsOfKMNB.org](http://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.

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## 2023 Projects(s) - May status

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

Provide support/funding for 160th Anniversary (June 2024) - **in process**

- Fund Raiser - **May 17th, Marietta Wine Market - 5 - 7 pm (see page xx)**

## Painted Rock Clean-up - 4/22/23

Amanda Corman and Danny Lee managed a crew of 16 Hillgrove HS NJROTC volunteers to apply elbow grease and scrubbing power to remove paint from the vandalized rock structure on Kennesaw Mountain. Scott Mackay, Rena Bailey and I provided support for the endeavor. It was a tad breezy and cool initially in the morning, but gradually warmed up. Significant progress was made in cleaning up the mess. The volunteers warmed up to the task by hiking up the Mountain Rd. to the work site and had a leisurely walk down the road at the end of the work day. Upon arriving at the picnic area at the Visitor's Center, the Friends of Kennesaw Mountain and the Kennesaw Mountain Trail Club provided them lunch.

Thanks to all of the volunteers from Hillgrove HS NJROTC!

Job well done!

*Fred Feltmann*

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*Photos by Fred Feltmann*





Please join us for a  
**Wine Tasting to Benefit Friends of Kennesaw Mountain**

**Wednesday May 17<sup>th</sup> 5 to 7 PM**

**Marietta Wine Market (just off the Square)**



18 Powder Springs St. SE  
Marietta, GA 30062



**Wine Tasting \$10 - Door Prize Tickets 5 for \$20**

**All proceeds support the Park**

- **Recent completed projects:**
  - Special stations for dog waste to keep trails clean and safe.
  - Ongoing funding for trail maintenance and improvement.
- **2023 Projects:**
  - **Bike racks** to complement the new mixed-use paths surrounding the park
  - Help with relocated trail for a safer Burnt Hickory crossing.
  - Funding for “living history” events at the Park

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



Scan for more information

Friends is a 501c3 qualified charity



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.



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

Annual membership levels:

**Individuals**

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

**Businesses**

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



**Five Ways To Donate**

You can support the Friends in 5 ways:

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



5. 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.



# FRIENDS OF KENNESAW MOUNTAIN

## FY 2023 Fundraising Goals

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

- \$2,000 - FY 2023 Friends administrative budget.
- \$6,000 - 159th Battle Anniversary - volunteer meals, incidentals; volunteer appreciation dinner
- \$10,000 - Funds to be used in conjunction with the Park to acquire an additional cannon and trailer (total cost estimated to be \$82,000) for the Living History program.
- \$3600 - to provide for the purchase of 5 bicycle racks and signage for them.
- \$50,000 - seed money for the 160th Anniversary of the Battle of Kennesaw Mountain (June, 2024) - total estimate for event is expected to be approximately \$150,000.
- \$10,000 - to fund various activities of the Living History program, the Friends and the Kennesaw Mountain Trail Club.

Total to be raised during the current fiscal year - \$79,600. See the bottom of this page for a pledge card, or send your donation by one of the methods identified on page 18.

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

<b>Friends of Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park</b>			
<b>2023 Pledge Card</b>			
Name _____		One Payment _____	
Address _____		Quarterly Payment _____	
City, State, Zip _____		Monthly Payment _____	
Phone _____		Does your company match? Y__ N__	
Email _____		Invoice me _____	
		(Monthly __ Quarterly __)	
		Check enclosed _____	
		(Payable to " <b>Friends of KMNBP</b> ")	
		Credit Card Number: _____	
		Expiration date _____	
		Security Code _____	
		I wish to remain anonymous _____	

<b>Complete and mail to:</b>		<b>Pledge:</b>	
Friends of Kennesaw Mountain	General Fund - Friends _____	Trail Club - _____	Living History - _____
Attn: 2023 Pledge	Endowment Fund _____	<i>Check one or designate amount for each.</i>	
905 Kennesaw Mountain Drive			
Kennesaw, GA 30152			

<b>Individuals</b>	
\$15 Corporal (Student) _____	
\$25 Sergeant _____	
\$100 First Sergeant _____	
\$300 Ordinance Sergeant _____	
\$500 Quarter Master _____	
\$1,000 Sergeant Major _____	
\$1,500 General _____	
Other Amount \$ _____	
<b>Corporate</b>	
\$150 Company _____	
\$300 Regiment _____	
\$500 Brigade _____	
\$1,000 Division _____	
\$15,000 Corps _____	
\$25,000 Army _____	
Other Amount \$ _____	

## Citizen Science Program

- Jess Reaves (Friends) & Jake Bolling (NPS)
- Teacher workshops are in progress these should be on the calendar in the next month or so.
- Kennesaw Mountain Writing Project pilot study is in progress
- Working with another KSU faculty member to pilot a nature journal curriculum, parts of which may be conducted in the park
- Can be made available as an activity for daily visitors/school groups
- Citizen science data collection for pollinator gardens is awaiting more information
- Making sure that the data collected is appropriate for the project and doesn't include any personally identifiable information (age, gender, race, etc.)



Interested in the investigation of the development of this potential program? Contact Scott Mackay at [President@TheFriendsOfKMNP.onmicrosoft.com](mailto:President@TheFriendsOfKMNP.onmicrosoft.com)



## Electric Vehicle (EV) Charging Stations

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



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

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

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

## Bicycle Racks Fund Raising Project

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





# EARTHWORKS

## Workday 04-15-23

We had 10 crew leaders for the workday. The Crew Leaders were Anna, Aron, Curt, Donald, Eric, Geoff, Scott, Tom, Vicki, and Mike. Mike did registration and Scott directed the volunteers to the parking area. We had 44 volunteers. Fred took pictures. The volunteers were from Hillgrove NJROTC, Allatoona NJROTC, King's Academy AJROTC, Harrison High School, the Atlanta Outdoor Club, Kennesaw State University individual students and Kennesaw State University Volunteer Day students, and individuals. Scott and Geoff monitored the parking lot.

On Saturday, Mike welcomed the volunteers, conducted the safety briefing, and split our volunteers into teams at the Illinois Monument parking Lot.

Team 1 was led by Tom with Curt and Anna assisting and the Hillgrove NJROTC volunteers. They worked on lines 1 to 5 of the workplan. Where they replaced a section of fence that had been damaged, moved the fence on the downhill side of the Illinois Monument uphill 3 to 5 feet, worked on the erosion issues going down Cheatham Hill, and trashed out trail creep.

Team 2 was led by Eric with Vicki and Aron assisting and the Allatoona NJROTC, King's Academy AJROTC, Harrison High School, the Atlanta Outdoor Club, and Individual volunteers. They worked on lines 6 and 7 of the workplan. Where they worked on numerous erosion issues on the service road to parking lot and trashed out a newer social trail that split into two trails, the right trail went to one home, the left trail split again with the right trail going to one home and the left going to another. When they finished with this, they worked on the trail passing the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier fixing erosion issues on this trail.

Donald met the Kennesaw State University Volunteer Day group at the Visitor Center and did the same.

Donald worked with the Kennesaw State University Volunteer Day group on Kennesaw Mountain. They worked on debarment of the trail going up Kennesaw Mountain.

All lines were completed in accordance with the workplan. Once again, our volunteers did an exceptional job.

On Friday, April 14, Eric, Scott, Tom, and Mike reviewed the work planned and put the flags out.

Our next workday is Saturday, May 13, 2023. If approved, we will be working on the New Salem Church Trail Reroute from the Pigeon Hill parking Lot.

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

I have before and after pictures.

*Mike Collett*  
Trails Director

## Crew Leader Training Class - 5/20/23

A crew leader training class is scheduled for May 20, 2023, from 8:30 am till Noon. Will meet in the meet initially in the field between the Maintenance Shed and the Visitor Center. Contact Mike Collett - [trails@kennesawmountaintrailclub.org](mailto:trails@kennesawmountaintrailclub.org) - for more details/info.

## May 13, 2023 Work Day Plans

The current plans for May 13 are to work on the Kolb Farm West trail. Parking will be in the field across the street from the Cheatham Hill Rd.. Parking Lot. Registration opens at 8 am.

## Come join us for Trail Ambassador Training - 6/3/23!

Trail Ambassadors help the park in a variety of ways. TA's



hike the trails, help the patrons, assist with trail workdays and assist the park with a variety of educational programs. The TA training will be Saturday, June 3, from 9 am to 1 pm at the Visitor's

Center at 900 Kennesaw Mountain Drive, Kennesaw, 30152 Following the training, you will be required to shadow a regular Trail Ambassador at a couple of events. This will give you a chance to find out what activities that you enjoy and to see the breadth of activities that Trail Ambassadors do. There is something for everyone!

At the training on Saturday, June 3rd, you will cover the

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## A Special Thanks!

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

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

### FY 2022

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



### FY 2023

*ALLATOONA HS NJROTC*  
*ATLANTA OUTDOOR CLUB (AOC)*  
*GA TECH ROTC*  
*HARRISON HIGH SCHOOL*  
*HILLGROVE HS NJROTC*  
*KING'S ACADEMY HS AJROTC*  
*KSU*  
*KSU VOLUNTEER DAY STUDENTS*  
*MARIETTA HS SPORTSMANS CLUB*

### This Past Month's Volunteers

For our April work day (April 15, 2023), we had 10 crew leaders and 44 volunteers. Thanks! The volunteers were comprised of the following groups:

*ALLATOONA HS JROTC*  
*ATLANTA OUTDOOR CLUB*  
*HARRISON HIGH SCHOOL*  
*HILLGROVE HS JROTC*  
*KENNESAW STATE UNIVERSITY (KSU)*  
*KING'S ACADEMY HS AJROTC*  
*KSU VOLUNTEER DAY STUDENTS*

## “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 8 for a list of activities/functions needed to maintain the organizations and contact the various department heads to volunteer!

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## Crew Leader & Trail Ambassador Positions Available!

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

A training class for prospective Crew Leaders will be held 8:30 am - noon on May 20, 2023. See page 20 for more details.

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

Mike Collett - [trails@kennesawmountaintrailclub.org](mailto:trails@kennesawmountaintrailclub.org)

Kathy Van Valkenburg/Wendy Turner -  
[ambassador@kennesawmountaintrailclub.org](mailto:ambassador@kennesawmountaintrailclub.org)

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## Trail Ambassador Training Course Continued from Page 22

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

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

Participants are encouraged to wear casual clothes and closed toed shoes. Coffee and donuts will be provided.

Parking will be in the field near the Visitor's Center. A temporary vehicle pass will be given out at registration. (Regular KEMO or NPS park passes are not accepted in the field.)

If you have any questions, please contact Wendy Turner at [ambassador@kennesawmountaintrailclub.org](mailto:ambassador@kennesawmountaintrailclub.org) for more information. We look forward to seeing you there!

Have a great day!

*Rena Bailey*

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## 2023/2024 Fund Raising

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

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

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

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

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

- Use Guidestar on the bottom of our home page on the Trail Club website <http://www.kennesawmountaintrailclub.org>
- Send a tax deductible contribution to:

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

ALSO: Please check with employers about matching donations.

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





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## Register for Our Work Days!

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

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## 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>

For the May work day, we will be registering volunteers in the Cheatham Hill Rd. parking lot. Registration will open at 8 am. Temporary parking passes will be available at the Registration Table. We will be working on the Kolb Farm West Trail.

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](mailto:trails@kennesawmountaintrailclub.org) at least 4 weeks in advance. Trail work can be performed any day of the week.

We work closely with the Park Service and assist the park staff by providing critically needed volunteer effort to install signs, build bridges, and maintain the 20+ miles of trails. Since our beginning in 2002, the Trail Club has donated over 281,000 volunteer hours to Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park.

We hope to see you at a work day as soon as we return to our normal work days.

### **Cancellation policy**

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

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## Four Ways To Donate

You can support the Friends in 4 ways:

1. Directly through our website - <http://www.kennesawmountaintrailclub.org>
2. Through Guidestar (Network for Good) - <https://tinyurl.com/ra4d8dj>
3. Through PayPal - <https://www.paypal.com/US/fundraiser/charity/1806848>
4. Send a tax deductible contribution to:

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

*Thanks for your support!*

## KMTC Contact List - Updated 3/29/22

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KMTC Website		<a href="http://kennesawmountaintrailclub.org/">http://kennesawmountaintrailclub.org/</a>
NPS Website		<a href="https://www.nps.gov/KEMO">https://www.nps.gov/KEMO</a>
Facebook Page		<a href="http://www.facebook.com/kmtcsocial">http://www.facebook.com/kmtcsocial</a>
Volunteer Sign-up website*		<a href="http://www.tinyurl.com/27ef2vph">www.tinyurl.com/27ef2vph</a>

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### *Forest Echoes*

*Fred Feltmann  
2/21/99*

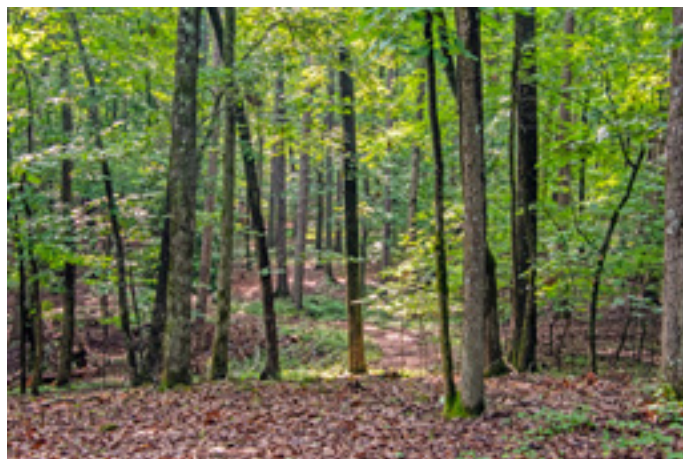
Deep within the forest.  
Deep within.  
    In amongst the shadows and branches.  
        The birds call.  
        Call one another.  
For friendship.  
    For security.  
        To find a friend.  
        A mate.  
        Or to let others know that they are there.  
Deep within,  
    The shadows of the forest.  
        Amongst the branches.  
        In the undergrowth.  
Along its paths,  
    A chickadee calls.  
        A bluebird sings to its mate.  
        A hummingbird wings its way to another sunlit spot.  
        In search of sustenance.  
            As sun and shadow play,  
                Among the whispering breezes,  
            Whispering through the pines and boughs.  
Deep within.  
    Flying amongst the branches and boughs.  
        Amongst the interplay of sun and shade.  
        As they dance among the trees and branches.  
        And all is at peace with their maker.  
        Deep within the forest.

### *Forest Echoes - It's origins.*

When on business trips, I had a propensity to wander after work. Specifically, I liked to wander through malls, parks, museums, etc. during the evenings. And so it happened every time I visited Boston, that I would on at least one night wander the malls between Copley Place and Prudential, which are interconnected by a skyway. After a period of wandering, I would end up at the piano bar at the Mariott in Copley Place for an adult beverage and to listen to the piano player/composer Silvard Kool, who regularly played there during the 90's and 00's. And one night, he played a song, Forest Echoes, which he had composed....

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=M9srOBFik5w>

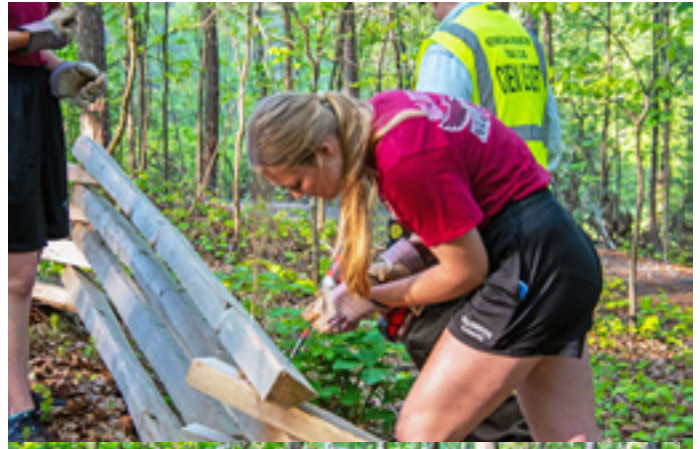
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# 4/15/23 Work Day

Photos by Fred Feltmann





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## KENNESAW MOUNTAIN NATIONAL BATTLEFIELD PARK

### Trail Maintenance Map

