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Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park:

A Selected Chronology

If you are interested in an abbreviated history of the Park, you may wish to go the following website - it contains a brief history through 1993:

<http://www.nps.gov/archive/kemo/adhi/adhi1.htm>

From time to time, we may quiz your memory on some the items in this article! So, don't lose this reference. Also, this will give you some perspective of the land - it's not just for recreation that we toil each month - we do this to get a feel of the historical aspects - be it the Civil War or the Creek or Cherokee Indian Nations.

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Cobb County Trail System

Cobb County has developed an overall plan for a system of trails. It may be found at <http://dot.cobbcountyga.gov/trail-system.htm>.

National Trails Day - 2010

June 5, 2010

I have established a core membership for the 2010 National Trails Day Event - scheduled for June 5, 2010. The primary facet will again be a Trail Maintenance Work Day. I am still looking for volunteers to work on the committee. Work on the committee is not a commitment to do physical labor! This effort is primarily to set up any additional activities, work on developing sponsors and planning the logistics for the actual work day. So if you or someone you know has a hankering to help out, but doesn't want to "Play in the Dirt," have them contact me! I'm sure we can use their talents somewhere on the committee.

As for meetings, we will meet once a month, hopefully starting in December. If we can get a conference line, we'll work it by conference call, otherwise we'll meet either at the Visitor Center and/or the Community Room at REI, once we establish a set of dates.

So, as a wrap-up, if you have ideas about the Event, would like to work on the committee or work as staff on the actual NTD event, contact me at 770-516-9120 or e-mail me at kmtccomm@kennesawmountaintrailclub.org.

Fred Feltmann

October Had Lots of Opportunities!

We had lots of opportunities in October to work the Trails!

In fact, every Saturday we had a work day either at Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park or at another location. We appreciate all who made this a great month!

Thanks!!!!

Fred Feltmann

Our Volunteers Help Out!

Boundary Waters Park (BWP) near Douglasville was inundated by the overwhelming rains in Sept. and flooding of the Chattahoochee River. The sports facilities at the 500-acre park escaped damage, but most of the natural areas along the river were under more than 10 feet of water! As a result, the park's entire trail system is still closed to the public.

On October 17th & 24th, Kennesaw Mountain Trail Club members went to BWP to assess the damage & begin working to re-open their trails. BWP is developing a trail club of their own & is in dire need of volunteer support. All individuals are welcome and if you're a member of a community organization, school group, or business, please consider volunteering your group for the restoration effort. Park Manager, Peter Trent, is planning another trail work day in November & you can get on his e-mail list by contacting him at ptrent@co.douglas.ga.us

BWP has almost 9 miles of multi-use trails free to the public for equestrian, hiking, biking, and running enthusiasts. **THE PARK NEEDS YOUR HELP TO GET THESE TRAILS RE-OPENED!!** Special thanks goes to KMTCC members Leah Urben, Victor Williams, & Chantelle McGinness who worked on drainage problems, re-routing trails, and cleaning bridges that were under water a few short weeks ago!



*Before & After -
Bridge Clean-up*



*Some areas were still
flooded in October.*



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

2ND SATURDAY WORKDAY NOVEMBER 14, 2009

PARK SERVICE AREA

TIME: 8:30 AM – 1:30 PM

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

2ND SATURDAY WORKDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2009

PARK SERVICE AREA

TIME: 8:30 AM – 1:30 PM

Continue trail maintenance and other projects depending on the number of volunteers available.

2ND SATURDAY WORKDAY, JANUARY 9, 2010

PARK SERVICE AREA

TIME: 8:30 AM – 1:30 PM

Continue trail maintenance and other projects depending on the number of volunteers available.

Mark Your 2010 Calendars!

2010 Work Day Schedule

Jan. 9th	trail work day
Feb. 13th	trail work day
Mar. 13th	trail work day
Apr. 3rd	Garlic Mustard Pull
Apr. 10th	trail work day
May 8th	trail work day
June 5th	National Trails Day
July 10th	trail work day
Aug. 14th	trail work day
Sept. 11th	trail work day
Oct. 2nd	Hands on Atlanta Day
Oct. 9th	trail work day
Nov. 13th	trail work day
Dec. 11th	trail work day

We realize, as much as we'd like, that you can't make every one of our work days. However, please know that we appreciate whatever days that you can make, especially the Special days highlighted above.

The Kennesaw Mountain Trail Club is a group of volunteers dedicated to preserving the beauty & history of Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park. 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 35,000 volunteer hours to Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park.

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Tool Talk - The Pulaski

So what about this tool called a Pulaski?

If you have volunteered with the trail club a few times you most certainly have seen a Pulaski in use. This tool is basically a combination Mattock and Axe. It is primarily used for loosening soil (hoeing) and cutting out roots that are too big for our loppers.



The invention of the Pulaski is widely credited to Ed Pulaski, a ranger with the United States Forest Service, in 1911, although a similar tool was first introduced in 1876 by the Collins Tool Company. The Collins Tool was designed to clear land. This farm tool, still on display at the Smithsonian Museum of Arts and Industry, looked and functioned essentially like today's Pulaski.

Ed Pulaski was famous for taking action to save the lives of a crew of 45 firefighters during the disastrous August 1910 wildfires in Idaho. When Ranger Edward Pulaski gathered his forces to battle the 1910 wildfires in northern Idaho, firefighters showed up with the clothes on their backs. Their tools were the basic hand tools they used on other forestry or farm projects. His invention (or reinvention) of the tool that bears his name may have been a direct result of the disaster, as he saw the need for better firefighting tools. The Pulaski came into wide use by the Forest Service after 1913, and in 1920 the Forest Service began contracting for the tool to be commercially manufactured."

This tool is sharp and can cause accidents. Always remember to clear people away from your "circle of death" when you use this tool. Also, a typical swing should be only a few feet long. We do not swing it from above our shoulders. And, always know where you are swinging to. Make sure your feet are out of the way in case you miss or the object gives way easier than you expected.

Scott Mackay

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Additional Volunteers needed! Call today!

Help Us Maintain the Trails at Kennesaw Mountain National Park Donate Online Now!

The Kennesaw Mountain Trail Club helps preserve the historic features and maintain the 20+ miles of trails throughout the Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park. It is a committed partner with the National Park Service in its mission to commemorate the history of the battlefield and protect its environmental features.

Since its beginnings in 2002, the club has provided only "sweat equity" volunteer hours to support the park. Now this new fund-raising initiative will support the Kennesaw Mountain Trail Club's involvement in the new park strategic plan that opens up more areas of the park and adds miles to the trail system. 100% of the funds raised will support the Trail Club's mission of protecting the park and improving the trails.

Donate today to ensure that visitors and local residents alike can continue to enjoy a great, FREE, educational and recreational experience in one of the last areas of undeveloped land in Cobb County. By contributing, you'll help ensure future generations can enjoy a wilderness experience in the middle of metropolitan Atlanta!

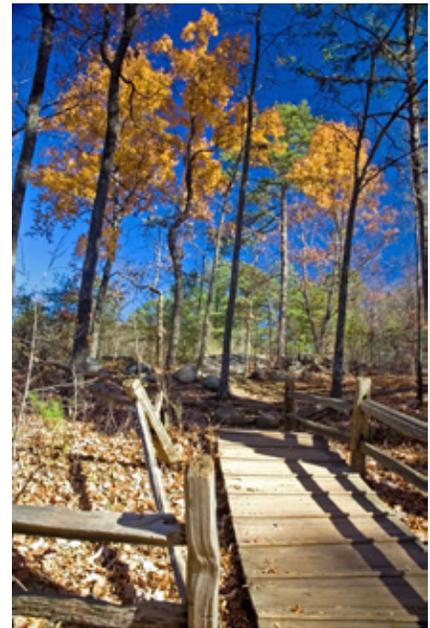
Donate Online by using Guidestar on the Trail Club website <http://www.kennesawmountaintrailclub.org>. The Kennesaw Mountain Trail Club was incorporated as KEMOTrail Corps, Inc. as a nonprofit corporation and approved by the Internal Revenue Service as a 501 C(3) organization. Donations are tax deductible.

Matching Gifts

You can make your donation dollars go further by having your employer match your gift to the Kennesaw Mountain Trail Club.

Monthly Participation

We invite you to continue to work with the Kennesaw Mountain Trail Club on the monthly Trail Work Days every second Saturday of the month and join us for special events like the Garlic Mustard Pull in April and National Trail Day in June.



If you prefer, you may also give by mail:

Kennesaw Mountain Trail Club
Attn: Tom Okerberg, Treasurer
Whitlock Accounting Services
739 Kennesaw Ave. Ext. NE
Marietta, GA 30060

For more information, contact Jay Haney, Development Director
770-424-0635.



The Man is Ted Ragsdale, Age 86, when this was taken at our January 8, 2005, The unidentified cub scout is only 6. Together, they were part of our maintenance crew that day!

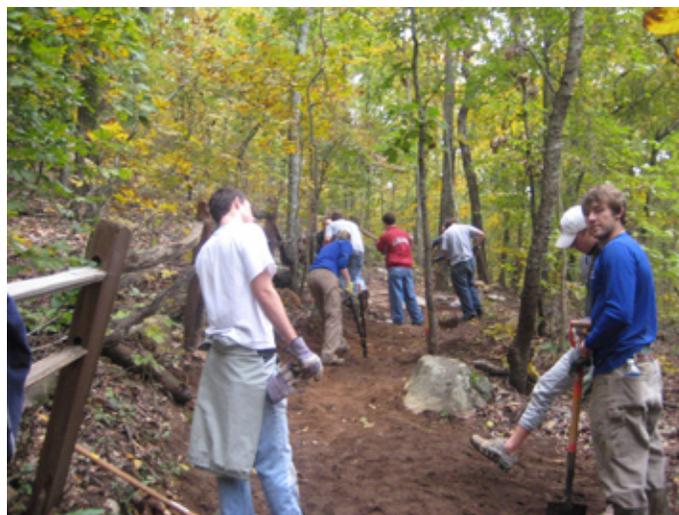
October 24, 2009 Work Day



Left - erosion caused by the September Rains (on trail just above Pigeon Hill)

Right - Work crew completed redoing the trail from Pigeon Hill to section in picture to left.

Below - The Crew!



Special Work Day - October 24th!

On Saturday, October 24th, a group from Kennesaw State University (Omicron Kappa Chapter of the Kappa Sigma Fraternity) helped to rebuild about 0.10th mile of trail going up little Kennesaw. They moved many rocks, cut out hundreds of old roots, filled in ruts of up to 6" deep, and re-graded the trail tread using sustainable techniques so it will last hopefully for many years to come.

This was the second time this same group volunteered on the trails and on this particular weekend we were able to coordinate having three crew leaders to come out and help: Joseph Stark, Melissa Mackay, and Scott Mackay.

A note the readers: Feel free to contact us (E-mail Jim Moylan) about arranging a special volunteer weekend. There are always plenty of tasks to be done and we can tailor the work to the age group or physical stamina.

Scott McKay

Mark Your Calendars!

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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.

Learn more about our monthly trail work days and other programs by visiting the KMTC website at: www.kennesawmountaintrailclub.org.

We host trail work days open to the public on the 2nd Saturday of each month. We meet at the maintenance buildings up the hill from the Visitor Center at 8:30am and usually are finished by 1:00pm.

We hope to see you at a work day soon!

Jim Moylan

October 10 Work Day



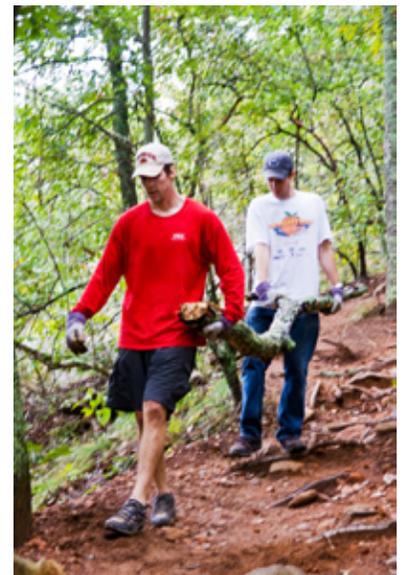
Top Left & Right - These two college youth have earned our "Dirtiest Volunteer of the Year" Award! They were working on a drainage issue on the switchback on the backside of Little Kennesaw.



A month after the new trail re-route was put in on the backside of Little Kennesaw in 2003, it began raining. And this spring showed up and has been rarely dry since. It became time to re-route the spring.



Our newest Volunteers!!!



Trail Club Shirts and Merchandise Available

http://www.cafepress.com/kennesaw_trails

100% Cotton Denim Embroidered Shirt \$35.00



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

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

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

Reporting Your Hours - An Important Aspect of Volunteering!

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

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

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

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

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

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Scott Mackay October Projects

Saturday 10/14. A small group went out on the Brumby Cut-off Trail to finish the drainage ditch and build up the trail tread. More work is needed in the area.



We had an "ad hoc" trail day on October 3rd to work on the water run-off problems on the lower section of the Kennesaw walk-up trail near several historical rifle pits. Three crew leaders and ten other volunteers built up two reverse grade dips, rounded berms on about 50' of trail and blocked several "short cuts" with branches. This small experienced team had participated on previous weekends and, thus, progress was made quickly.



Sponsors/Partners Corner

Many thanks to our Sponsors and Partners for their support!

<http://americanhiking.org>



BARRETT PARKWAY AND TOWN CENTER AT COBB



December Newsletter Deadline

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

KENNESAW MOUNTAIN NATIONAL BATTLEFIELD PARK

Trail Maintenance Map

