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## November Is a Special Month

During the course of this month, we celebrate two important aspects of our country.

- On November 11th, we honor our Veterans who have given much for us and our Country. Please take a moment to thank them for their service and their sacrifice - and do not forget their spouses!



- On November 24th, we celebrate Thanksgiving. Take the day and be thankful for all that we have. We members of the Kennesaw Mountain Trail Club certainly are thankful for the time each of you have given to us to help us make Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park a better place to visit. Without your support and your labor, we would not be able to accomplish all that we did this past year - 10,000 volunteer hours!



*Fred Feltmann*

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## Volunteers In Parks Award Dinner

*On October 8, 2011, the VIP (Volunteers-In-Parks) dinner was held in the picnic area at the Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park. Volunteers who assist the park in many different areas were present. After enjoying the delicious barbecue (prepared by Tom Sparks), awards were presented in the amphitheater. Chief Ranger Anthony Winegar presented awards to those who assist visitors at the front desk at the Visitor Center: Don Sawyer, Alonza "Lon" Jenkins III and Gene Douglas. Robert P. Hale was honored for his volunteer service in the Living History demonstrations and the cannon crew. Special plaques were presented to Trail Club Crew Leaders Doug Tasse and Harry Carpenter by Tom Sparks, Facility Manger. The highest honors were presented to Larry Shogren, KMTC Trail Ambassador who earned Master Volunteer Ranger status for 500 hours of service in one year and who was also named the park's Volunteer of the Year.*

This special occasion combined excellent weather, the beautiful park setting, great food and a united spirit of dedication by staff and volunteers to the common purpose of preserving and enhancing this national battlefield park.

*Anne Strand*  
Secretary

## As You Walk or Hike The Trails At Kennesaw Mountain...

As you walk the trails, observe the sights around you, the vistas of the Atlanta and surrounding countryside, the Earthworks dating back to the Civil War, and earlier times, when the Creek and Cherokee used these lands. It is not just the trails that we maintain, we preserve the surroundings as well, lest that history be lost. So observe, and be mindful of the history of the land on which you tread each time you visit Kennesaw Mountain.

## Larry Shogren, Volunteer of the Year 2011

At the VIP Dinner on October 8, 2011, Larry Shogren, a Trail Ambassador with the Kennesaw Mountain Trail Club was named Volunteer of the Year 2011 for the Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park. At the same time, Larry was awarded the National Park Service rank of Master Volunteer Ranger for completion of 500 hours of service in one year.

Larry is well known to many park visitors as the Trail Ambassador on horseback. Larry's love of horses began many years ago on his grandfather's farm in Pennsylvania where, even as a boy, he was allowed to drive a team of Percheron horses. Larry, however, became a carpenter and eventually a construction superintendent, building stores and malls across the country. In the 1980's, when he and his family moved to Georgia, he took up horses again, acquiring Jason, a 2200 lb. Percheron. In 2000, when Larry retired from the construction industry, he bought a six (6) horse trailer and began hauling horses throughout the country. Larry continues that work and assists the Georgia Equine Rescue League, often hauling sick and injured horses to the veterinary schools at the University of Georgia and Auburn University.

In 2004, his wonderful horse Jason was killed by lightning and friends gave him 2 young horses, Spirit and Killian. Spirit, a black Percheron, and Killian, a chestnut quarter horse, grew up together in a pasture in West Cobb. Larry was very interested when he heard about Trail Ambassadors being on patrol in the park. In May 2010, Larry became a Trail Ambassador and he began walking patrols, greeting visitors at the Visitor Center and helping with parking on Trail Work Days. Larry also continued to ride his horses Spirit and Killian in the National Park. In November 2010,

Superintendent Bond authorized Larry to be on duty as a Trail Ambassador on horseback. He has support and appreciation from the law enforcement rangers, as shown in the remarks by Chief Ranger Anthony Winegar while awarding the Volunteer of the Year plaque. Serving as a mounted Trail Ambassador, Larry has found "prospectors" with metal detectors hunting for artifacts, assisted many lost hikers and first-time visitors, and given first aid for blisters and scraped knees. Many park visitors have told Larry how much



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[www.rodkaye.com](http://www.rodkaye.com)

they appreciate his presence in the park.

Larry Shogren is a great asset to the Kennesaw Mountain Trail Club, always willing to help the club and the national park in numerous ways. The club is extremely proud that Larry received two (2) such prestigious awards at the same time: Volunteer of the Year and Master Volunteer Ranger.

### October 8 work day.

October 8th was a great work day for major projects. The club has taken on several large projects that include plant removal, putting in a new hard wood forest and erosion control. The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints turned out in large numbers to help on three projects. Eighty Plus Volunteers worked 1. The Cutting and chipping of Privet near the Cheatham Parking lot. 2. Marking, weed eating around and fertilizing new trees planted last winter. Over 500 were planted last year. 3. Bamboo was removed near Powder Springs Street which is near the horse trailer parking lot.

Near the Visitor Center an erosion problem is being turned into a new garden of native plants with the help of Dennis and Susan and the trail club. A major part of history received a helping hand from the trail club. The Old Mountain Trail from the Visitor Center to the Fire Road was repaired. This trail has the most traffic of any trail in the park and is of the highest historical value.

Thanks to all Volunteers for all of your hard work.

*Randy Whiten*  
Trail Director

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**Additional Volunteers needed! Call today!**

FAX: 770-516-9120 (Call first, so I can turn it on!)

# Volunteers In The Park Dinner/Awards Ceremony



*Donald Sawyer and Chief Ranger Anthony Winegar*



*Alonza "Lon" Jenkins III and Chief Ranger Anthony Winegar*



*Larry Shogren and Chief Ranger Anthony Winegar*



*Harry Carpenter, Doug Tasse and Tom Sparks, Facility*

# October Work Day Photos

10/8/11



## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### 2<sup>ND</sup> SATURDAY WORKDAY NOVEMBER 12, 2011

OLD HIGHWAY 41 PARKING LOT

TIME: 8:30 AM – 1:30 PM

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

### 2<sup>ND</sup> SATURDAY WORKDAY DECEMBER 10, 2011

OLD HIGHWAY 41 PARKING LOT

TIME: NOON – 4 PM - **NOTE NEW WINTER TIME!!**

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

### 1<sup>ST</sup> SATURDAY WORKDAY JANUARY 7, 2012

OLD HIGHWAY 41 PARKING LOT

TIME: NOON – 4 PM - **NOTE NEW WINTER TIME!!**

REI Friends-of-the-Park Work Day

Projects TBD

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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 no particular order, of the groups who participated during Fiscal 2011 (October 2010 - September 2011):

FY 2011

*BANK OF AMERICA*

*OMEGA ACADEMY*

*WALKER SCHOOL*

*U.S. NAVY*

*VARIOUS SCOUT TROOPS/PACKS*

*HANDS ON ATLANTA*

*WAL-MART*

*LOCKHEED MARTIN MARIETTA*

*KENNESAW STATE UNIVERSITY*

*PEBBLEBROOK NHS*

FY 2012

*THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER-DAY SAINTS*

*AESTHETICS*

Again, thank you for all of your support!



## Mark Your Calendars!

Our trail work days are open to the public on the 2nd Saturday of each month and are a wonderful way to get outside & enjoy nature while helping preserve the national park for future visitors. We meet at the maintenance buildings up the hill from the Visitor Center at 8:30 a.m. and usually are finished by 1:00 p.m. Activities usually include the use of shovels, rakes, picks, and other tools to fix erosion problems on the 20+ mile trail system. Please do not wear open-toed shoes & long pants are recommended.

As winter months approach, weather conditions can change quickly. For December through February, we are going to try new hours - Noon - 4 PM., to see if we have better weather conditions. We value our volunteers' health, comfort and safety so to promote safer work conditions, we'll cancel work days if the temperature is below 40 degrees and/or there's a high probability of precipitation. If we must cancel a workday, we'll post an announcement on the front page of the KMTC website at: [www.kennesawmountaintrailclub.org](http://www.kennesawmountaintrailclub.org)

If your school, church, business, or community organization would like to schedule a special work day as a team building or public service activity, e-mail us at [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 35,000 volunteer hours to Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park. (Almost 10,000 hours in 2011, alone!)

We hope to see you at a work day soon!



## Volunteerism Pays Off

The Trail Club has been working for some time on the area in front of the Kennesaw Mountain Visitor Center. The visitor center area is now an even more welcoming entrance to the park. Many trail club members and other volunteers have helped improve the appearance of the area including creating a dry creek bed, additional fencing, stone edging and planting more native plants. While working in this area, I've been able to tell many park visitors about the trail club and the part our members play in the maintenance and improvements around the battlefields and trails. People are amazed to learn that this new landscaping is an ongoing volunteer project of our trail club.

We're always glad when someone wants to join our scheduled monthly work day, but it is distressing to hear their comments about other parks they've visited which seem to be "going down." That is sad to hear and keeping similar comments from being made about Kennesaw Mountain is the focus of our trail club.

Overall, our trails, monuments and other focus points of the battlefield park are in good condition. But as work at the Illinois Monument, the Visitor Center and other areas have shown, they can be better. And once improved, they need to be kept that way.

It's a wonderful feeling to know that our work is appreciated. Better yet, it gives our trail workers a real feeling of accomplishment when working on a project and seeing the results when it is completed. The park staff has repeatedly thanked us for our efforts. They're the professionals and we welcome their comments and thank them in return. All our efforts combined have things looking up and not "going down."

Funny item of interest: I've met more than a few visitors who park at the visitor center, basically walk in and walk out, maybe take a picture and leave. In catching a moment with some of them, they say all they wanted was just to be here and have proof that they were. Too bad that they're not able to take in more of our park during their visit or to be in the trail club and able to say, "been there - done that!"

We like to be up on the Mountain working to make it better and "going down" is when we're finished. Lets keep things up and be there for our Trail Club and ultimately for the visitors we serve.

*Doug Jasse*

Kennesaw Mountain Trail Club Outreach Director  
& Crew Leader

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Dennis & Susan Cook, "Aesthetics"

## NOVEMBER, 1861--150 YEARS AGO

The armies were settling into their first winter quarters. The future commanders at the Battle of Kennesaw Mountain had both just started new jobs as Department Commanders. These were administrative area commands where they acted essentially as military governors.



General J.E. Johnston, CSA, was one of the highest ranking officers in the Confederate Army. After serving at the Battle of Bull Run he was appointed to command the Departments of Northern Virginia and the Potomac. He was also appointed Commander of the Army of the Potomac.



Newly promoted BG W.T. Sherman, USA, was appointed to command the Department of the Cumberland in Kentucky. At the time General Sherman outranked U.S. Grant. He had also served at the Battle of Bull Run where he was grazed by bullets in the knee and shoulder.

## Key events by day in November 1861

- 1 George McClellan replaces LTG Winfield Scott as General-in-Chief of the U.S. Army
- 2 General John C. Fremont fired by Lincoln as commander of the Western Department
- 7 Engagement at Belmont, Missouri
- 8 Confederate emissary to England removed from a British vessel, initiating the Trent Affair
- 9 Engagement at Ivy Mountain, Kentucky
- 12 Blockade runner Fingal, bought by Confederates in England, arrives in Savannah, GA
- 16 Captured Confederate ambassadors to England delivered to MA, threatening U.S. foreign relations
- 21 Judah P. Benjamin named Confederate Secretary of War
- 22 Union begins bombardment of Confederate Fort McRee in Pensacola, FL
- 28 Missouri admitted to the Confederacy despite never officially seceding from the Union

## Opportunities to learn more in November 2011

- 5 Artillery Talk @ Top of Kennesaw Mountain 11 am, 12 pm, 2 pm, 3 pm.
- 6 Artillery Demonstration @ KEMO Visitor Center 11 am, 12 pm, 2 pm, 3 pm.
- 14 Monday Night Program - Lee White "*Manigault's Brigade at Kolb Farm*" 7 pm @ KEMO Visitor Center.

## Trail Club Shirts and Merchandise Available

[http://www.cafepress.com/kennesaw\\_trails](http://www.cafepress.com/kennesaw_trails)

100% Cotton Denim Embroidered Shirt \$35.00



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

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

If you would like to have one or more shirts at this price, e-mail **Jay Dement** at [sales@kennesawmountaintrailclub.org](mailto:sales@kennesawmountaintrailclub.org) with your name, size, and quantity of shirts. The Yellow shirt is available at a special price of \$15.00 during Trail Maintenance on the second Saturday of the month.

## Civil War Round Table of Cobb County Calendar of Events

Please mark two dates on your calendar for future meetings. They are December 1, 2011 and April 12, 2012.

On December 1st Brad Quinlin will be the speaker. It will be in the Social Sciences bldg. (Bldg #22 Auditorium) at KSU. This is the meeting to which you will want to bring your family members and friends. Brad has put together a special program for us that night called "Letters from Home at Christmastime." There will be men and women dressed in period uniforms and dresses. In his extensive research of the archives in Washington D.C., Brad has found many letters from mothers written to their sons and sons to their mothers at Christmas that will be read. This should be a very emotional presentation, so bring plenty of tissues.

On April 12th the Strand Theater will be showing the classic Disney movie "The Great Locomotive Chase." We thought it would be fun to all get together for a social gathering before the movie and then go to the Strand as a group. Ticket prices for the movie have not been announced yet, but as soon as we have more information on this, we will let everyone know. This will take the place of our meeting scheduled for April 5th.

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| Facebook Page                  |                   | <a href="http://www.facebook.com/kmtcsocial">http://www.facebook.com/kmtcsocial</a>                        |

# Kennesaw Mountain Needs You!

**Trail work days are held  
2nd Saturday of each month**

|                   |            |
|-------------------|------------|
| October 8, 2011   | 8:30-1:00  |
| November 12, 2011 | 8:30-1:00  |
| December 10, 2011 | 12:00-4:00 |
| January 14, 2012  | 12:00-4:00 |
| February 11, 2012 | 12:00-4:00 |



New Date - January 7, 2012, 12:00 - 4 PM - REI and Friends of the Park

**Park and register at the new parking lot on Old Hwy 41**



The Kennesaw Mountain Trail Club is a group of volunteers who assist the National Park Service by maintaining the 20+ miles of trails in the Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park.

**The NPS Volunteer Services Agreement is required. Parent must sign the Agreement if the student is under 18 years old.  
The form is available on the club website:**

**[www.KennesawMountainTrailClub.org](http://www.KennesawMountainTrailClub.org)**



## Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park Schedule of Activities

### November

November 5 - Artillery Demonstration 11:00 am, Noon, 2:00 pm, and 3:00 pm

11 am - Claudia Oakes, director of the Chieftans Museum, presents "Major Ridge and John Ross: Preamble to the Trail of Tears," a discussion about the decisions made in Georgia and our nation's capitol that led to the forced removal of the "Five Civilized Tribes."

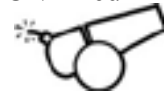
*Visitor Center education room and free of charge.*



November 6 - Artillery Demonstration 11:00 am, Noon, 2:00 pm, and 3:00 pm

November 12 - 10:30 am - Tony Harris, an ethnobotanist and citizen of the Cherokee Nation, presents "If Plants Could Talk - A Cherokee Relationship." Tony will share how the Cherokee used native woodland plants for food, medicine, weapons, and ceremonial purposes. A real treat for gardeners!

*Visitor Center education room and free of charge.*



- 1 pm - Carl Etheridge, archeologist and living historian, will demonstrate flintknapping and the use of the atlatl. Don't know what an atlatl is? Come see Carl and find out! This program is in two parts: Presenting flintknapping and the atlatl. The average length for these two programs combined is approximately two hours.

November 13 - 2 pm - Jeff Bishop, president of the Georgia Trail of Tears Association, will discuss the etymology of north Georgia's place names and the lifestyles of those Native Americans who lived in the shadow of Kennesaw Mountain.

*Visitor Center education room and free of charge.*

November 14 - Monday Night Program - Lee White - "Manigault's Brigade at Kolb Farm"

*Happy Thanksgiving!*

Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park is closed November 24, 2011  
(This includes the Visitor Center, ALL park areas and parking lots)



# National American Indian Heritage Month





## Leave No Trace **Awareness Workshop**

Presented by the Kennesaw Mountain Trail Club  
Saturday, January 28, 2012  
REI Kennesaw

The Awareness Course is a vital component of the nationwide Leave No Trace program, to help recreationalists minimize their ecological impact while enjoying the outdoors. This program assists the participants in learning more about the seven principles of Leave No Trace.

There is no charge for this informative workshop and participants will receive a certificate upon completion. Seating is limited to 25 participants. For more information and to sign up go to [www.jaydphotos.com/LeaveNoTrace.htm](http://www.jaydphotos.com/LeaveNoTrace.htm).



### leave no trace

- Plan Ahead and Prepare
- Travel and Camp on Durable Surfaces
- Dispose of Waste Properly
- Leave What You Find
- Minimize Campfire Impacts
- Respect Wildlife
- Be Considerate of Other Visitors



Date: Saturday, January 28, 2012  
Time: 10:00 am  
Place: REI Kennesaw  
(740 Barrett Parkway)  
[www.rei.com/stores/125](http://www.rei.com/stores/125)

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# Sponsors/Partners Corner

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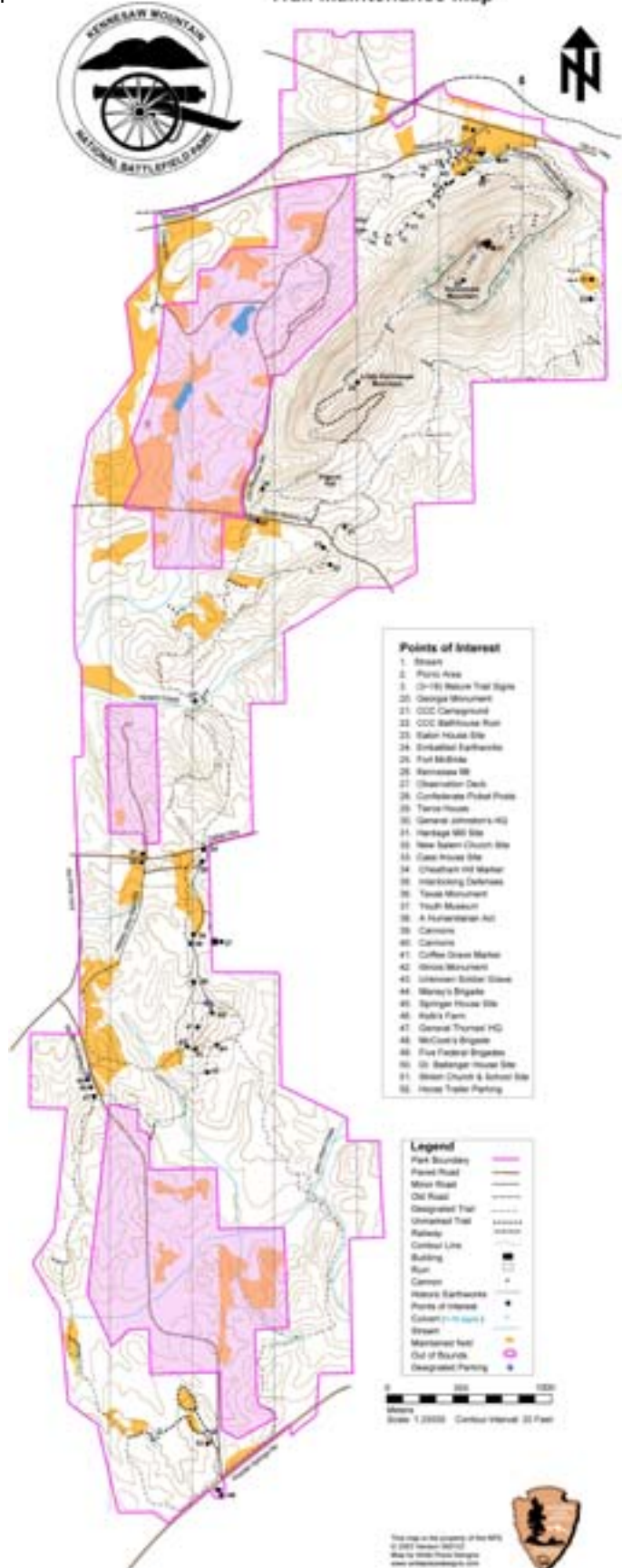


<http://americanhiking.org>



## KENNESAW MOUNTAIN NATIONAL BATTLEFIELD PARK

### Trail Maintenance Map



## December Newsletter Deadline

If you wish to have an article published in the August Newsletter, please submit it to Fred Feltmann at [faf1948@bellsouth.net](mailto:faf1948@bellsouth.net) no later than November 20th!