



# EARTHWORKS



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## Thanksgiving

This year has been especially stressful - economically, and politically. As we approach this Thanksgiving, let us keep all those who are suffering in these economic times in our prayers.

Take time in your busy schedule, as well in this upcoming holiday season, to take a break, perhaps visit our Park, walk the trails and get away from the stress that is in your life. While this is an historic Park, it also has many places of beauty and solitude - to get away from the stress and strain of this period.

So, come visit the Park and take a break!

## Trail Crew Leader Training Opportunities for Winter 2009

If you've been reading Earthworks, you already know that we desperately need additional trained crew leaders to help us expand our trail program, and to provide adequate direction to the large numbers of volunteers that are participating in our workdays. When we asked during the summer,



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## Please Welcome our Newest Partner - Keep Cobb Beautiful!

We'd like you all to welcome our newest partner - Keep Cobb Beautiful. But really, they are an old acquaintance - they have partnered with us in the past for previous National Trails Day Events. They will be providing publicity for us for future Work Days on the Cobb County Calendar and on other publications. They have also provided volunteers for our various projects and work days.

## National Trails Day

- June 6, 2009

The time has come to begin planning for next June's event - but to get this event off the ground, we need a core group of people to get this going. Are you interested? If so, I need a commitment of your time - an hour or two a month for planning meetings, along with about 8 - 12 hours of your time in June. Depending on your part in the planning, you can probably expect to put a couple more hours in a month, as well.

The payoff? Getting some publicity for the Club, helping the Park on some crucial maintenance activities, and the camaraderie of working together on a worthwhile project.

Also, each year that you work on this effort, your salary doubles - REALLY!

So, if interested, give me a call - 770-516-9120. I hope to begin holding planning meetings in late November/early December.

*Fred Feltmann*

## Dr. Stanley C. Bond, Jr. Article in the Marietta Daily Journal

For an interesting article on Dr. Bond, the new superintendent for the Park, you might check out this link - <http://www.mdjonline.com/content/index/showcontentitem/area/1/section/21/item/120857.html>.

**Note:** Attached on page 7 of this newsletter is a description of the Trail Crew Leader Training Course.

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### 2<sup>ND</sup> SATURDAY WORKDAY DECEMBER 13, 2008

PARK SERVICE AREA

TIME: 8:30 AM – 1:30 PM

Continue maintenance of the mountain trails and other projects, depending on the number of volunteers available.

### 2<sup>ND</sup> SATURDAY WORKDAY JANUARY 10, 2009

PARK SERVICE AREA

TIME: 8:30 AM – 1:30 PM

Continue construction of the mountain trails and other projects, depending on the number of volunteers available.

### CREW LEADER TRAINING COURSE - JANUARY 10 - 11 AND 24 - 25

Gainesville College in Gainesville, Georgia

### CREW LEADER TRAINING COURSE - JANUARY 31/FEBRUARY 1 AND FEBRUARY 28/MARCH 1

LOCATION TBD - Kennesaw Mountain Battlefield National Park and / or Chattahoochee NRA

NOTE: AS WE APPROACH THESE LATE FALL MONTHS AS WELL AS THE WINTER MONTHS, PLEASE BE AWARE OF WEATHER CONDITIONS - WE WILL BE! E.G. IF THE TEMPERATURE IS BELOW 30<sup>0</sup> OR IT IS RAINING, ETC., WE WILL CANCEL THE PROJECT FOR THE MONTH. WE WILL ALSO MAKE EVERY ATTEMPT TO POST THE CANCELLATION ON THE WEBSITE AHEAD OF TIME, IF WE HAVE ENOUGH WARNING OF ADVERSE WEATHER CONDITIONS. PLEASE VISIT OUR WEBSITE AT [HTTP://KENNESAWMOUNTAINTRAILCLUB.ORG](http://kennesawmountaintrailclub.org) FOR THE LATEST WEATHER INFO ADVISORIES

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**Additional Volunteers needed! Call today!**

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

## Take Action to Ensure that the National Park Service Maintains its Current Regulation on Bicycle Route Designation

The National Park Service is considering changes in its regulations regarding Bicycle Route Designations. If interested in getting more information regarding the proposed changes, you can visit the American Hiking Association Website at [http://org2.democracynaction.org/o/5113/t/1898/campaign.jsp?campaign\\_KEY=745](http://org2.democracynaction.org/o/5113/t/1898/campaign.jsp?campaign_KEY=745).

Our recommendation would be to continue to limit any cycling in the Park to the Mountain Road to the parking lot on Kennesaw Mountain.

Other articles on this issue can be found at:

<http://yubanet.com/usa/Interior-Readies-Mountain-Bike-Expansion-in-National-Parks.php>

<http://www.bikeradar.com/news/article/proposed-us-national-park-service-change-could-benefit-thousands-18972>

<http://www.ppolnews.com/?id=83907>

## 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>.

# Trail Etiquette

**Note:** Cyclists are only allowed on the Mountain Road going from the Visitor Center to the parking lot on Kennesaw Mountain.



-  Respect other users, expect other users.
-  Be friendly and courteous.
-  Share the trail. Ride, walk or run on the right, pass on the left.
-  Stay on the trail. Creating your own trail or cutting switchbacks creates erosion, damages habitat and causes new trails which can't be maintained.
-  Bicyclists yield to equestrians, runners and hikers. Keep your bike under control and at a safe speed.
-  Runners and hikers yield to equestrians.
-  Downhill traffic should yield to uphill traffic. When in doubt, give the other user the right of way.
-  Use unpaved trails only when they are dry, not muddy or wet, to avoid leaving ruts or prints.
-  Warn people when you are planning to pass. Use your voice to warn equestrians, not bells or horns. Bells or horns may frighten horses.
-  Anticipate other trail users around corners and blind spots.
-  Ride within your ability at all times.
-  Respect wildlife.
-  Use caution when using headphones. You may not be able to hear people trying to warn you.
-  When a horse approaches, move off the trail and ask the rider for instructions.
-  Leave no trace. Pack out your litter.
-  Dogs should be kept on leashes and under control.
-  Respect private property.

## “Recharging” One’s Batteries

As a number of you know, I made my “Annual” visit to one of my other “favorite” places in October - Philmont. Some have asked - what do I see in this place?

A missed opportunity in childhood?

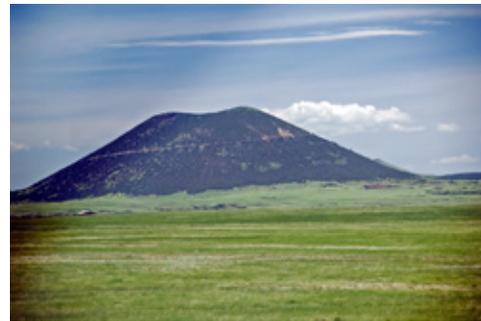
One of those middle-aged foibles?

Just plain crazy?

Second childhood? (After all, if you ask, I’ll tell you I’m 14.)

Well, it’s a little of all of those and then some - It’s a time to be with my Creator. It’s a time to get back to nature - see its beauty. No, I’ll not be able to do my other secret desire - hike Denali or maybe Everest in my lifetime, but Baldy, Tooth of Time, Mt Phillips and Trail Peak will do just fine. It also gives me an opportunity to see just what brought me to Kennesaw Mountain Battlefield National Park in the first place - its trails. It also gives me the opportunity to see the reason for what we’re doing - working the trails to make them better, more maintainable and also - and most important - preserving the heritage of the Mountain by protecting it - making the Trails environmentally friendly - as best we can - so that we can enjoy the history and beauty if this hallowed place.

Yes, I got my batteries recharged!



*Capulin Volcano National Park - Capulin Volcano is located in Northeastern New Mexico - about 75 northeast of Philmont Scout Reservation.*

*View from atop Capulin Volcano National Park - approximately 8,000ft above sea level.*



Our National Parks are an unbelievable treasure - just as Kennesaw Mountain Battlefield National Park is one of my favorite places, when I go to Philmont, I try to visit one of my other favorite places - Capulin Volcano National Park. It is a volcano that you can drop to a spot near its peak and hike the top.

## 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.

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 [kmtcpresident@kennesawmountaintrailclub.org](mailto:kmtcpresident@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.

## Highlights of Our October and November Trail Workdays -

The October 8 Trail Day participants included Emory University Cross Country Team who use trails, along with some Kennesaw State University students - thanks for your help and giving back to the Mountain!!!!

Erosion Control Work was done on part of the Trail north of Burnt Hickory on the part of the section that ascends toward Pigeon Hill.

In November, we continued working on this portion of the trail

Our next trail work day will be December 13, 2008.

### Crew Leader Training Course - Continued from Page 1

many of you said you'd be willing to be trained if you could do it on the weekends and if it was paid for.

We have secured two opportunities for training in January and February 2009. First, we have 4 seats available and fully funded (\$100 per student), jointly by the trail club (with help from REI), and the National Park Service. The course will be held at Gainesville College in Gainesville Georgia on two weekends, January 10 & 11 and January 24 & 25, 2009. You would be responsible for your own transportation, and lunch (tax deductible as volunteer activity).

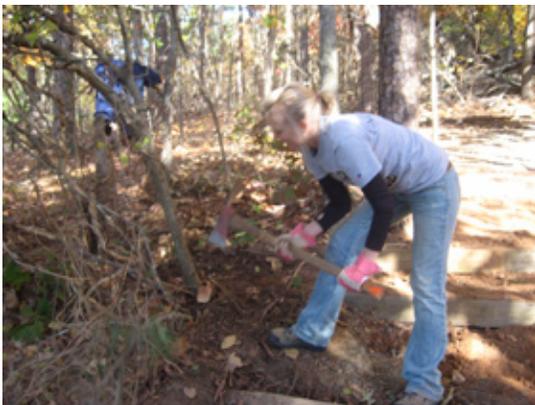
The second opportunity and our preferred situation is a program to be held at Kennesaw Mountain and / or Chattahoochee NRA. With assistance from some of our current crew leaders, the class can take up to 20 volunteers. The dates are January 31 & February 1, 2009 and February 28 & March 1. The advantage of this program is that we will be doing the practical portion of the course on our trails in our park. The cost of this program is \$25 per student per class (i.e. \$100 for the full course & certification). We are working with our partners at the Park Service to fund this course as well. Worst case KEMOTrail Corps, Inc. (us) will provide a \$50.00 scholarship for each volunteer and NPS staffer from the park that enrolls.

If you want to improve your trail building skills and help us lead the volunteers working in the park, you can enroll by sending an e-mail to [kmtcpresident@kennesawmountaintrailclub.org](mailto:kmtcpresident@kennesawmountaintrailclub.org).

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November Trail Work Day Pictures - compliments of Victor Williams and Scott Mackay.



# Sponsors/Partners Corner

Many thanks to our Sponsors and Partners for their support!



Keep Cobb Beautiful Website:  
<http://kcb.cobbcountyga.gov>



## December Newsletter Deadline

If you wish to have an article published in the December Newsletter, please submit it to Fred Feltmann at [faf1948@bellsouth.net](mailto:faf1948@bellsouth.net) no later than December 24th!

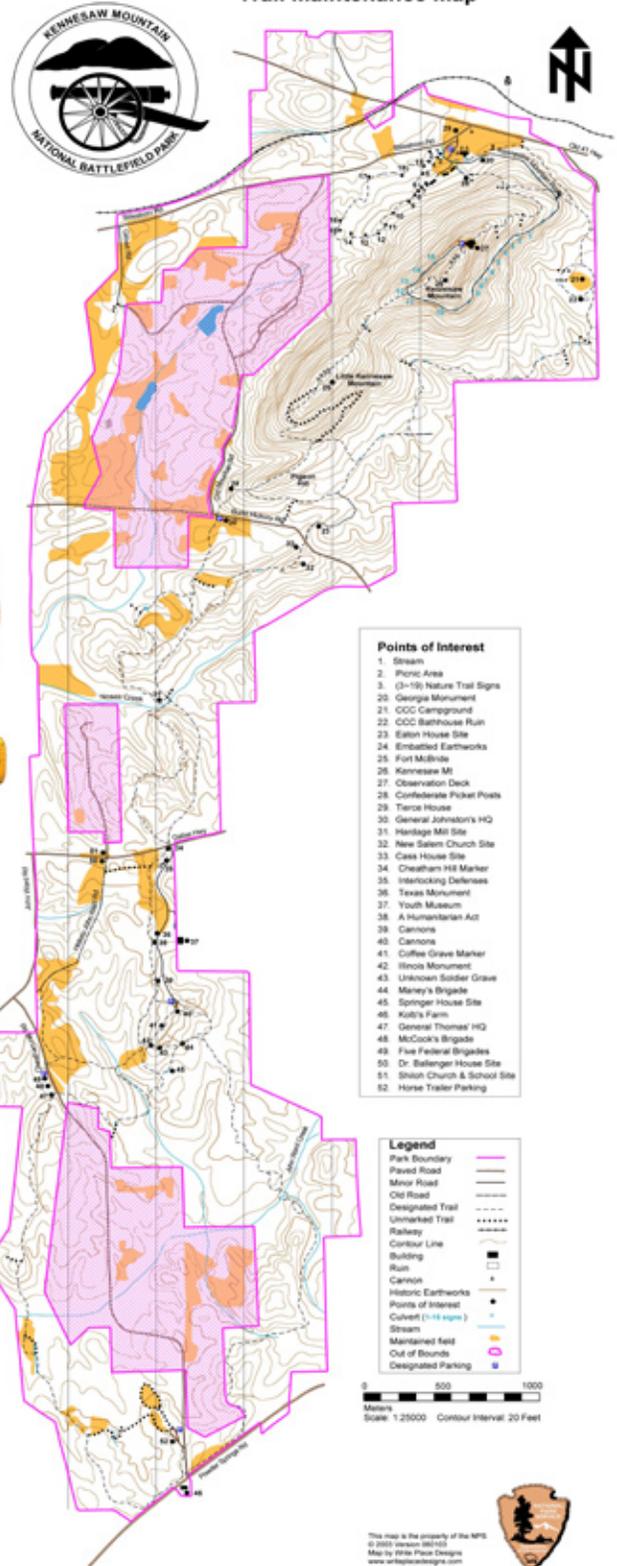
## The Trail Club Visits Scout Expo!

On November 15th, the Club had an exhibit at the Scout Expo held at Jim R. Miller Park.

If you know of an opportunity where we can provide an exhibit to get our message out and sign up volunteers, let us know!!

## KENNESAW MOUNTAIN NATIONAL BATTLEFIELD PARK

### Trail Maintenance Map



## Georgia Trail School and Crew Leader Training Course

These classes are for all nature-surface trail enthusiasts, land agencies, and aspiring advocacy groups. This course is taught at Gainesville State College ([www.gsc.edu](http://www.gsc.edu)) located in Oakwood, Georgia.

The focus of the course is on shared-use trails however some specialized single use applications will also be addressed. This course is designed around current, modern, low impact trail design and construction practices and complies with current specifications by most land agencies.

All classes will start at 9:30am and end by 3:30pm. Lunch will be on your own.

### Session one: Trail Design and Layout

The classroom portion will cover all aspects of how to properly design and layout a trail. We will discuss issues on how to avoid erosion, user conflicts, and impact problems through design. It will give you a good working knowledge of what causes trails to erode through water/soil relationships. A test on the subjects covered will be taken just before lunch.

The field portion will put what we covered in the class to work by actually laying out a new section of trail.

### Session two: Trail Construction

The classroom portion will cover corridor clearing for all types of use and proper hand tool use and safety. Different types of trail construction, building full bench cut and tread armoring sections. How to build turns (climbing, switchback and insloped). What to do in wetlands and for water crossings. A test on the subjects will be taken just before lunch.

The field portion will put your construction knowledge to work clearing and/or constructing new trail.

### Session three: Trail Maintenance

The classroom portion will cover maintenance issues on well-designed and poorly designed trails. We will discuss how to make long-term repairs, and lower environmental impacts. Drainage solutions and techniques along with rerouting and reclaiming damaged trail. A test on the subjects will be taken just before lunch.

The field session will concentrate on rerouting an old section of trail and/or building a series of water control devices.

### Session four: Crew Leader Training

This final session will be broken into three portions; organizing the workday, selecting and getting your crew to the work site, and overseeing the project and/or trail work session. Safety and efficiency are a main focus of this class. A crew leader must have a basic set of technical trail work skills. All students are required to pass sessions one, two and three before attending the final session.

An informal graduation is held at the end of this session and each person will receive a Crew Leader hat.

The minimum age for the course is 18. The course will be limited to a maximum of 15 students. The IMBA Trail Solutions book and an interactive power point show will be provided. The sessions will run approximately 6 hours long (2-1/2 classroom, lunch break, 2-1/2 field), from 9:30AM to 3:30PM.

The cost is \$100 for the full round of four sessions or \$25 per session. Out of state (Georgia) participants are encouraged to come and a \$200 fee per person (full course) or \$50 per session. SORBA members attending all four session will receive one free class. Make any checks payable to Gainesville College Foundation. Payment can be made at the first session with a completed application form.

Please come prepared for the type of weather expected that day. You will need to bring boots, gloves, and something to write with. Class size is limited and all participants must enroll via email to Walt Bready.

#### **To Enroll, please contact:**

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Georgia Trails Education Specialist  
Gainesville State College  
[wbready@gsc.edu](mailto:wbready@gsc.edu)

#### **2009 Winter Schedule**

Design – January 10th / February 7th  
Construction – January 11th / February 8th  
Maintenance – January 24th / February 21st  
Crew Leader Training – January 25th / February 22nd