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WORKDAY 10-13-18

By Bill Gurry

Whew!

After extensive planning, 156 volunteers under the direction of Crew Leaders and Trail Ambassadors and with help from Doug and Adam from the



maintenance staff accomplished the following work:

Andy, Bob, Alex, Doug B., and Adam, supported by TAs (Trail Ambassadors), along with a very large group of JNROTC volunteers dismantled the remainder of the fence along Old 41 and moved it to the CCC Camp Brumby storage area. They also filled the post holes with dirt and cut back weeds along the old fence.

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Katie and Jay H. took a group out to the CCC Camp Brumby storage area to stack the old fence. We now

have another mountain (of old fence) in the Park, hereinafter known as Mount Katie. And lots more to come when the stack rail fencing near the VC is replaced.

Jay D., Dave, and Teagan took a group from KSU out on the Environmental and 24 Gun Battery Trail and debermed for drainage, restacked fence, and

did other good trail work.

Bill, Geoff, Peter, Robert, and Cam took a large group from Mount Paran North Church to spread "trash*" and construct some drainage on the lower Mountain Trail.

Danny, Harry and friends built small fences to protect the earthwork from the Mountain Road to the Brumby Trail and "re-trashed**" the social trail that keeps appearing on the earthwork, then disappeared into the wilderness to kill evil plants.

On Friday, Bill, Harry, Geoff, Andy, Dave, and Bob staged material and met with Doug B. and Adam to prepare for the big day on Saturday. Meanwhile, Danny was out with his sprayer destroying unsightly weeds.

All documented by Victor and his camera. I bet he didn't know before he agreed to photograph the work day that

we would have 5 crews spread out over several miles in different directions.

The best part of the day was meeting with Scott at our usual venue for the President's post-workday debriefing. It was good to see Scott



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Saturday, October 13

On Saturday, October 13, the alarm clock went off at 6:00 am and way too early for these old bones. It was dark outside which made it even harder, but I knew that I had a big day ahead. Another big Trail Work Day!

I got to the Park about 7:00 with my Auburn cup in hand. If the Park is open dawn to dusk, why are there so many people here? My day had begun in earnest. I checked on the tables and chairs and dropped off my Registration stuff on the sidewalk. Two bags this time and off to Old 41. A moment to ponder, it is still dark outside and why am I up?

Andy dropped off a table and a few chairs. In the dark, still, I must set up Registration with all of my bags and boxes. About the time the sun really came up, Yvonne, Debbie, Karen P. and Noura arrived, all to help with Registration, and the community volunteers arrived, and arrived and they kept coming.

Now, remember those 2 bags that I dropped off on the sidewalk? Janie Brier was setting up her tables and getting ready for her bunch of community volunteers. Her volunteers, Sally, Cam, Karen E., Jay and 3 new trail ambassador candidates (Justin, Tim and Ted) arrived. Then the cars arrived with community volunteers. Just as things started slowing down for her, a van from KSU arrived.

Finally, about 9:00, the crew leaders took over and the trail work began in earnest. Janie and I started our counts. I had about 50 and she had about 30. That's not a bad number for a Work Day but we both knew that was only the tip of the iceberg.

About 9:30, more than a dozen cars drove into the Park all at once. Mt. Paran Church group had arrived. Janie and Cam got them parked in the field. Janie, Karen E., Cam, Debbie and Sally got everybody registered and Bill with a few more Crew Leaders walked over. The Mt. Paran's group was divided into 4 groups and started their trek up the Mountain.

Finally, Debbie and Janie started their count. Had it really been only 3 hours since I had gotten to the Park? Janie, during all this activity was 'double timing' things and working Registration and Trail Ambassador Director. Debbie had drawn the short straw and had to bring all of their Registration stuff over to Old 41 and drive back to the Visitors Center area.

Finally, we all get a chance to breathe. We, individually and collectively, suddenly realized that the weather was cool but definitely pleasant. One person reported a single cloud in the sky. Since I do 'double duty' as Registration and the

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'weatherman', I decided that since I didn't see that cloud, it didn't exist, so the weather was PERFECT!

The final count of all 3 sections was in. One hundred and fifty community volunteers had shown up for the October Work Day. That was a record.

At the end of every Trail Work Day, we debrief and the 'thank-you's' are said. No Work Day can be a true success without all the Community Volunteers, Crew Leaders, Trail Ambassadors and finally, Board Members. I'm not sure that anybody does anymore work than anybody else, because every job is a part of the whole. The result is that many of the regular hikers realize that our trails are always in good working order. The invasive plants are kept well under control. More importantly, the Park looks nice.

Thank you to KSU, Beta Alpha Psi, Allatoona, Hillgrove and Kennesaw Mountain JROTC groups and the Mt. Paran Church. We can't forget all the various individuals that came with a sense of community pride and giving. Finally I think we all had a good time in the process.

Rena BaileyCommunity Volunteer Director

The Trail Club Bids Thanks Two Great Volunteers!

Orchids were given to Anne Strand and to Kerry Sustak for their long and devoted service to the club. Kerry gave 10 years



and turned in her uniform several weeks ago.

Here is the 'thank you' note from Kerry:



The orchid was a beautiful surprise-variegated pinks and purples-and I'm talking nice to it so it seems happy.

Thank you to you and the great people of the club

that give teamwork a capital T.

Every experience for my ten years at the mountain and off site has been positive because of the people And the dogs.

I'll never forget the day Ann asked me to hang up my shovel and be a Trail Ambassador.

Happy Trails to You () ()

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 2018 (October 2017- September 2018 and Fiscal 2018 (October 2018- Present):

FY 2018

ATLANTA OUTDOOR CLUB ALLATOONA HIGH SCHOOL HONOR SOCIETY ALLATOONA HS NJROTC BETA ALPHA PSI FROM KSU BSA TROOP 75 BSA TROOP 17, ARAGON, GA BSA TROOP 1011 CAMPREIL HS HARRISON HIGH SCHOOL HILLGROVE HS NJROTC KENNESAW MOUNTAIN HS NJROTC KENNESAW MOUNTAIN HS KEY CLUB KENNESAW MOUNTAIN HS AP MAGNET ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE CLASS KSU KSU BETA ALPHA PSI KSU PHI SIGMA PI PACK 405, Mc EACHERN UMC PHI SIGMA PI FROM KSU POPE HS HONOR SOCIETY POPE HS SCIENCE NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY SERVICE DAY - KSU SWINFRION CARE CREW

FY 2018

VOLUNTEER KSU WALKER SCHOOL

Allatoona HS NJROTC BSA Troop 797 BSA Pack 204, Marietta Hillgrove HS NJROTC

U.S. Army Training Class Venture Crew 540

WOODSTOCK HS NJROTC

WOODSTOCK HS NJROTC BETA ALPHA PSI - KSU VOLUNTEER KSU FLIGHTWORKS

The following groups participated at our October Work Day:

ALLATOONA HS NJROTC
HILLGROVE HS NJROTC
KENNESAW MOUNTAIN HS NJROTC
KSI BETA ALPHA PSI
MT PARAN CHURCH

We had a total of 150 community volunteers participate this past month, along with our crew leaders, Trail Ambassadors and Board Members.



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in his usual seat.

One of our crew leaders, Cindy, has not been around a lot of late because she has been in North Carolina and in Texas before that doing more important work of helping those who have been devastated by the hurricanes of the last two years.

Rena gets a 10 out of 10 for arranging perfect weather. Now that the work is done (?) on the lower Mountain Trail, Bruce has arranged for leaves to fall soon to cover any remaining visible scars.

Thanks to all. Our work next day will be Saturday, November 10 (who's birthday?), on a smaller scale we hope.

*Trash - spreading leaves, branches, twigs, etc. to discourage hikers from using an area as a trail.

**Re-trash - same as above, but repeating it over and over until visitors get the idea that this area is not a trail!

11/10/18 Work Day Plan

Registration for this month's work day will be at the Old Highway 41 Parking Lot. Volunteers should then proceed to the amphitheater near the Visitor Center. Plans include working on the Main Trail and the 24-Gun Trail this month. We will also be working on eradication of invasive plants and removal of/repairing fencing in selected areas.







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Kennesaw Mountain News Release

Release Date: For immediate release

Park Museum to be Closed for Lighting Renovations

Kennesaw, GA– Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park's museum will be closed for approximately five weeks, beginning Oct. 8, for the installment of a new LED lighting system. The new lighting system will provide for a more enjoyable experience in the museum by providing more light, thus allowing for better viewing of the exhibits. The use of LED bulbs will generate less heat, which is a valuable consideration for the preservation of the objects, especially for the linens and papers, which are the most fragile items in the museum. The timeline of the closure includes the removal of the museum objects into storage, the installment of the new lighting system, and then the return of the objects back into the museum.

For more information about this project, please visit the park website at <u>www.nps.gov/kemo</u>, or call 770-427-4686.

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Release Date: Immediately

Temporary Closure of Parking Lots within Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park

Kennesaw, GA– Starting Monday October 29th, parking lots and roads within Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park will closed for a paving project. This project will last approximately 2-4 weeks. Preserving roads and parking areas are critical in maintaining park access and visitor enjoyment. On the given dates below, parking lots and/or roads will be closed while work is occurring. Please note that inclement weather may delay closures or reopening of certain areas. Visitors are highly encouraged to check the park website and social media for updated information.

Week of October 29th:

- Mountain road and visitor center parking lot:
 - The mountain road will be closed the entire week. Pedestrians, hikers, and joggers are asked to refrain from using the mountain road while the paving project is underway.
 - The visitor center parking lot will be closed starting Tuesday (10/28) and will remain closed until Friday (11/2). Visitors may park at the Old Highway 41 Overflow Lot to access the park.

Week of November 5th:

- Old Highway 41 overflow parking lot and Burnt Hickory parking lot:
 - The Old Highway 41 overflow parking lot will be closed from Monday (11/5) through Thursday (11/8).
 - The Burnt Hickory parking lot will be closed Wednesday (11/7) through Friday (11/9).

Week of November 12th:

• Illinois Monument road and parking lot and Cheatham Hill road parking lot:

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- The Illinois Monument road and parking lot will be closed Tuesday (11/13) through Thursday (11/15).
- The Cheatham Hill road parking lot will be closed Wednesday (11/14) through Friday (11/16).

For questions or further information, please visit the park's website at www.nps.gov/kemo or call 770-427-4686.

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Photo by Victor Williams

2018 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 40+ 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. For these expenses, we rely on your donations.

Each year we kick off a new round of fund raising and this is the 2018 big "ask". We need your help with this, even small donations help.

As we approach our 16th year in operation, we ask you to please think '15', like \$15... \$30... \$45..... \$150... \$1500. All donations to the Trail Club support our work at the park, and are tax deductible.

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

- Use Guidestar on the bottom of our home page on the Trail Club website http://www.kennesawmountaintrailclub.org
- Subscribe to Amazon "Smile" where they will donate to us based on your purchases
- 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.

* Corporate name is KEMO Trail Corps, Inc., a 501(c)(3) organization.



Kennesaw Mountain Trail Club Calendar Date Time Location Event

November, 2018

11/10 8:00 am - 12 pm Amphitheater near Trail Work Day

Visitor Center

December, 2018

12/8 8:00 am - 12 pm TBD Trail Work Day

January, 2019

1/12 8:00 am - 12 pm TBD Trail Work Day

Be sure to look over the September Activities listed on pages 13 and 14 that are being presented by the National Park Service at Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park during the month of November.

Register for Our Work Days!

Be sure to register online for our Work Days at http://



<u>signup.com/go/VvavYQj</u>. By registering, we can be better prepared with the amount of tools, bottled water, gloves, etc. on hand.



Mark Your Calendars!

Upcoming Work Day Schedule:

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. Registration will open at 8:00 am at the new parking lot, .2 miles north of the Visitor Center on Old 41 and usually are finished by 12:00 p.m. It takes approximately 5 minutes to walk to the picnic area near the Visitor Center - please arrive there by 8:30 am. 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. 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

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. 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 45,000 volunteer hours to Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park.

We hope to see you at a work day soon!

10/13/18 Work Day Photos





Photos, above, by A. Johnson.









Photos, Left, and above, by Cam Graham.

10/13/18 Work Day Photos - Continued













Photos, above, by Victor Williams Photos, below, by Peter Stell





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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park Receives Field Trip Grant from the National Park Foundation

Kennesaw, GA (October 17, 2018) – Kennesaw Mountain NBP will receive a field trip grant for the 2018-2019 school year from the National Park Foundation, the official nonprofit partner of the National Park Service. The field trips and the Civil War Festival, which will be offered to Title 1 schools, will give the students and local residents an interactive way to explore local history and geography at the park.

This grant is part of the Foundation's <u>Open OutDoors for Kids program</u> which creates pathways for kids to explore and connect with national park experiences.

"Trekking along trails, observing our natural ecosystems and engaging with our shared history are experiences that benefit all children," said National Park Foundation President Will Shafroth. "Making it possible for America's youth to explore our national parks is an investment in their future and the future of the national parks community."

Kennesaw Mountain NBP is wonderful resource that is utilized by various school and educational groups from all over. However, there are many schools within Cobb County that cannot provide transportation to the park for their students due to budget constraints. The park will utilize the Foundation Grant funds to serve those schools that would otherwise be unable to come. The park will also use those funds to provide educational materials and resources for students to perform a Civil War themed play and participate in a festival style event.

"Being able to use the park as a classroom, be immersed in the resource, and have programming match up to state educational standards is an invaluable experience that should be accessible to all students." –Jake Boling, Park Ranger at Kennesaw Mountain NBP.

"Children can experience diverse learning opportunities that parks offer when barriers like cutbacks in school funding for field trips are removed."- Liz Trabucco, NP Foundation.

For the full list of grantees and their projects, click <u>here</u>.

ABOUT KENNESAW MOUNTAIN NATIONAL BATTLEFIELD PARK

Kennesaw Mountain NBP is a 2,965 acre National Battlefield that preserves a Civil War battleground of the Atlanta Campaign. Opposing forces maneuvered and fought here from June 19, 1864 until July 2, 1864. Today, the park still preserves over 9 miles of earthworks, and offers over 25 miles of hiking and running trails. Because of the wonderful recreational and educational resources, Kennesaw Mountain serves proudly as the most visited National Battlefield in the United States.

ABOUT THE NATIONAL PARK FOUNDATION

Celebrating 50 years, the National Park Foundation is the official charity of America's national parks and nonprofit partner to the National Park Service. Chartered by Congress in 1967, the National Park Foundation raises private funds to help PROTECT more than 84 million acres of national parks through critical conservation and preservation efforts, CONNECT all Americans with their incomparable natural landscapes, vibrant culture and rich history, and ENGAGE the next generation of park stewards. In 2016, commemorating the National Park Service's 100th anniversary, the Foundation launched The Centennial Campaign for America's National Parks, a comprehensive fundraising campaign to strengthen and enhance the future of these national treasures for the next hundred years. Find out more and become a part of the national park community at www.nationalparks.org.

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President's Corner

The High School NJROTC groups are some of the most diligent volunteers we have on the second Saturday trail club workdays.

A month ago, I was walking along Kennesaw Avenue watching them remove rotten fencing and spoke with one of them.

"Thank you for coming out today. I appreciate your hard work,"I said.

"Your welcome", he said, "it's what we do".

Wow, how powerful. What an incredible attitude. Volunteering and hard work is what we do. We sometimes take it for granted, but it is your attitude towards what we do in the park, that makes all the difference. It makes the positive impact. On others and even on yourself.

For most of us, we love to come to the park. We walk, hike, volunteer, engage others in conversation, help educate others, lead others, follow others, pet dogs, pick up doggy

bags, whatever it may be, but we love to come to the park.

Our love of the park is reflected in us. It makes a difference in our own happiness, how others perceive us and how we go about our work here.

Don't be afraid to let your love show. Show the passion and excitement of your interest in the park. Take exceptional care in what you do here and what you say to others. Who knows? Maybe you will spark an interest in someone, an interest in hiking, education, or volunteering that will last a lifetime. Wouldn't that be neat?

Smile and show the love. You never know who may be watching.

See you on the trails!

To greater success,

Donald V. Olds

President, Kennesaw Mountain Trails Club

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Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park Interpretive Programs for November

**All park programming is free and open to the public. No registration required unless noted.

Programs start at Visitor Center except when otherwise specified.

Museum To Re-Open in mid-November

November 3 @ 11:00 am - 11:30 am 'Life of a Soldier'

Life for the common infantry soldier during the Atlanta Campaign was less than ideal. The sacrifice made by those men pave the way for the nation that we live in today. Come out and enjoy an interactive ranger presentation that will honor their sacrifice, as well as illustrate how soldiers lived and fought on the campaign trail in 1864.

November 4 @ 11, 12, 2 & 3:00 'Infantry Demonstrations'

Come out and enjoy an interactive infantry demonstration at Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park.

This program will consist of a step-by-step description and demonstration of basic infantry tactics and culminate in a rifled musket firing.

Please note that rifled musket firings are loud, especially to those with hearing sensitivity (i.e. dogs, children, etc.).

November 10 @ 11:00 am - 12:30 pm 'Guided 24-Gun Battery Hike'

This program will consist of a ranger-guided 3 mile hike along the 24 Gun Battery Trail. It will focus on the importance of preservation, protection, and history within the national parks.

This is an outdoor activity, so please dress and plan accordingly.

The event will be cancelled in the event of inclement weather.

November 11 @ 11, 12, 2, & 3:00 'Artillery Demonstrations'

Artillerists explain the steps of firing a cannon by detailing the role of each person working their positions.

Afterwards, the process is performed in real time and the cannon is fired.

Please note that cannon firings are very loud, especially to those with hearing sensitivity

(i.e. dogs, children, etc.).

November 17 @ 11:00 am – 12:30 pm 'Guided Mountaintop Hike'

Join us for a ranger-led hike to the top of Big Kennesaw Mountain. The hike will focus on local and Civil
War history, as well some of the ecology of the area.

This is an outdoor program, so please prepare accordingly.

Length of the hike will be approximately 2 miles, and will be weather dependent.

November 18 @ 11:00 am - 12:00 pm 'The Western & Atlantic Railroad'

The Western & Atlantic Railroad would experience many extraordinary events that would not only lead to the development of the city of Atlanta but also major changes to the South and ultimately the nation. This program will discuss the origins of the Western & Atlantic Railroad and the history of the rail line from its creation through the end of the American Civil War.

November 18 @ 2:00 pm - 3:30 pm 'Kids' Craft Program'

Join volunteers Beth and Daniel Bramlett at the craft table on Sunday, November 18 between 2:00 and 3:30 to make a *thaumatrope* (a spinning optical toy that was popular in the 19th century).

Learn about persistence of vision while making your spinners.

This is a come-and-go activity; while geared for children/youth, all are invited to participate.

November 24 @ 11:00 am - 11:30 am 'Welcome to Kennesaw Mountain'

Come out and enjoy a ranger-led presentation on the Battle of Kennesaw Mountain, the Atlanta Campaign, and how these events shaped our history and the park as it is today. This presentation will utilize various maps and artifacts to illustrate this portion of history.

This program is free to attend and open to the public, and will be held at the Visitor Center.

November 25 'Trail of Tears Photography Exhibit'

Browse at your leisure these photographs of contemporary sites on the Trail of Tears, along with a reproduction of the protest roll. This on-loan exhibit will be housed at Kennesaw Mountain through January, and comes to us from the Museum of the Cherokee (Cherokee, NC).

** Outdoor programs (Living History programs and hikes) may be cancelled in the occurrence of inclement weather).

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



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December Newsletter Deadline

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

KENNESAW MOUNTAIN NATIONAL BATTLEFIELD PARK

