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Noses Creek Workday 10-12

By Bill Gurry

Led by dirt guys Peter, Rodney, Bill, Geoff, Curt, Kelly, Donald, Andy, and Mike, volunteers did some big work on the Noses Creek Trail. For a couple hundred yards North of Noses Creek, the trail was sloped into the ditches, and, on the following Saturday, the ditches all the way down were filled with water running downhill and into the woods – none on the trail. Another crew cleaned up several areas north of the creek, and water was running off the trail in these places, too. Several of us worked on the ugly ruts south of the creek by building 4 dips, now working for the most part. However, water was still getting by. Geoff and I photographed each one in a good rain so we can see where a little more work is needed at each one. Even the four mucky dips were not as bad, but we may add some crusher run to crown the trail

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The Swinerton Foundation provides KMTCA Grant.

We received a grant from the Swinerton Foundation. Thank you!

Scott McKay



Trail Ambassador Annual Meeting

Meeting

On Saturday, September 21, 2019, the KMTCA Trail Ambassadors held an annual meeting in the visitor center education room.



Attending were:

Cameron Sanders, Mark Floyd, Gavin Gaffney, Ted Spetnagel, Rena Bailey, Alicia Gutierrez, Rusty Bradley, Karen Evanoff, Tim Poolos, Jay Haney, Anne Page Mosby, Dave Dubelle, Scot Mackay, Debbie Dement, Yvonne Robinson Viaer, Laurie Poppell, Katie Sanstead, Lucy Denzin, Karen Petrella, Kathy Bearden, Cam Graham and Janie Brier.

The meeting started promptly at 9:15 with our guest speaker Dr. Bruce Gillette. Bruce was Cobb County's first neurologist and currently an Attending Physician at the Kennestone Hospital Cardiac Rehabilitation. He is a Life-time Master Gardener, an American Rose Society Consulting Rosarian who designed and established community rose gardens including historic Rose Lawn in Cartersville and Smith-Gilbert Gardens in Kennesaw. His topic was "Perils and Pitfalls of Gardening" which was, in reality, a mini course in wilderness medicine. Over the course

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of 2 hours he captivated this audience with discussions on the following:

- Heat Related Illness
- Vermiculite Associated Diseases
- Tick Transmitted Diseases
- West Nile Virus
- Tetanus
- Sporotrichosis
- Black Widows Spider Bite
- Brown Recluse Spider Bite
- Hymenoptera Stings
- Snakebite

Following Dr. Gillette was Superintendent Nancy Walther who spoke about on-going and future park projects. The park project which garnered the most attention and questions was implementation of the parking fee program. The projected October 2019 start date will most likely be pushed back to December 2019.

Finishing the meeting was Ranger Steven Steingass whose topic was a much-needed review and update on visitor and volunteer safety in the park. A few commonsense measures for all to remember are:

1. Don't hike alone. If you do hike alone make sure someone knows where you are hiking and projected route.
2. Be sure to take sufficient water.
3. Know your limitations.
4. Don't leave anything of value visible in your car. Be cautious when putting items in the trunk. Better to leave your valuables at home.
5. Follow the rules.
6. Avoid angry confrontations with visitors. If an interaction with a visitor becomes angry, excuse yourself and report the incident to the park security staff.

The meeting concluded at 1:00. Many thanks to all who assisted clean up, putting back the tables and chairs and tearing down the "breakfast bar!"

Janie Brier

Trail Ambassador Director



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somewhat and make a better tread. Fred came off injured reserve to document the work and pitch in along the way. Curt gets extra credit for removing foliage that was blocking signs on Burnt Hickory Road. Thanks to all.

Harry, Rich and Danny continued the usual invasive plant removal, this time off the Brumby Trail.

Thanks to TAs Rena, Yvonne, Debbie, Laurie, Kathy, Karen, David, and Jay for excellent support. (Jay not only can park cars, but can park army tanks as well.)

And BIG THANKS to operator Andy, Ken, Geoff, and Bill for the ditch witch work and setting things up on Thursday.

In Memory of Marti Graham

Please keep Marti and Cam Graham in your prayers with the passing of Marti Graham, wife of Cam Graham, long time volunteer with the Trail Club & park. Marti passed the morning of 10/21 after a long and valiant battle with cancer.



Marti had a spirit of joy that she shared with Cam for many years.

Cards may be mailed to 4001 Tritt Homestead Drive, Marietta, GA 30062.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Kennesaw State University College of the Arts. Funds will go to the Cam and Marti Graham Theatre and Performance Studies Endowed Scholarship. (Contact- Kelly Smith, ksmith738@kennesaw.edu, (470) 578-3129, <https://community.kennesaw.edu/giving-search>) Or, alternatively, donations may also be made to the Ovarian Cancer Institute of Atlanta in memory of Martha M. Graham (960 Johnson Ferry Road, Suite 130, Atlanta, GA 30342, 404-300-2997, <https://ovariancancerinstitute.org/donations/>)

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Additional Volunteers needed! Call today!

Noses Creek In The Rain

By Bill Gurry



Anyone can build a good trail for dry conditions. However, over the years, it has rained in the Park from time to time. Running water is the enemy of trails. The week after the October workday, Geoff and I hiked the Noses Creek Trail to see how we are doing. Before and After pictures are below. (Some of the trail still needs some shaping - photos of these areas will be included in our next workday proposal.)



BEFORE (left) looking uphill - water runs in the middle of the trail. AFTER (right) looking downhill - water runs off the side of the trail into the ditch and runs down and off the trail.



BEFORE (left) - the large dip area was filled with muck (duff) and hikers walked around, making more muck. The trail/road was about 30 feet wide. AFTER (right) - the duff (muck) was removed and replaced with sandy clay, and some crusher run was used to make a tread. More tread is needed, but it is no longer a problem for hikers or Park vehicles.



BEFORE (left) – this rut was caused by water flowing for a half a mile downhill to Noses Creek. Very rough for Park maintenance, law enforcement, and emergency vehicles to get by. (It has been ‘fixed’ at least three times before, but the

water issue was not resolved. AFTER, so far – (right) –ruts were filled and 4 knicks were built uphill to divert the water into the existing roadside ditch. Some water is still getting by. Now that we’ve seen this in a good rain, we can see where the knicks need work to get most of the water off the trail/road and make a better tread for hikers.

Veterans Day - November 11, 2019



Not Another Park

Have you visited another park? Did you enjoy the visit? Was it worth the trip? Well, I have. That's my feeble attempt to duplicate the way comedian Tom Papa (heard frequently on NPR's Prairie Home Companion) would put it.

On a rainy Saturday (10/19/19) a group of us went to the dedication of the "Fallen Five" Wreath Of Honor memorial located in the Chattanooga, Tennessee River Park, a beautiful 7-1/2 mile long park along the riverbank. The Memorial is to those who were killed in terrorist attack at the nearby US Navy Operational Support Center:

G/Sgt. Thomas J. Sullivan, Sgt. Carson Holmquist, Petty Ofc. Randal Smith, S/Sgt. David Wyatt and L/Cpl. Squire "Skip" Wells. There were hundreds of people at the ceremony, including Mayors, elected officials, military officers and enlisted, high ranking police officers and patrol officers, citizens and, most importantly, families of the fallen.

We were there to honor them all and especially Skip Wells. I'm not going to go into detail of the tragedy of July 16, 2015, please look it up; but, Skip was not only a Marine he was a frequent visitor to Kennesaw Mtn. and one of those who participate in the Living History programs.

He loved dressing the part; so proud in "His Blues." But he also really enjoyed hiking the trails, frequently bringing along someone to introduce them to the park. Historian Brad Quinlin, who does many presentations at Kennesaw Mtn, rode along with us. In fact, Brad was on the way to Chattanooga to meet with the board of the Medal Of Honor Museum and he was going to drop off a book he had promised to Skip. Brad said the most memorable traits to him about Skip were that he had the sparkle in his eye of being a friend, a willingness to take part in activities and a desire to learn.

There were several fine speakers at the ceremony. One of those I think "Skip" would have especially liked was the current commander of the USN Operational Support Center, Colonel Joseph Russo, US Marines who said that he got his inspiration for what to say while doing his run in the river park where the monument now stands. Also, Col. Russo said that he's visited monuments/memorials all around the world and that this one is "Outstanding" in every detail.

It's not easy keeping a park nice. That's what the Trail Club helps to do at Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park. You who help there can easily appreciate visiting another park because you know what it takes to have a park that is worth the trip just to be inspired. The former commander of the support center Captain Matthew Berta, U S Navy Retired, mentioned words written at the Pentagon's Naval Reflection room which is dedicated to those killed in the 911 attack. That room is bearing the header "Lest We Forget". Remember those who we've lost and don't forget what you do.

Thanks,

Doug Jasse

Sr Vice Commandant
Lance Corporal Squire "Skip" Wells Detachment #647
Marine Corps League
Past- Pres. Kennesaw Mountain Trail Club

Photos:

Doug & Ret. Cobb Co Police Ofc Darrell Streefkerk, whose son knew Skip at Sprayberry High & and served with him in USMC.



Monument picture.



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 2019 (October 2018- Present):

FY 2019

ALLATOONA HS NJROTC
ATLANTA OUTDOOR CLUB (AOC)
BOY SCOUT TROOP 008 (EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT)
BOY SCOUT TROOP 144 (EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT)
BOY SCOUT TROOP 200 (EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT)
BOY SCOUT TROOP 277 (EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT) (3 PROJECTS)
BOY SCOUT TROOP 287 (EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT) (2 PROJECTS)
BOY SCOUT TROOP 433 (EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT) (2 PROJECTS)
BOY SCOUT TROOP 442 (EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT)
BOY SCOUT TROOP 445 (EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT)
BOY SCOUT TROOP 540
BOY SCOUT TROOP 540 (EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT) (3 PROJECTS)
BOY SCOUT TROOP 545 (EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT) (2)
BOY SCOUT TROOP 700 (EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT)
BOY SCOUT TROOP 797
BOY SCOUT TROOP 797 (EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT) (2 PROJECTS)
BOY SCOUT TROOP 1011 (EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT)
BOY SCOUTS T 8880
BOY SCOUT TROOP 8880 (EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT)
CUB SCOUT PACK 204, MARIETTA
CUMBERLAND SCHOOL
DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION
FLIGHTWORKS
FRIENDS TO THE FORLORN PITBULL RESCUE
GEORGIA TECH
HARRISON HS BETA CLUB
HARRISON HIGH SCHOOL KEY CLUB
HARRISON NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY
HILLGROVE HS NJROTC
KENNESAW MOUNTAIN HS
KENNESAW MOUNTAIN HS HOPE
KENNESAW MOUNTAIN HS NJROTC
KSU
KSU BETA ALPHA PSI
MARIETTA HS
MT PARAN CHURCH
PACESETTER STEEL
SCA
SPRAYBERRY HS HOPE



TRUST
US ARMY
VOLUNTEER KSU
WHEELER HS
WOODSTOCK HS NJROTC

The following group participated in our October work days:

HILLGROVE HS NJROTC

We had 76 volunteers who participated in the October Work Day. Thanks, for a job well done!

Invasive Plant Crew - 10/11/19

Work Day

Photo by Danny Leigh.



Wanted: Membership Chair!

“The Friends of Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park is looking for a personable, self-starting, take-charge volunteer to lead their membership team. **Contact Scott Mackay at box2105@mindspring.com.”**

Crew Leaders Wanted

Want to take on the opportunity to make a difference in trail maintenance at Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park? See Bill Gurry at our November and December work days, or contact him at trails@kennesawmountaintrailclub.org. Our next Crew Leader Training class is tentatively scheduled for January 11, 2020.



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U.S. Department of the Interior

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Kennesaw Mountain News Release

Release Date: Immediately

New Fee at Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park to Fund Critical Park Improvements

Kennesaw, GA — On November 13, Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park will implement a vehicle entrance fee program at its parking lots to help improve park facilities and infrastructure and provide enhanced services.

“Vehicle entrance fees will enable the park to enhance visitor safety measures, address deferred maintenance and improve visitor services,” said Nancy Walther, superintendent, Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park. “The park received a largely favorable response from visitors during the public commenting period. We believe visitors will generally understand our need to enhance the park’s recreational experience. Once funds from this program are in place, we will add a public restroom to the south end of the park and purchase an additional shuttle bus to transport more visitors up the mountain.”

Funds generated through implementation of the vehicle entrance fee program may be also be used for earthwork stabilization, visitor safety, trail stabilization and repair, cannon restoration at outdoor cannon displays, youth programs, historical exhibits, and internship opportunities. The park has had no means of generating revenue since its inception in 1935.

A public comment period for the proposal of a fee program at the park occurred in the fall of 2017 and the requisite Federal Registry comment time was completed in February 2019.

How The New Vehicle Entrance Fee Program Will Work:

To gain entrance into the park, visitors must either have a park-specific \$5 daily or \$40 annual pass, or an America the Beautiful™ interagency pass. Passes can be purchased at recreation.gov or at the park’s visitor center, located at 900 Kennesaw Mountain Drive, NW, Kennesaw, GA 30152. Credit and debit cards will be the only accepted terms of payment online and at the park’s visitor center. Payment of an entrance fee does not guarantee a parking space. During busy periods, park visitors are strongly encouraged to find a parking space *before* purchasing a daily pass online.

The park will conduct compliance checks at all of its parking lots at various times throughout the day and evening. Park staff will check for hard copy passes on dashboards of cars (for those with physical passes) or for valid vehicle license plate number registrations on recreation.gov registrations for visitors completing online pass purchases.

Park visitor parking is available at:
The Visitor Center lot (GPS Coordinates: 33.983216, -84.578771),
Mountain Top lot (GPS Coordinates: 33.978042, -84.577639),

Old 41 (Overflow) lot (GPS Coordinates: 33.985047, -84.582952),
Gilbert Road lot (GPS Coordinates: 33.976017, -84.599580),
Burnt Hickory Road lot (GPS Coordinates: 33.963276, -84.594391),
Cheatham Hill Road lot (GPS Coordinates: 33.933020, -84.604780),
Cheatham Hill Drive/Illinois Monument lot (GPS Coordinates: 33.936937, -84.596903),
Kolb Farm lot (GPS Coordinates: 33.910438, -84.596796), and the
Horse Trailer lot (GPS Coordinates: 33.913270, -84.597761).

During the week, visitors to the park will have the opportunity to drive their personal vehicle to the top of Kennesaw Mountain. Visitors to the park on the weekends may not drive their personal vehicle, but will have the opportunity to take the shuttle bus, based on space and availability, to the top of Kennesaw Mountain included in their entrance charge.

For any questions, please visit www.nps.gov/kemo or call 770-427-4686.

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<http://kennesawmountaintrailclub.org>

2019/2020 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 2020 big “ask.” We need your help with this, even small donations help. We will conclude this drive at the end of FY 2020 (September, 2020).

As we approach our 18th year in operation, we ask you to please think ‘20’, like \$20.. \$40.. \$60..... \$200... \$2000. 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 <https://smile.amazon.com/> - look for KEMO Trails Corps
- 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

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Event</u>
November, 2019			
11/09	8:30 am - Noon	Pigeon Hill Parking Lot	Trail Work Day - Register at SignUp, below.
December, 2019			
12/14	8:30 am - Noon	TBD	Trail Work Day - Register at SignUp, below.
January, 2020			
1/11	8:30 am - 4 pm	Visitor Center	Crew Leader Training Class January Work Day Cancelled

Note: In case of inclement weather and our regular work day is cancelled, we may schedule a make-up work day - see our website for details! We will confirm this in our cancellation notice.

Check pages 14 - 15 for NPS/Kemo-sponsored activities for November.

Register for Our Work Days!

Be sure to register online for our Work Days at <http://signup.com/go/VvavYQj>. 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 Pigeon Hill Parking Lot at Burnt Hickory and old Mountain Rd - in the field next to the regular parking lot. We usually are finished by 12:00 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. 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!

10/12/19 Work Day Photos

Photos by Fred Feltmann



GEORGIA APPALACHIAN TRAIL CLUB

Presents

Leave No Trace ~ Trainer Course

November 9 – 10, 2019 | February 22 – 23, 2020

Blairsville GA

The Georgia Appalachian Trail Club is conducting the Leave No Trace Trainer Course for those seeking to learn the seven principles of outdoor ethics for personal enrichment and to teach others. This course features a short backpack and overnight campout on the Appalachian Trail near Blairsville GA.

The Trainer Course is a vital component of the nationwide Leave No Trace program, to help recreationalists minimize their ecological impact while enjoying the outdoors. The Trainer Course assists the participants in learning more about the seven principles of Leave No Trace and techniques for disseminating these low impact skills to others.

This course is adapted to the needs of Trail Ambassadors with emphasis on visitor engagement. The Authority of the Resource Technique (ART) will be covered and participants will practice encounters with trail users.

Master Educator and Leave No Trace State Advocate Jay M Dement is leading these Trainer Courses. Registration materials can be found at www.jayDphotos.com. Please contact jay@jayDphotos.com with questions.



Records Management Volunteer Needed!

The Kennesaw Mountain Trail Club (KMTC) Board of Directors seeks a records management professional to volunteer to assess KMTC records management needs, review current records and define policies (SP) needed for records support going forward. An example model SP for records management follows:

“A document retention and destruction policy identifies the record retention responsibilities of staff, volunteers, board members, and outsiders for maintaining and documenting the storage and destruction of the organization’s documents and records.”

<https://www.councilofnonprofits.org/tools-resources/document-retention-policies-nonprofits>

Please contact Jay Haney, KMTC Director for Program Planning for additional details. Haney69jb@gmail.com cell 770.313.4864 KMTC is a not for profit partner of Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park in Kennesaw, Georgia.

Contact List - Updated 9/24/19

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Volunteer Sign-up website*		http://signup.com/go/VvavYQj

* updated



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.

Everyday @ 1:00 pm Ranger Led Museum Tour

November 2 @ 11:00 am – 11:30 am ‘The Importance of NPS Battlefields’

This 30 minute ranger-led program discusses the importance of preserving historic battlefields and the preservation efforts taken by the National Park Service.

November 3 @ 2:30 pm – 3:00 pm ‘Memorial Field Walk’

Join us for a short, ranger-led history walk in our Memorial Field in front of the Visitor Center.

This program will consist of an in depth look at the Battle of Kennesaw Mountain and the diversionary attack that happened there. Please prepare accordingly, as this is an outdoor program. Program will be weather dependent.

November 9 @ 10:00 am – 2:00 pm ‘Civil War Music’

Music during the Civil War served many functions. Not only did it help to organize and rally, but also went a long way to boost morale amongst the soldiers. Come join the musicians of Three Rivers Fife and Drum as they demonstrate this through performance and discussion of 19th century fife and drum music.

November 9 @ 8 am – 12:30 pm ‘Kennesaw Mountain

Trail Club Work Day’

Volunteers are needed for each work day to help park staff maintain the 20-plus miles of trails of Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park. The NPS Volunteer Services Agreement is required.

A parent must sign the form if the child is under 18 years old.

For registration information, forms, and location, please visit the club’s website: www.kennesawmountaintrailclub.org

November 9 @ 11 – 12 & 2:30 pm – 3:30 pm ‘To the Gates of Atlanta’ Lecture

Join author and historian Robert Jenkins as he discusses the events after the Battle of Kennesaw Mountain. His book ‘To the Gates of Atlanta’ covers the struggles of both the Union and Confederate armies in the final months of the Atlanta Campaign.

November 10 @ 2:30 pm – 3:00 pm ‘Life of a Soldier’

Life for the common infantry soldier during the Atlanta Campaign was less than ideal. The sacrifice made by those men paved 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 16 @ 11:00 am – 11:30 am ‘Kennesaw Mountain’s Illinois Monument: Commemorating the Past, Honoring the Present and Inspiring the Future’

The story of Kennesaw Mountain did not end after the battle in 1864, but was continued by the veterans who fought on the battlefield. The ranger will discuss how Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park was established through efforts of Union veterans who fought at Cheatham Hill.

Please note this program is NOT at Visitor Center; parking is at Cheatham Hill Drive.

November 17 @ 2:30 pm – 3:30 pm ‘Guided Assault Trail Hike’

Follow in the footsteps of the Union and Confederate soldiers who fought here in that summer of 1864 with this guided hike. A ranger will take you along the Assault Trail, detailing the events of the Battle of Kennesaw Mountain and Cheatham Hill. The approximate length of this hike is 1 mile and will be weather dependent.

**This program is not at the Visitor Center; parking is at 902 Cheatham Hill Rd., Marietta (Recreation Area # 3 parking lot)*

November 23 @ 11:00 am – 12:00 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 24 @ 2:30 pm – 3:00 pm ‘Thanksgiving and the Civil War’

Celebrations of thankfulness for the harvest have existed since pre- history, but did you know that the story of this great American holiday has origins planted in the Civil War? Come out and join us for this Ranger- led program and discover how the War Between the States gave us a day of Thanksgiving, and how it has changed over the years.

November 29 @ 11:00 am – 11:30 am ‘Native American Program’

Long before the Civil War, the lonely mountain was home to several communities of Native Americans. Explore the history, mythology and daily life of these first peoples with one of our Rangers. Experience their early culture through everyday tools and hunting equipment.

November 30 @ 11:00 am – 11:30 am ‘The Wallis Family and The Battle of Kennesaw Mountain’

Prior to the Battle of Kennesaw Mountain, the communities in the mountain’s shadow was thriving. During this presentation, the ranger will discuss the Wallis Family and how their family impacted the area and how the battle impacted their home.

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

*** 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. 0, or visit our website at www.nps.gov/kemo*

Sponsors/Partners Corner

Many thanks to our Sponsors and Partners for their support!



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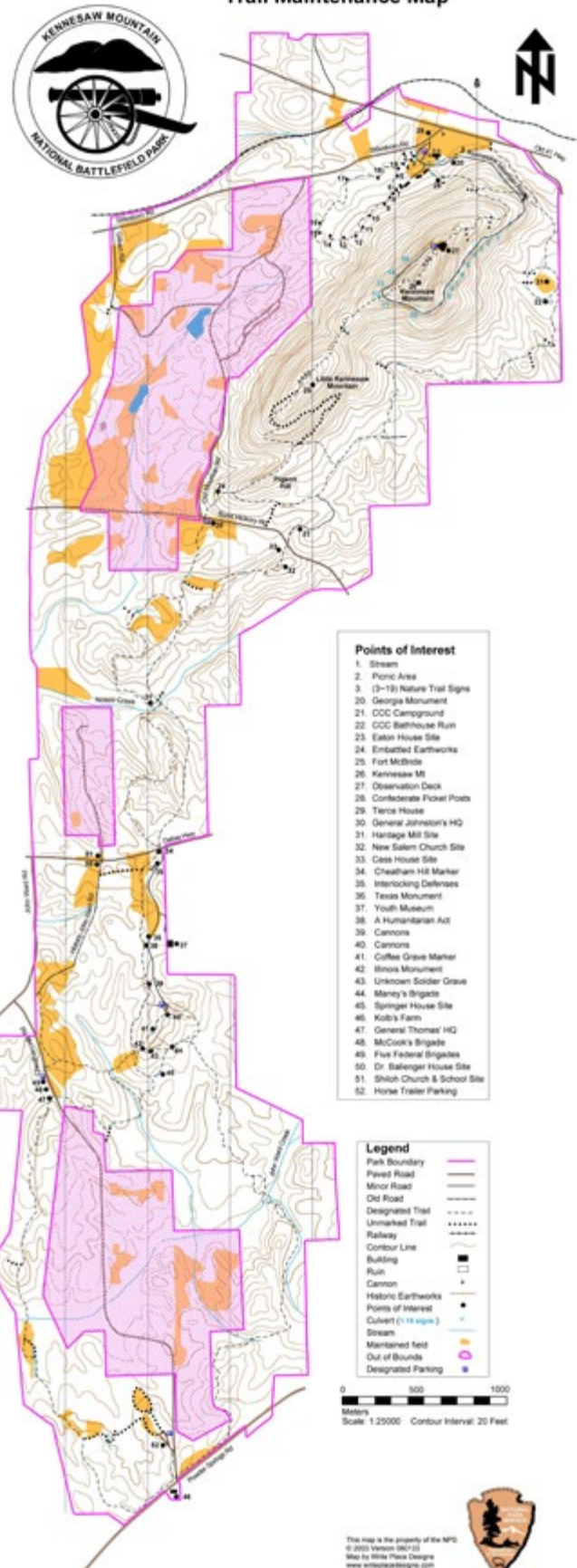


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