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New Map Link On Our Website

We have a new park map link on our website - <http://www.kennesawmountaintrailclub.org/hikingmap.php>. When you click on the link and bring the map up, go to the top left corner of the map and select "Brochure Map" to get the new trail map.

Please Welcome Our newest Staff Member

Please welcome Laurie Poppell to our Trail Club Staff. At our October Board Meeting she was selected to head up our new position of Records Management.

Fred Feltmann

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Trail Closure on Kolb Farm East Trail at John Ward Creek

The bridge crossing John Ward Creek on the Kolb Farm East section of trail has become damaged and washed out with the recent heavy rain. This section of trail will be closed while this problem is corrected. (10/12/20) (You can check the following website for current trail info: <https://www.nps.gov/kemo/planyourvisit/conditions.htm>)

Crew Leader Workday, October 17, 2020

The small workday planned for October 10 was rained out.

On October 17, 2020, eight multitalented crew leaders completed several projects on the 24 Gun Battery Trail. Rich cut out the dirt between the deck boards on the Gilbert Road bridge to allow rain water to seep through, blew a few leaves off with his handy little battery-operated blower, then joined the dirt crew. Bob, Bill, Mike Fred, and Glenn (back from California where he's been fighting fires with the Forrest Service), removed duff, log, and rock berms that have been holding water on the trail and cut many knicks through the duff deposited by soil and organic material loosened by hundreds of thousand feet over time. Harry and Scott removed two large blowdowns, and then hauled a couple loads of loose rocks to a site for a future project.

The only glitch was at the end of the day when somebody (whose name will not be mentioned here) forgot to drive Bob back out to Gilbert Road to get his truck.

Thanks to the crew.

Bill Gurry
Trails Director

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 no later than November 20th!

PS Even if you're just a "volunteer," you can also present an article for publication - and you won't be the first!

The ELM System comes to KMNBP

The following information was provided by the Cobb County Neighborhood Safety Commission:

Last Wednesday, October 21st, the Cobb County Neighborhood Safety Commission hosted the "Family Fun and Outdoor Activity Safety" event. It included Cobb Police Department, Cobb Department of Public Safety, Cobb Emergency Management Agency and Cobb PARKS, as well as the National Park Service. National Park Service staff was gracious enough to allow the Safety Commission access to Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park to install the ELM System. Superintendent Patrick Gamman and Chief Ranger Anthony Winegar were



on hand. Gamman spoke to visitors about his tenure in the National Park Service and how he plans to tackle upcoming enhancements to the park. ELM stands for **E**mergency **L**ocation **M**arker.

Members of the West Georgia Mountain Bike Patrol/Search and Rescue team handed out fliers regarding the ELM program. You can learn more about the ELM system at this [YouTube](#) video, as well as a video by Chief Ranger Anthony Winegar - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=T3ogekzQnac>. The bike patrol provided a short description of the ELM program to more than 250 visitors on Wednesday. Essentially, If an emergency occurs, and you can provide 911 with the eight digit code from a nearby marker, like the one, above, they can quickly locate your position!

(See page 10 for an AP that is associated with the ELM System!)

Jay Haney

MYUSNG APP

Apps that can be used in conjunction with the ELM System!

With these Apps you don't need to be in sight of the new ELM markers that have been installed in the park.

Android version: https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.esri.myusng&hl=en_US

Apple: <https://apps.apple.com/us/app/myusng/id1281298855>

This Land

Fred Feltmann

10/15/04

Lands of Hill and Plain.
Mountains and Volcanoes
Lands of cattle ranges and farms,
Of Forest and Desert
Cities and Towns.
Streams and Lakes.

Our Heritage.

Lands of our ancestors.

Lands that our children will inherit.

Given to us by our God

And earned by the sweat of our forefathers --

Be they Englishman, Comanche,

Cherokee, German, Italian or

Irish, Arapaho, Anistasi,

Nigerian, or Kenyan, or any

Of millions of others

Who came before us.

Given to us to admire, experience and protect.

To use for our good and the good of all.

This planet we call Earth.

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Additional Volunteers needed! Call today!

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 2019 (October 2019- September 2020 and Fiscal 2021 (October 2020- Present):

FY 2020

ALLATOONA HS NJROTC
BOY SCOUT TROOP 89
KING'S ACADEMY HS ARMY JROTC
HILLGROVE HS NJROTC
POPE HS - NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY
RIVER RIDGE HS
RIVER RIDGE HS ARMY JROTC
TRUST (KSU)
WALKER HS



FY 2021

We had 8 Crew Leaders participate in a Work Day on October 17, 2020.



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 Leader & Trail Ambassador Positions Available!

Contact Bill Gurry (regarding Crew Leader positions) or Janie Brier (Trail Ambassador positions) if interested.

Bill Gurry - trails@kennesawmountaintrailclub.org

Janie Brier - ambassador@kennesawmountaintrailclub.org

Bag-To-Bin Campaign Announced

Greetings! As autumn starts so does our trail etiquette campaign. The first part of this effort, which I am happy to hear you will be a part of, is the Bag to Bin dog waste program. I have had a meeting with the Friends group at Chattahoochee and they have agreed to let us use their graphic. The Friends of Kennesaw Mountain are also taking a lead role in this campaign at Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park.

We will coordinate with them on the roll out. We are also in the process of buying the post/ bins / signs. Thank you for your participation on this project. When the media part of the campaign starts I will be providing your group an news article about how important it is to clean up dog waste.

Thanks again for all your support,

Patrick Gamman
Superintendent

Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park

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First draft of Bag-to-Bin Campaign Poster. Final version to be released later this quarter.



Trail Ambassador Updates October 2020

On Sunday, October 25th, one of our newest Trail Ambassadors, Thomas Sullivan, was patrolling in the park when a visitor handed him a Garmin GPS which was found in the middle of a parking lot. Fortune certainly favored the device and the owner. The device could easily have been damaged by a car. The visitor could have kept the device or turned it in at the visitor center. Fortune dictated the device was unharmed. The visitor, as most are, was an honest citizen and gave the device to Thomas.

Now the story gets interesting. Thomas interrogated the device to learn the name of the owner and texted a message that the device was found. I received several e-mails so I know there was a back and forth between the owner and our intrepid Trail Ambassador. Thomas actually met the owner to return the device. Not sure how long this took but it wasn't a 5-minute diversion. Over the course of finding, meeting and returning the device, Thomas seized the opportunity to tell the owner about what he does as a Trail Ambassador. The owner – who shall remain nameless for now – was impressed by Thomas's actions and intrigued by the volunteer opportunity. He contacted me by e-mail for information that evening. I immediately jumped all over this opportunity and sent him more information than he probably expected to get! He

is now a Trail Ambassador candidate and scheduled to attend the next Trail Ambassador orientation on December 5, 2020! Great recruiting Thomas. You just hit a home run!

For a well written account of an exciting trail patrol, read Anne Page Mosby and Jay Haney's "Day in the Life of a Trail Ambassador". After reading about their trail patrol, I will be satisfied to have incredibly boring patrols for the rest of my career!

Janie Brier

Trail Ambassador Director



**FRIENDS OF
KENNESAW MOUNTAIN**

The Friends Of Kennesaw Mountain

The Friends of Kennesaw Mountain's mission is to raise funds to support programs and projects at the Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park.

Your Membership helps to fund this mission.

Please join us.

Our website is FriendsOfKMNB.org.

Visit to find out more info, to donate, or to sign up for one of our Board positions or to register as a member of the Friends organization.

Our Mission:

The mission of the Friends of Kennesaw Mountain is to work in partnership with the National Park Service and the local community to raise annual funding for projects and activities in the Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park.

Programs supported: Outdoor Education
KEMO Trail Club
Living History
Trail Ambassadors

2020 Veterans Day

Who doesn't know that this has been a very tough year? (A rhetorical question that doesn't need an answer.) Now Veterans Day is upon us. Tough times were and are natural for many of our military veterans.

Back at the time of World War I, veterans were coming out of the service and then hit with the "Spanish Flu" pandemic, and now with the mid-east pull down of troops many are being discharged during the "Covid-19" pandemic. As Veterans Day resulted from the WWI armistice things haven't changed all that much. However, you can and should "Thank a Veteran" for defending the freedom of our country.

One dire issue that has been recently brought to light is the number of suicides experienced in the veteran community. Our Trail Club recently lost a valued member, Ken Hale, a US Air Force Veteran. Ken passed away from a disease, not suicide. But like many diseases it was not readily detectable. Losing someone in what we like to think of as "before their time" is never an easy thing to understand.

And the same goes for our loved ones who commit suicide. I was recently called upon to give the eulogy for an Honorably Discharged Marine. It was a "last minute" type call, I knew neither the man, nor the family, all I got from the funeral

director was that the family needed closure from a USMC veteran as the deceased had perished due to suicide. Yes, that is tragic and it's been publicized much lately for all to be aware of those who are depressed and need help. But as with a disease how do you know?

I went and gave the eulogy and I thanked the family for inviting me; I mainly thanked the deceased Marine, for his service to our country - be what it was, it didn't matter; that he stepped up and served was all that I needed to know.

On this Veterans Day keep in mind that there has not been a draft for a long, long time - those who serve volunteer to do so. If you're one of the ones who volunteer to help out at the park - good for you. But this old Vet would like you to reach out to your friends and family to find out how they're doing and if you do happen to recognize a veteran just nod your head in a greeting. They already know what they've done.

Semper Fidelis,

Doug Jasse

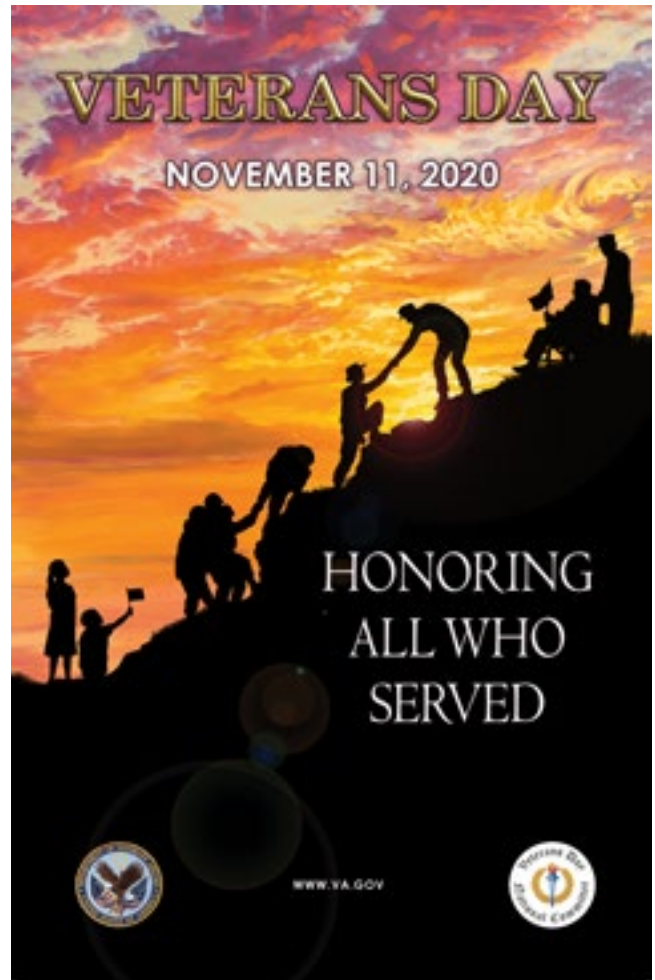
Commandant

L/Cpl Squire "Skip" Wells, Detachment 647

Marine Corps League



Be sure to thank our Veterans for their service this November!



2021/2022 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 2021/2022 big “ask.” We need your help with this, even small donations help. We will conclude this drive at the end of FY 2022 (September, 2022).

As we approach our 19th 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

Date **Time** **Location** **Event**

All Work Days and events at Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park are cancelled indefinitely at this point.

All trails are now open. All parking lots, and the Mountain Rd., are now open. Visitor Center is now open. The Mountain Rd. is still closed to motorized vehicles, however.

The Park staff is conducting Virtual Events on their Facebook Page - https://www.facebook.com/pg/KMNBP/posts/?ref=page_internal

We will send out an email when events warrant a restart of work days and events and when the Visitor Center reopens.

The Mountain Top Concession Stand is now open daily from 10 AM till 5 PM.

Register for Our Work Days!

Be sure to register online for our Work Days at [http://](http://signup.com/go/VvayYQj)

signup.com/go/VvayYQj. 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:

All planned work days for the upcoming months have been cancelled until further notice.

If your school, church, business, or community organization would like to schedule a special work day as a team building or public service activity once we resume our work day schedules, 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 as soon as we return to our normal work days.

Plans For Kennesaw Mountain Guidebook Begun

A volunteer initiative has been underway for some time to develop a partnership with the National Park Service and the local community to provide support activities for operations at Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park.

An important component to this initiative is development of a comprehensive guidebook for park visitors which will unite the historical relevance of the area and trail systems present within the park boundaries.

The purpose of this guidebook is to provide awareness of park services to visitors, increase accessibility to park resources; and provide a detailed overview of trail descriptions, locations, and communicate historically prevalent areas of interest throughout the park.

Volunteer efforts are focused on providing accurate trail conditions, duration and notable landmarks along each trail present within the park system. This publication will provide in depth direction to park services and locations and familiarize visitors with useful information to enhance the park experience. All proceeds resulting from the sale of guidebooks will be distributed to the park directly for improvement projects and in support of ongoing programs and services.

Scott Mackay

President

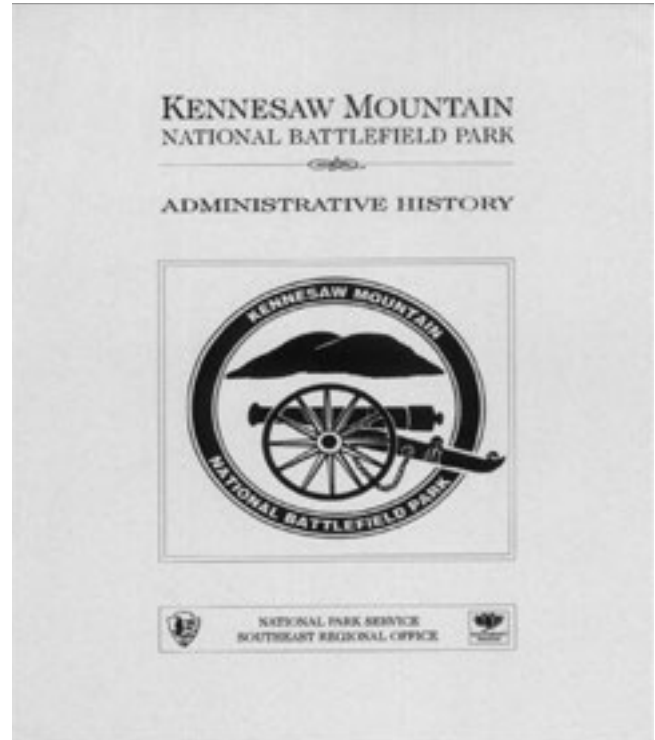
Friends of Kennesaw Mountain



Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park - Administrative History.

A very interesting and informative article concerning KMNBP can be found at <http://npshistory.com/publications/kemo/adhi.pdf>. This is a 92 page article on a brief history of the Kennesaw Mountain area and the efforts to establish and maintain the Battlefield Park, through 1992, that we so love and admire.

Fred Feltmann



Turkey Time

This ain't no turkey of a Thanksgiving "thankful" message. Oh, what a year 2020 has been (and not over yet!).

In fact the year has been so tumultuous that I'm writing this line now instead of waiting until the end of the article: "**Don't let the turkeys get you down.**"

What a way to think about things; and I can't even find out where or why that phrase originated or struck me. Maybe it's in my thoughts because of

the season, time change, eating or getting together. Some of those things we can do and some not so much. Sometimes the weather can be so nice, great to get out and walk, enjoy the outdoors or maybe it's dreary and one just wants to stay down inside. Of course the time change affects a lot of people; fall back, spring forward whatever the heck it is, it's just a downer as far as I'm concerned. I certainly remember one year the time changed the night before a "special" work day and people had not yet adjusted, thus not on time to start work (didn't get me down, as I waited for others to show up while culverts were being pulled from the mud). And fall used to be vacation time for us, well not this year- where ya gonna go? Wow, that's a downer.

Just recently heard that people will be cooking "smaller" turkeys this year; that fits pretty well with how much has been going on at the park this year; a whole lot of smaller (fewer) activities. That means less social gathering, less work projects and not able to get together at the restaurant for wrap up briefing (eat). Smaller turkey means few family and friends for Thanksgiving dinner. Also, it has been many months since we've been able to eat out and socialize. In fact turkeys are social birds, they stick together as a unit and rely on a pecking order or a system of dominance. So, like we are now, don't crowd any one's space.

Where are (at least I think so, as I've seen them) a lot of wild Turkeys at Kennesaw Mountain. Maybe you've never seen one; and, I didn't for many years. A long time ago a fellow worker said that he saw them frequently and then after he said that the very next weekend we saw several along Old Mountain Road. I mentioned that I'd finally seen a wild turkey to a friend who lives close to the park and he said, "oh ya they're all around" and that baby turkeys feed in his yard. Now that you know they're around and you're not able to work in the park maybe you'll see some (not saying, that you shouldn't work in the park - just that turkeys don't stick around when shovels and pulaskis are in use).

Oh, by the way the wild turkeys fly; once while driving, at dusk, we had a near miss with one on Dallas Hwy., just east of John Ward Rd. Also, male turkeys may become aggressive; so give them their space. And, wild turkeys fly



up to spend the night sleeping on tree branches. Maybe that's where the phrase came from; a turkey may drop out of a tree and get you down. Oh my, then you may start to worry about that pecking order thing and they can run, fly and they're aggressive when provoked. Good gosh, who would think about all that stuff from a simple phrase?

They perk up and don't get to feeling down; it's holiday time, pumpkins, candy,

cool days and a warm meal will make you feel good. Oh sure there's a whole lot of information about turkeys; in fact turkeys and chickens are the only two birds which have been domesticated not to fly. Remember that at one time a turkey was proposed to be the national bird. What a downer to the turkey being beat out by an eagle. Never heard, "Don't let the chickens get you down", "Eagle?"

Hope, it's all about the turkey; hope that you get to see some while hiking the park. But remember they're a lot like us, they like to get together, keep their social distance, protect their area, have a leader and sleep in trees (at least the wild ones do).

Stay upbeat and safe for the Holidays and as always be thankful for all that you have. Thanks,

Doug Tasse



Photo by Bill Gurry

A Day In The Life Of A Trail Ambassador - 10/5/20

We arrived around 11 AM on a beautiful, cool day.

First thing we noticed was folks up on the VC roof and 2 repair trucks parked near the pavilion.

We took the VC cutoff trail to the Brumby Trail, around the CCC camp and Brumby Trail all the way to the Little K cut off trail and returned via Picket Line trail.

Most of the 55 visitors and 10 dogs on leash we saw were seen by the time we got to the CCC Camp.

At the CCC Camp we were surprised to see 3 houses under construction right on the Park boundary.

There was also a nice new wayside at the CCC Camp site.



Between the CCC camp and the Little K cut off trail every down hill is steep and very eroded down to rock. Lots of wildlife, a buck, 3 does, heard an owl and saw an impressive spider and web.

On the return leg we found a female visitor down from a fall. Her companion had already called 911. We stayed with her until fire, NPS LE and paramedics arrived. At the CCC camp Anne Page directed a fire gator with a stretcher to the injured person. They had used the new ELM signs to direct the paramedics to their location. See page 2, herein.

At the Mountain Road cross walk a small dog had slipped its leash. Fortunately, cars stopped until the owner regained control. The friendly dog immediately slipped the leash again and came over to us. So we made friends until the owner arrived.

Arriving at the VC we ran into Ranger Jake. He told us about a new app that works off the emergency numbers posted throughout the park: MyUSNG. Jake is to join Jay's presentation via Zoom to Cobb County Newcomers on 20 Oct. Jay will send Jake his slides.

We went to the VC for the first time to see how it is set up for Covid. Anne Page helped a family new to Kennesaw who had no masks by getting them hiking maps and explaining their hiking options. Their question was "***is there any place to hike around here?***"

VC gardens in great shape including flowering asters, ageratum, Indian pinks and azaleas.

A patrol to remember.

Best Regards,

Anne Page & Jay Haney



Indian Pink at VC

*Photos on this page
taken by Anne Page.*

Leave No Trace ~ Awareness Workshop

Saturday, November 21 at 10:00 am

Leave No Trace State Advocate and Master Educator Jay Dement will present a two hour workshop exploring the seven Leave No Trace principles. Participants will gain an increased understanding of the impacts visitors make and how to mitigate them. In addition there will be a review of the Authority of the Resource Technique for approaching people in the Park.

This session is open to everyone interested in being a better steward of the trails at Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park especially Trail Ambassadors. In addition to covering the principles participants will also learn about the education and research of the Leave No Trace Center for Outdoor Ethics.

Kennesaw Mountain Trail Ambassadors attending will receive a patch for their uniforms. This program will be held virtually on Saturday, November 21, 2020 at 10:00 am. By registering below you will receive the login credentials Friday November 20.

<https://forms.gle/REsThucPC64mvfug9>



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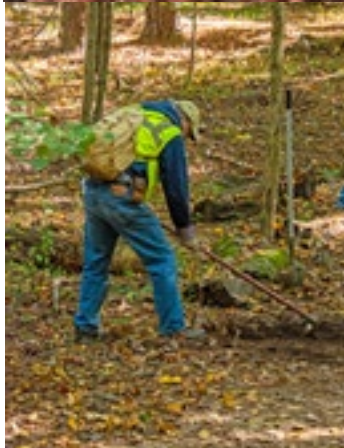
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NPS Website	https://www.nps.gov.KEMO
Facebook Page	http://www.facebook.com/kmtcsocial
Volunteer Sign-up website	http://signup.com/go/VvavYQj

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10/17/20 Work Day

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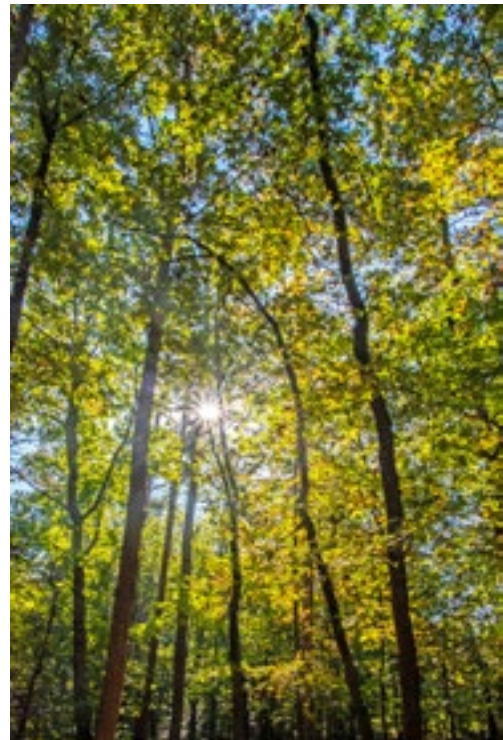
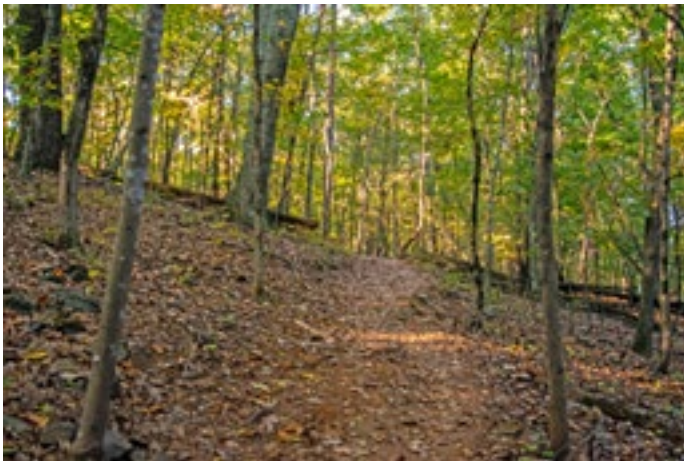


Photo, above, by Scott Mackay.

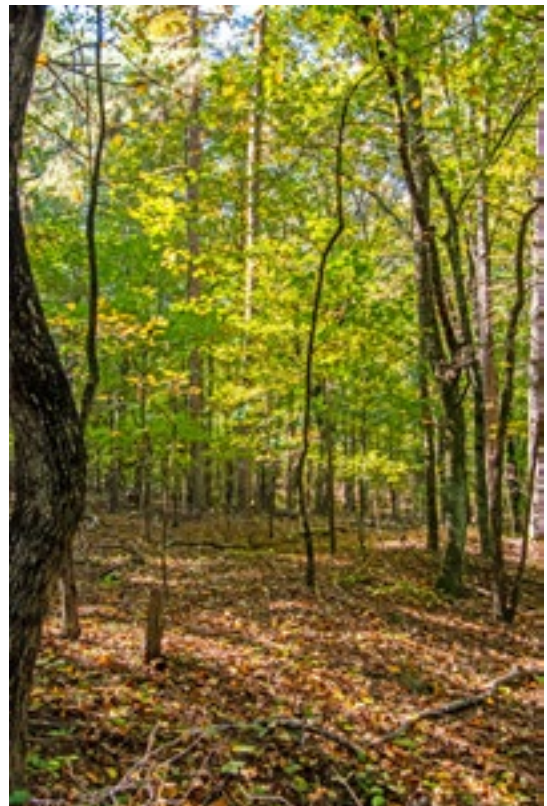


A Walk In The Park - On The 24-Gun Trail

Photos by Fred Feltmann - 10/17/20



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Sponsors/Partners Corner

Many thanks to our Sponsors and Partners for their support!



<http://americanhiking.org>



KENNESAW MOUNTAIN NATIONAL BATTLEFIELD PARK

Trail Maintenance Map

