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Workday 10-08-22

On Wednesday, October 5, Andy, Tom, Bob, Bill, and Mike staged the last 470-plus 10' stack rail fence rails to the top of Big K. Mike had to redo his geometry and fence rail count. The old fencing was 8' long while the new is 10' long.

On Friday, October 7, Andy met with Mike in maintenance and arranged for tools and equipment for Saturday.

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We had 12 crew leaders and for the workday. They were Andy, Tom, Eric, Curt, Scott, Raj, Robert, Donald, Bill, and Geoff. Fred took pictures. We had 84 volunteers and Trail Ambassadors Rena, Wendy, Gayle, Yvonne, Laurie, Debbie, Renu, and Karen do the registration, they then made their way to the top to direct traffic.

On Saturday, Andy, Eric, Tom, Todd, Curt Scott, Raj, Robert, Donald, Fred, Bill, and Geoff got a very early start drilling holes in the new fence rails at the top and getting things ready for the multitudes. Upon arrival, the volunteers began dismantling the old fence. We had to move the existing rebar supports because the old fencing had 8' rails and the new fencing has 10' rails. Removal of the old rebar in the old fencing proved more difficult and time consuming than anticipated, and, surprise, surprise, when driving the relocated rebar supports into the ground, we encountered rocks. Despite the challenges, four sections around the four cannons at the top of the mountain were rebuilt. The fencing was removed from the north face of the mountain, due to time restraints the new fencing was not installed.

On Wednesday, October 19 Andy, Bill, Eric, and Mike finished putting up fencing on top of the north face of the

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Please Welcome Danny Lee!

Please welcome Danny Lee. He joins the NPS staff for the coming year as the Community Volunteer Ambassador and will be assisting Amanda Corman manage the various volunteer groups at Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park.



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mountain. The three bad 8' sections were removed on the workday. They installed ten new 10' sections.

A class will be held Saturday, October 22. This is for those that are either training to be crew leaders (required) or for anyone interested in learning about what it takes to maintain our trails.

The next workday will be Saturday, November 12. Work will be done on the Pigeon Hill side of Little Kennesaw and depending on the number of volunteers, Pigeon Hill.

Mike Collett
KMTTC Trails Director



*On The Marietta Square
Photo by Rena Bailey*

December Newsletter Deadline

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

“Earthworks” is published monthly by the Kennesaw Mountain Trails Club.

Editor: Fred Feltmann
770-516-9120

E-mail: faf1948@bellsouth.net

Additional Volunteers needed! Call today!

COVID-19 Policy Update

COVID-19 levels within Cobb County has been lowered to Medium.

Because of this change within the COVID numbers, masks are not required in federal buildings.

It is your choice to wear a masks in the park’s Visitor Center. Park management will continue to monitor the COVID levels for the county and will inform everyone if there is a change. For current levels for Cobb County:

<https://tinyurl.com/29hmmmap4>

If you have any questions please contact me at KEMO_Volunteer@nps.gov or 770-427-4686 x0.

Sincerely,

Amanda Corman
Park Ranger/Volunteer Coordinator
Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park
770-427-4686 x0

Grant Received

The Friends received a grant from ExtremeTerrain’s Clean Trail Grant Program. It will be “ear marked” for a Trail Club project.



ExtremeTerrain’s Clean Trail Grant Program
GET \$250 FOR A TRAIL IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

Newsletter Sign-up

Would you like to receive our newsletter? To sign up, click on the following link: <http://eepurl.com/gKjX1n> Complete and submit this form. You’ll be added to our subscription list.

Wish to unsubscribe? Simply follow the instructions at the bottom of the email forwarding the newsletter link, and you’ll be permanently removed from our mailing list. To re-subscribe, you will need to use a different email address - removal is permanent for the original email address!

The Potential Merger of the Friends of Kennesaw Mountain and the Kennesaw Mountain Trail Club

October 25, 2022

Dear KMTC Members and Volunteers,

Some of you may have heard that KMTC is looking at possibly consolidating the Friends of Kennesaw Mountain with the KMTC. At our KMTC Annual Business Meeting held on September 17th, a motion was voted on and approved by those in attendance to form a due diligence committee by KMTC members to consider this consolidation to present this to the KMTC members to vote on in 2023.

With this in mind, we are reaching out to our KMTC members to consider being part of this committee. Raj Gupta, our new KMTC Vice President will chair this committee along with Jerry Givan, KMTC Information/Technology Director. More information will be provided as we proceed with this motion.

Please reach out to Raj Gupta at - rajan@desipilot.com if you would like to be part of this committee or have any questions about this committee.

Thank you.

Donald Olds

President KMTC

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 2022 (October 2021-September 2022 and Fiscal 2023 (October 2022-Present):

FY 2022

ALLATOONA HIGH SCHOOL HONOR SOCIETY

ALLATOONA HS NJROTC

ATLANTA OUTDOOR CLUB (AOC)

BSA TROOP 2319

HILLGROVE HS NJROTC

KENNESAW STATE UNIVERSITY (KSU)

LINCOLN TECH

MARIETTA HS SPORTSMANS CLUB

McEACHERN HIGH SCHOOL

MOUNT PARAN

WHEELER HS, HELPING HANDS



FY 2023

ALLATOONA HS NJROTC

ATLANTA OUTDOOR CLUB (AOC)

HILLGROVE HS NJROTC

MARIETTA HS SPORTSMANS CLUB

This Past Month's Volunteers

ALLATOONA HS NJROTC

ATLANTA OUTDOOR CLUB (AOC)

HILLGROVE HS NJROTC

KENNESAW STATE CROSS COUNTRY TEAM

We had 84 volunteers from the above groups, along with several individuals participate in this month's work day. Thanks for everyone's help this month! We had 19 members of the Trail Club supporting this effort (crew leaders, Trail Ambassadors and Board members) - thanks as well!

10/22/22 Crew Leader Training

We had 5 attend this class. Mike taught the class and Fred assisted. Of the 5 attending, 2 were taking it as a refresher class; neither participated as a crew leader for over two years; 2 were looking at becoming crew leaders (and supporting future Eagle Scout projects) and 1 was taking the course to become a Junior Crew Leader.

Mike Collett

Trails Director, KMTC

“Other” Volunteers Needed!



Interested in being more active with the Trail Club (or the Friends), but don't want to do Crew Leader or Trail Ambassador work? See page 8 for a list of activities/functions needed to maintain the organizations and contact the various department heads to volunteer!

Crew Leader & Trail Ambassador Positions Available!

Contact Mike Collett (regarding Crew Leader positions) or Gayle McAllister/Wendy Turner (Trail Ambassador positions) if interested.

A training class for prospective Crew Leaders will be held 8 am - noon on October 22nd. See page 2 for more details.

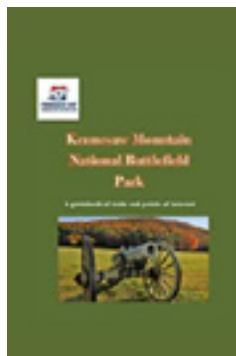
A training class for prospective Trail Ambassadors will be announced shortly.

Mike Collett - trails@kennesawmountaintrailclub.org

Gayle McAllister/Wendy Turner - ambassador@kennesawmountaintrailclub.org

Trail Ambassador Training Class

A Trail Ambassador Training Class will be held January 14, 2023 in the Education Room at the Visitor Center. Contact Gail McAllister or Wendy Turner at [mbassador@kennesawmountaintrailclub.org](mailto:ambassador@kennesawmountaintrailclub.org) for more information.



Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park Guidebook

The Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park Guidebook sponsored by the Friends of KMNBFP is now available on Amazon.

Donor's Corner A Special Thanks!

Each year we have members and volunteers who donate their time and talent in support of all the happenings at Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park. Following is a list, in alphabetical order, of the members and sponsors who have donated during October, 2021 through September, 2022.

Annual Donations to date: Financial calendar is October - September)

2022

\$2664.73

AMAZON SMILES
HARRY CARPENTER
MICHAEL ELWELL
FRED & ANDREA FELTMANN
GAM GRAHAM
ANNE PAGE & JAY HANEY
TOM OKERBERG
LOREN & PATTI PLISCO
CURT SPINNEY
DAVID & PAMELA YERDEN



Four Ways To Donate

You can support the Friends in 4 ways:

1. Directly through our website - <http://www.kennesawmountaintrailclub.org>
2. Through Guidestar (Network for Good) - <https://tinyurl.com/ra4d8dj>
3. Through Amazon Smile (By way of donations when you make a purchase on Amazon) - <https://smile.amazon.com/> -set up/log in and search for "KEMO Trails Corps"
4. Send a tax deductible contribution to:

Kennesaw Mountain Trail Club
Attn: Tom Okerberg
Whitlock Accounting Services
739 Kennesaw Avenue NW
Marietta, Ga. 30060

Thanks for your support!

2023/2024 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 2023/2024 big “ask.” We need your help with this, even small donations help. We will conclude this drive at the end of FY 2024 (September, 2024).

As we approach our 21st year in operation, we ask you to please think ‘21’, like \$21.. \$42.. \$63..... \$210... \$2100. 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.

* Our Corporate name is KEMO Trail Corps, Inc., an IRS 501(c)(3) non-profit corporation.



Kennesaw Mountain Trail Club Calendar

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Event</u>
11/12	8:30 am - noon	Pigeon Hill Parking Lot	November Work Day
12/10	8:30 am - noon	TBD	December Work Day
01/14	8:30 am - noon	TBD	January, 2023 Work Day - probably will be cancelled because of weather!
01/14	9:30 am - noon	Visitor Center	Trail Ambassador Training Class

The horse trail crossing on John Ward Creek on the Kolb Farm East Trail is closed until further notice because of the treacherous creek crossing there.

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

See page 16 for NPS/KEMO sponsored events.

Register for Our Work Days!

Be sure to register online for our Work Days at tinyurl.com/27ef2vph. 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:

We are back in the business of trail maintenance! See the sign-up links, above. We are still limiting our numbers, but anyone one is now welcome to sign-up.

The Trail Club will provide supervision and tools. Volunteers should wear work clothes and closed toed shoes. Participants are encouraged to bring their own water, work gloves and masks. The NPS Volunteer Service Agreement and COVID forms are required, signed by a parent or guardian, if the student is under 18 years old. The forms are available on the trail club web site: <http://www.kennesawmountaintrailclub.org/volunteer.php>

Parking and registration will be in the field next to the Pigeon Hill Parking lot - drive to the gate at the end of the parking lot to gain entrance to the temporary work day parking area. Vehicle Entrance Passes will issued at registration.

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 trails@kennesawmountaintrailclub.org at least 4 weeks in advance. Trail work can be performed any day of the week.

We work closely with the Park Service and assist the park staff by providing critically needed volunteer effort to install signs, build bridges, and maintain the 20+ miles of trails. Since our beginning in 2002, through 10/21/2021, the Trail Club has donated over 282,000 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.

The Friends of Kennesaw Mountain Are Looking For A Few Good Folks!

Like the Trail Club, the Friends have many opportunities for volunteers to provide services to the Park. Here are a few select ones:

Butterfly Garden & Plant Nursery Coordinator - This individual would work with the NPS staff at the park to coordinate volunteer projects around the Park

Citizen Science Program Coordinator - This individual would work with the NPS staff to coordinate volunteer projects around the Park regarding such things as:

- Compile data to monitor health in the park
- Water sampling
- Bird species counts
- Flowering plant species counts
- Effects of our changing climate

160th Anniversary (2024) Coordinator - This individual would head up a volunteer group to coordinate various activities with the NPS staff to conduct the 160th Anniversary of the Battle for Kennesaw Mountain.

Activities might be:

- Fundraising
- Parking
- Food logistics for feeding the various volunteers
- General logistics
- Publicity
- Hospitality Services

Endowment Fund Chair - Coordinate/lead the activities necessary to establish an Endowment Fund for the Friends:

- Policies
- Publicity
- Establish a core group to manage it

Legal Secretary

For more information on these positions, contact Scott Mackay - President@TheFriendsOfKMNBP.onmicrosoft.com

Midway Covenant Christian School Field Trip

On Wednesday, October 19th, Donald Olds guided a group of about 27 students from Midway Covenant Christian School made up of 6th ,7th , & 8th graders, their Teacher, and 6 parents, who helped with work on the fencing on the Environmental Trail and did a great job.

Lawri Pappell
Secretary, KMTC

Expect delays at Dallas Hwy and Whitlock Ave

Some work continues on the trail segment along Whitlock Ave, and some delays can still be expected. Significant delays are expected along Dallas Highway/Whitlock Avenue between John Ward Road and Cheatham Hill Drive. Crews will be working in the area from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on weekdays, and road capacity will be reduced to one lane.

Traffic delays are expected to be worse in the afternoon in the westbound direction. Alternate routes are recommended.

For more information, contact Cobb DOT at 770-528-1623. Expected completion is July 30, 2023. Click [here](#) for general info on Cobb County projects.

See also:

<http://www.cobbcommute.org/1311#> - Dallas Hwy

<http://www.cobbcommute.org/1257#> - Cheatham Hill Rd.

Proposed and Existing Trails in Cobb County

For those who would like to know what the existing trails in Cobb County are, check out <https://geo-cobbcountyga.hub.arcgis.com/apps/55470d12c0814f1f8c68e96724610e87/explore>.

Regarding proposed trails for Cobb County, check out the following link:

<https://www.cobbcounty.org/transportation/planning/trails>. This website has both proposed and current trail maps.



Park Update Notes

- Thank you for the painted rock clean up!
- Road safety study open house occurred (Cobb DOT, Marietta, Park, Kelly Horn) final report is pending
- Bathrooms at Illinois Monument parking to start in December
- New Automated Parking kiosks installed
 - Visitor Center Parking Lot
 - Pigeon Hill Parking Lot
 - Cheatham Hill Drive Parking Lot (Illinois Monument)
 - Cheatham Hill Rd. Parking Lot
- Road to summit is a future project study in progress
- New signage about the park history is coming
- More special speakers are being planned for over the winter
- Reforestation project - April (Plant hardwood trees at various locations within Park boundaries)
- Bicycle racks & multi-use trails to complete in June 23
- Construction of new trail from Brumby Trail to New Salem will occur this winter/spring
- 160th battle planning will be starting in January 23 (monthly meetings)
- Cannon Restoration - 23 cannons
 - All cannon barrels are from the Civil War
 - All carriages are replicas and will be refurbished/rebuilt
- EV Charging Stations
 - A joint NPS/Friends study is being done to install EV charging stations at various parking lots in the Park.

Patrick Gamman

Superintendent

Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park

Park Updates

Carlos Hurston, NPS

(These are in addition to those noted above!)

Kudos to Ladrick from coming in working OT on this past Saturday for NPS Lands Day to assist with volunteers in the paint rock cleaning. The KEMO post made NPS headlines.

Law Enforcement has a new Ranger, Jasmine Jones. She is a permanent Law Enforcement Ranger.

David and Zoe, did a tremendous job with the trail rehabilitation work on Camp Brumby trail. You will now be able to access the fire road with government vehicle, emergency vehicle as well as gators.

We have been given approval from SEAC/Ga. Historic Preservation office to begin the trail reroute at the s-curve at Burnt Hickory. This is priority number one this fall and we will start the trail reroute soon. I have asked Mike Collett for assistance from the Trail Club.

Michael Christman has created a pollinator garden as well as adding enhancements to the landscaping around the Visitor Center, it looks amazing. Through Michael's hard work and expertise the garden now attracts gold finches, hummingbirds, bees, monarch butterflies. I have received numerous compliments on the garden this year; job well done. This is all apart of an historical landscaping garden project that has been approved by region(Our fee dollars at work). We will be continuing with upgrades throughout the fall.

Could You Be A Story Teller?

It happened some time ago; having lunch with a friend and all of a sudden he says, you know you (I) should take some art lessons. Never! Why should I?

I thought for a moment about what he had said and decided not to come right back with a comment; unusual for me - I know. Anyway, the more that I thought about it, I decided, why not do it. Who knew that there is a summer Art Camp close by. I thought what a terrific opportunity; so I signed up (registered) and found that it was so much fun. Not so hard to get up; having some place to go and being with people having similar interests. Got to wear my artsy clothes, use and experiment with the various brushes and styles that were taught. Hey, it was fun

and I was learning new techniques. And another good thing was that a few of us started getting together for breakfast before going to camp and, after what sometimes seemed like a grueling session of Art, a bunch of us would go for lunch and talk things over. Good times.

Pretty interesting story, right? Well, that's what it is; a story. But one that was adapted from some experiences. A story has characteristics like the interpretation of thoughts, how one is influenced by telling or reading, are there certain gestures or lines that make one seem vulnerable to believing it. Also is the story useful and welcoming; like do you want to hear more.

Now, consider the sketch of an elephant on the trail, looking for a pumpkin and a guitar player in the background. Bet you could make up a story about that. Having an opportunity to volunteer and work a Trail Day or just go out and enjoy the park will lead to you telling some wonderful stories. You may not feel that you're thanked for what you do, but you know what you've done or seen and I'll bet that you can't wait to tell someone about it sometime. A good story to pass on.

Thanks!

Doug Tasse



Park Safety

As peaceful and as quiet as our park is, that comfort can be easily broken. Somebody falls, or there is an argument that turns into a shouting match or worse; it doesn't take much. As a frequent hiker, I thought that a review of the 911 procedures needed to be addressed.

1. 911 calls - If it is an emergency on a city street, it is an emergency at the park. The only difference is that in the park we look for the blue and white GPS markers, rather than street signs. (Or use the MyUSNG or USNGApp ap on your phone to find your location) Do not trivialize an emergency! Examples: shouting match over a parking spot (can escalate and de-escalate quickly), serious injury or physical assault, etc.

Following any call to 911, contact the park (770-427-4686) and follow-up with another call to 911, to check on the status of the response.

2. Non-emergency - Put this phone number in your phone 770-499-3911 - Examples: refusing to move a vehicle, dog not on a leash, etc.

By calling the non-emergency number instead of 911, you put a 3rd person into the communication who determines if it is an emergency or not. Cobb County will notify the Park's Law Enforcement if necessary. If a visitor reports a possible crime to you as a fellow hiker, please ask them to report it to law enforcement.

As most of you know, cell phone service is generally pretty reliable in the park. There are a few dead spots, most of those are near Big K. If you catch one, just move about 15' to 20' and you should be good.

Regardless of what happens, the most important thing is that we take care of ourselves. We can't be of much use in an emergency, if we aren't in a position to help. Remember, our family and friends are counting on us coming home tonight!

Have a great day!

Rena Bailey



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 provide volunteers and raise funding to support activities such as:

- Visitor & Away Events
- Transportation, Housing, and Feeding of volunteer groups (example: Living History, Student Conservation Association, Invasive Plants Team)
- Museum Upgrades and Indoor and Outdoor Exhibit Additions (& the Wallis House)
- Restrooms, Parking, and Picnic Area Facilities
- Trails, Fire Roads, and Bridges Maintenance
- Educational Day Trips and Vacation Camps
- Volunteer-In-Park Training Programs

The ultimate goal is to create endowments for the most significant expense items and move them toward a sustainable and perpetual self-funded status that reduces the need for these items to rely on federal budget support.

KMTC Contact List - Updated 9/17/22

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KMTC Website		http://kennesawmountaintrailclub.org/
NPS Website		https://www.nps.gov/KEMO
Facebook Page		http://www.facebook.com/kmtcsocial
Volunteer Sign-up website*		www.tinyurl.com/27ef2vph

* updated

10/8/22 Work Day



Photos by Fred Feltmann



Photos by Bill Gurry



Above - Before

Above - After



Above - Way before!

Below - more photos by Fred Feltmann



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<http://kennesawmountaintrailclub.org>

National Public Lands Day

By Scott Mackay and Rena Bailey

National Public Lands Day (NPLD) is celebrated annually at public lands in the United States on the fourth Saturday of September. A signature event of the National Environmental Education Foundation, it promotes both popular enjoyment and volunteer conservation of public lands.

Three federal agencies and 700 volunteers launched the first National Public Lands Day in 1994. By 2010, participation grew to 170,000 volunteers at over 2,000 sites across the country, the District of Columbia and U.S. territories.

The Park's Superintendent, Patrick Gamman challenged the combined groups, the KMTC and the Friends of Kennesaw Mountain (FOKM), with pulling together a small group of community volunteers for cleaning off the graffiti in an area known to the park rangers as 'painted rock' on National Public Lands Day. Scott Mackay, President FOKM and Rena Bailey, Community Volunteer Director KMTC, agreed to take on the challenge.

The date was set for Saturday, September 24 (4th Saturday in September) and the time was 8:30 am to 1:30 pm. Lunch was to be provided.

First, we had to obtain the volunteers. LCDR Ron Hojnowski, Hillgrove JROTC agreed to send 10 to 12 cadets with 2 parent supervisors despite the first major competition of the school year for the group. With lunches to be provided, we needed a 'hard' number so we wouldn't have to eat some lunches (pardon the pun).

Second, we had to obtain all of the necessary materials. Enter Carlos Hurston, Chief of Maintenance, David Browne, KEMO Trails Worker and Ladrick Downie, KEMO Work Leader. The needed materials included spray cleaners, face masks, protective gloves, water (and lots of it), rags, and steel brushes.

Third, we had to obtain the protein dense snacks and water to feed some hungry teens that were going to have to wait until 1 pm for lunch. That became trail mix, peanut butter pretzels, and mixed nuts.

Finally, we had to get the approval of the 'weather gods' that had not been very cooperative of late.

'Wendy's husband' (aka James Turner) was to be the photographer.

Saturday morning rolled in with the most beautiful weather and 9 smiling cadets with 2 parent supervisors. We had a quick orientation and off they went to the worksite.

Scott and Rena ran the 4-seater gator and Ranger Amanda Corman, Volunteer Coordinator and Danny Lee, Community Volunteer Ambassador (CVA) ran the van, up and down the mountain. Ladrick Downie, KEMO Work Leader was the Crew Leader.

The work turned out to be more labor intensive than was anticipated but who knows how many layers of paint went into all of those drawings. Most were no bigger than about 18".

We have to extend a special thank you to all, and we do mean ALL of the people who carried the supplies from the parking lot to the actual work site. That included multiple trips, yes up hill, with James Turner being cavalier to carry a double load part of the way. (He actually volunteered, but he will tell you that a certain individual 'made' him do it.)

Lunch was provided by Publix and was set up in the picnic area. That was the quietest lunch we had heard in a long time!

The end result was impressive. Once again, the cadets from Hillgrove JROTC did themselves proud and completed over half of the work. All of the cadets wanted to return to complete the job. That date has been set for, Saturday, November 19th.

Time will tell for the 'sequel', but we are sure that the results will be equally as impressive!

PS: It should be noted that we would rather have been working on other things in the park but when inconsiderate people choose to vandalize the beauty of our national park, this type of work rises to a priority. We are hoping the few people who created this graffiti will be caught and receive the full extent of federal law. (Yes, this is federal land so it is a federal crime!)



Photo by Scott Mackay.

Above - Before
Below - After



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Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park Interpretive Programs for November

*All outdoor programs are weather- dependent.

*All programs are held at the Visitor Center unless otherwise noted.

Museum Tours every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday @2:00 pm!

November 6 @ @11 am: Pigeon Hill Hike

“Presently, and as if by magic, there sprung from the earth a host of men, and in one long, waving line of blue the infantry advanced.”- General Samuel French. Some of the toughest fighting of the war occurred on a small spur just below the dual- peaks of Kennesaw. This Ranger- led hike will describe the futile Union assault and the Confederate defense of Pigeon Hill. We will meet at the Pigeon Hill parking area (GPS Coordinates: 33.963276, -84.594391) and will go up the rocky slope. The hike is moderate, so bring good shoes and plenty of water.

November 12 @ 11,12, 2, & 3 pm: Artillery Demonstrations

Artillery was a vital component to the operations of both armies during the Atlanta Campaign and played a key role in several engagements during the Battle of Kennesaw Mountain. Come and join us to learn a little about Civil War artillery and see our living historians fire one in person!

November 13 @ 11, 12, 2, & 3 pm: Infantry Demonstrations

Come on out and see our living history volunteers and Rangers set up camp right next to the Visitor Center and live life for a day as Civil War infantryman. Rifle firings will occur at the above- specified times. We will also go over basic drill, school of the soldier, arms and accoutrements and even food and disease.

November 19 @ 11: Sharpshooters of the Civil War

Before there were specialized snipers in the military, sharpshooters made their mark on the battlefield. Join a ranger on this short talk/walk on the history of this fascinating branch of the military and its role in the American Civil War.

November 20 @ 11: Life of a Soldier

Life for the average Civil War soldier was anything but easy. Long marches, bad food, and terrible battlefield conditions made this a rough life for the young men in the Union and Confederate armies. This short and interactive ranger program details the lives of these soldiers during the Atlanta Campaign.

November 26 @ 11: Western & Atlantic Railroad Talk

This history talk will discuss the major railroad central to the Atlanta Campaign. Being utilized by both sides, the Western & Atlantic Railroad was a major lifeline and transportation artery. This talk will be held in the park’s Education Center located in the Visitor Center.

November 27 @ 11: Guided Mountaintop Hike

This Ranger- led hike will take you roughly 1 mile up to the peak of Big Kennesaw Mountain. Along the way, you’ll learn about the flora/ fauna of the area and the history that shapes us from pre- history, through Civil War and on to today. The hike is semi- strenuous so bring water and good shoes.

*** For more program details, please contact Visitor Center at 770-427-4686, ext. 0, or visit our website at

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Leave No Trace Sustainer Course

On Saturday November 5, 2022 the Sustainer Course will be offered to all Trail Ambassadors and club members. It will be held in the Visitor Center at Kennesaw Mountain NBP from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm. This program covers the seven principles of Leave No Trace as they apply at KEMO. It is intended for Trail Ambassadors as well as anyone interested in becoming more familiar with the principles.



The seven Leave No Trace Principles of Outdoor Ethics provide a decision framework on how to lessen one's impact on the fragile environment. With this understanding we can make better decisions on how we recreate in the woods, and help others.

The class is taught by long time club member, Trail Ambassador and Leave No Trace Master Educator Jay Dement. Master Educator CJ Bradbury a Trail Ambassador with the Georgia Appalachian Trail Club will be the co-leader. Participants will receive a patch for the uniform and a certificate of completion.

To register click on the following link <https://forms.gle/G1pcyPKEgg2FTUNm7>. Direct questions to jay@jayDphotos.com.



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John Ward Creek Crossing Closed to Horseback Riders

Kennesaw, GA – Effective immediately, the John Ward Creek crossing just south of the Illinois Monument is closed to horseback riders until further notice. This closure stems from a safety concern due to hazardous conditions relating to an unstable streambed. The closure affects the creek crossing between Milepost 3.5 and Milepost 4 of the Kolb's Farm East Trail.

Superintendent Patrick Gamman states, "We are concerned for the safety of all park users. Crossing John Ward Creek at this section of the trail poses a risk that we want to alert our horse community to, as it could potentially cause harm to both horse and rider. We will be working as quickly as possible to mitigate this problem."

Please contact the park at 770-427-4686 or visit the park's website at www.nps.gov/kemo for further information.

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