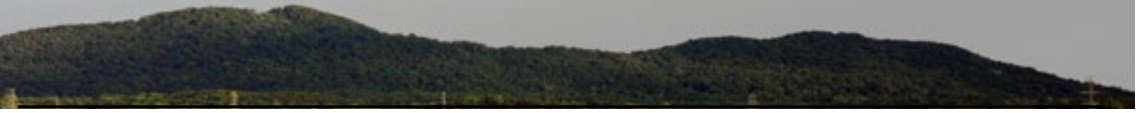




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Current NPS Covid 19 Status - As of 7/28/21

- There is a mask mandate for all persons to wear masks while indoors in the Visitor Center.
- The theater has closed until further notice - the NPS will not be showing the film at this time.

Workday 9/25/21 - Public Lands Day

Bill Gurry

A long delayed project on the Environmental Trail was continued on Saturday, 9/25. We planned this about two years ago, and then got delayed by the COVID pandemic and other pressing needs.

Mike, Bill, Donald, Scott, Geoff, Rich, Robert, Fred, Todd and drivers Scott, Danny, and Rena (yes, Rena - you read

that right) led volunteers to build still another turnpike on the north side of the environmental trail, cover roots and erosion on the south side, and debarbed a number of places. Now, we need a lot of feet, a lot of rain, and some time to see how we did. We're about half finished with this project.

On Friday, Mike, Donald, Bob, and Bill staged material to prepare for the workday.

Thanks to all.

The next workday is October 9, 2021. Mike Collett is taking over as Trail Boss.

I have enjoyed being the Trail Boss these last few years and would like to thank everyone, especially the Park staff, for all the good help I received. See you in the Park.

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9/4/21. Photo by
Mike Collett

November 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 October 20th!

Newsletter 1

<http://kennesawmountaintrailclub.org>

Annual Business Meeting - Election of Officers

On Saturday, September 18, 2021, at the Annual Business Meeting, Bob Brier moved that the slate of officers nominated for the 2021-2022 Officers/Directors be approved. All seconded the motion and motion passed unanimously for the 2021-2022 new/current Officer's and Director's as follows:

President - Vacant

Donald Olds – Vice President

Tom Okerberg, Treasurer

Laurie Poppell, Secretary (Bob Brier stepped down)

Mike Collett, Trail Director (Bill Gurry stepped down)

Rena Bailey, Community Volunteers Director

Fred Feltmann, Communications/Newsletter Director

Danny Leigh, Invasive Plants Director

Jerry Given, Technology Director

Trail Ambassador Director – Vacant (Janie Brier stepped down)

Efforts will continue to recruit individuals for the positions of President and Trail Ambassador Director. Contact Donald Olds for more information regarding these positions.

Trail Ambassador Highlights - FY2021

FY 2021 saw an increase in Trail Ambassador volunteer activities. Currently there are 49 active Trail Ambassadors (TA), down from 57 at the end of 2020. Please note all volunteers in the park must now sign a volunteer agreement form yearly. January 01 – end of February is designated as the period to sign the forms.

There are 9 Trail Ambassador Candidates (TAC) who received contact information. 2 completed orientation and will be Trail Ambassadors pending completion of the Causes of the Civil War Course Conducted 4 Trail Ambassador orientations which lead to 12 new Trail Ambassadors in 2021

Trail Ambassador Training:

Jay Dement presented a Leave No Trace principles class via Zoom with 15 attending.

Jay Haney presented a Parking Fundamentals class via Zoom. The PowerPoint is on the Kennesaw Mountain

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Additional Volunteers needed! Call today!

Trail Club web site Rena Bailey, Karen Evanoff and Debbie Dement presented an in-person class on the work day registration paperwork requirements.

From OCT 01, 2020– SEP 30, 2021, TAs supported the following events:

- Ranger Led Hikes - 5
- Trail Work Days – 8

At the conclusion of the annual meeting on Saturday, September 18, 2021 my role as the Trail Ambassador Director ended. Until there is a new Trail Ambassador Director, the KMTCC Vice President, Donald Olds, will function as the acting Director. If anyone is interested in this role, I will be delighted to speak with you about the position and assist you in any way I can. It has been my privilege and honor to be the Trail Ambassador Director for the past 5 years. I could not have been successful without the strong, passionate support of such a skilled and experienced group of people. Thank you so much for all your help to me and for all you have done to serve the park and the club. I step down as director but will continue to be a Trail Ambassador! I look forward to seeing you at events and on the trails.

10/9/21 Work Day Plans

This month's work day will be conducted on the Environmental Trail. Registration will be done at the Old Highway 41 Parking Lot. Volunteers will gather at the amphitheater near the picnic area by the Visitor Center and disperse to the various work locations along the trail at 8:30 am. Registration will open at 8 am. It takes about 10 minutes to walk from the Old Highway 41 parking lot to the amphitheater.

In case of pending inclement weather, we will post a cancellation notice at least 12 hours prior to the work day on our website -

www.kennesawmountaintrailclub.org



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!

Annual Trail Director Report

Bill Gurry 9/7/21

Work days in this fiscal year remained slow due to the Covid pandemic. Trail work activities were as follows:

1st Quarter

The small workday planned for October 10 was rained out.

On October 17, 2020, eight 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, and 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.

Also in October, Chief Ranger Anthony Winegar gave us a short introduction to "Compliance" to help us understand NPS procedures. This will be useful for future planning. Afterward, Geoff, Andy, Bob, and Bill went out to clean a culvert and ditch on Gilbert Road.

On November 14, 20 KSU cross country runners and two coaches came out to do some annual maintenance on the Brumby trail and the fire road on the mountain. We had 3 sites a mile apart and each site was about 300 feet long, so we were able to distance. Thanks to crew leaders Geoff, Fred, Mike, Bruce, Bill, Donald, Coach Rich, Glenn, Eric, and the Trail Ambassadors for helping out.

On December 12, 2020, Dr. Dyal from KSU brought 3 very enthusiastic health class students to Pigeon Hill to work with Scott, Fred, Mike, Geoff, Rena, and Bill to fix a problem on the trail just below the earthworks. This trail was built long ago straight up the fall line and has been eroding for as long as I can remember. You may remember ruts a foot deep on this trail. The trail itself had eroded nearly 2 feet in places over the years. In previous years, rocks and dirt were brought in to build water bars as, other than a reroute, no other option was feasible. The effort has been largely successful. Recently, hikers had been walking around the timber water bar shown in the photo that was created to stop water from above turning the corner and eroding the trail. We added some low rock steps and a terrace to make the trail more gradual and inviting to hikers and trashed the social trail. Also, we rebuilt a rock water bar below where someone had moved the rocks and cleaned loose sand and silt out of others. This probably needs to be done every year or so.

Donald and I have taken a couple of hikes with Superintendent Patrick Gammon to view trail issues and get his guidance on repairs. We have also tweaked a couple of future work plans to be ready to go once we can start having larger work days.

I received a call from a consultant to the American Battlefield Trust who was preparing a report on how the American Battlefield Trust (ABT) can support local preservation groups. ABT sponsors park Day and gives us T shirts. I spoke to him for an hour. I also suggested that he contact Scott about the Friends group. ABT has an online survey that I forwarded to Scott.

2nd Quarter

The Trail Club had no workdays in January and February as we were at the apex of the pandemic in Georgia. We did make some trail assessment hikes with Superintendent Patrick Gammon and with crew leaders to plan future work. We also provided the Park Facilities Manager with some trail assessments for use by the Park in preparing requests for deferred maintenance funds.

On March 13 a crew leader workday rebuilt the little trail entrance fences across from Kolb's Farm and staged fence rails for the Saturday workday. Crew leaders were Cindy, Geoff, Mike, Bill, Eric, Coach Rich, Fred and Andy for the work.

On March 14 a small volunteer workday was held on the upper mountain trail on Big Kennesaw on Saturday, March 14. The always enthusiastic and hard-working Allatoona High School JNROTC provided the volunteers. We spread out from the fire road all the way to the mountain-top parking lot to build fences in 3 areas to close the pre-1973 trail up the spine of the mountain, to trash several social trails, and to perform some maintenance on old drainage structures on the "grand staircase" and a few more miscellaneous areas. Crew leaders Donald, Fred, Coach Rich, Dave Skilling, Geoff, Scott, Bruce, Fred, Cam, Eric, Dave and Sean Cauffiel, Mike, and the TAs for provided supervision, strong backs, and support.

We walked Big K on March 22 to prepare for the April workday. Our planned workday for April was cancelled.

On April 23 Bob, Bill, Geoff, Mike, Rich, and Andy built two steps on Big K using loose rocks in the trail. Due to erosion, the existing steps were too high, and hikers were finding other ways around, including walking over an earthwork. The new steps are more gradual and more inviting to hikers. After the next big rain and several thousand feet over the next couple of weeks, we'll see how they are working.

3rd Quarter

The May 8 workday was a small affair with a group from Walton high school and two other volunteers. Donald, Rich, Mike, and Fred took the volunteer group up Big K to trash social trails and the old pre 1973 trail up the spine of the mountain. Bill, Scott, and Geoff and a couple of very energetic volunteers cleaned the Big K fire road ditch, and the water from four springs was pouring down in the ditch.

On May 7 Fred, Mike and Bill updated a trail assessment

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on the Pigeon Hill and little k trails done by Eric and Bill last summer. As a result, 22 projects were identified, photographed and written up. We will walk this trail once more to complete the plan. 4 more projects were identified in other parts of the Park.

On June 6 we had an excellent workday with an energetic group of friends from REI. We added 4 terraces/steps near the last left turn as you hike up to the top of Big K using the last of Bruce's old barn timbers. I know of 5 places on the Mountain Trail that have now been improved using Bruce's timbers.

The timbers were fabricated by Eric and Bob and hauled to the top by Donald, then put in place by REI and by Bob and Eric and David and Bill and Fred. Mike and friends loaded gravel and dirt from the bottom of the grand staircase at the fire road, and Scott hauled it around to the parking lot for REI to bring down and fill between the old eroded timbers and Bruce's barn timbers making "terraces" rather than steps to encourage hikers to stay on the trail rather than walk through the woods. The barn timbers were anchored with rebar driven through the timbers into the trail by Sean, David's big strong son, who, incredibly, drove 9 rebar anchors through the timbers into the rocky trail and never hit a rock. And, of course, Donald built a new section of stack-rail fence.

A group from SCA came to KMNBP in June and July. Mike and Dave met with the SCA trainer, and Bill worked with SCA a couple of days. Dave, Mike, Fred and Bill prepared a comprehensive work plan for Pigeon Hill and little k for SCA and for future Trail Club workdays.

4th Quarter

On July 10, Mike and Dave led groups on two projects rearranging large loose rocks in the trail where the existing "steps" were too high. Thanks Andy, Fred, Bill, Scott, Bob, and Rich for joining in, and thanks to Rena for running registration.

On Saturday, 8/14/21, a group from Hillgrove JNROTC and a few other volunteers rebuilt most of the old fencing around the Illinois Monument at Cheatham Hill. The crew also cleaned the mud off of the plaza around the monument, laid logs to prevent mud from flowing onto the plaza, relocated a sign, closed a social trail, and other miscellaneous work.

Thanks to Dave, Andy, Bob, Bill, Fred, and Eric for staging the fencing materials and cutting the support blocks on Thursday ahead of time. On Saturday, thanks to Donald, Andy, Fred, Mike, Bill, and Dave and to the TAs for running the crew. Finally, thanks to Andy for returning on Monday and completing screwing the fencing together. Danny and Eric were off somewhere in the jungle dealing with those evil invasive plants.

We also want to thank David Browne of the KMNBP staff for helping out and supporting our work for staging and on workday.

No workday will be held on September 11 due to the huge number of visitors expected for the 9/11 field of Flag remembrance. A workday is being planned for September 25.

Please see the newsletters for photos.

Future Trail Work

A spreadsheet summary of work needed for each trail in the Park is attached. The Trail Club will need to meet with the Park to establish priorities for future work.

9/18/21 – Flag Removal, 9/11 Field Of Flags.

On 9/18/21, after the KMTTC Annual Business Meeting, several of the Board Members and crew leaders volunteered to help the Kiwanis Club of Marietta take down the flags that were displayed for two weeks in commemoration of the 20th Anniversary of the 9/11. Members included Donald Olds, Scott Mackay, Mike Collett, Geoff Grosgruth, Bill Gurry, and Richard Robinson, as well as myself. In addition, Andrew and Lewis Bramlett, members of the Friends of Kennesaw Mountain, also participated. We spent 6 hours on this endeavor and were well satisfied and honored to be on a mission well accomplished. Afterwards, several members of the Trail Club reconvened at Laredo's to celebrate another year of accomplishments and camaraderie.

Fred Feltmann



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

FY 2021

ALLATOONA HS NJROTC
ATLANTA OUTDOOR CLUB (AOC)
HILLGROVE HS JNROTC
ISMAILI CIVIC
KMTC CREW LEADERS
KSU CROSS COUNTRY TEAM
KSU HEALTH CLASS
REI
WALTON HIGH SCHOOL
WHEELER HIGH SCHOOL

This Past Month's Volunteers

ATLANTA OUTDOOR CLUB
ISMAILI CIVIC
WHEELER HIGH SCHOOL

We had 28 volunteers from Atlanta Outdoor Club (AOC), Ismaili Civic and Wheeler High School, along with 10 Crew Leaders, Trail Ambassadors and Board members from the Kennesaw Mountain Trail Club (KMTC)/Friends of Kennesaw Mountain participate in our September Work Day. Their efforts were a job well done! Thanks!

FY 2021 Volunteer Report

For Fy 2021, we were able to conduct 9 Work Days in spite of COVID. The size of the crews ranged from several Crew Leaders/Trail Ambassadors to volunteer



crews with as few as 4 participants up to as many as 45 (not including KMTC members.) This was a total of 145 volunteers providing 586 hours of service. (This number of service hours does not include any hours for KMTC effort to support the Work Days, nor their effort to support the day-to-day activities of the Club.)

Fy2021 Donations - To Date

A total of \$8,048 have been received to date. This is comprised of an REI Grant, \$115 in donations through Amazon Smiles, and the remainder in individual donations. Thank you for your generosity! The funds are used to pay for trail maintenance materials, snacks and drinks for work days and administrative costs associated with the day-to-day activities of the Trail Club (e.g. liability insurance, group accident insurance, etc.), most of which are mandated by state, federal or National Park Service regulations.



Crew Leader & Trail Ambassador Positions Available!

Contact Mike Collett (regarding Crew Leader positions) or Donald Olds (Trail Ambassador positions) if interested.

Mike Collett - trails@kennesawmountaintrailclub.org

Donald Olds (Interim) - ambassador@kennesawmountaintrailclub.org



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.

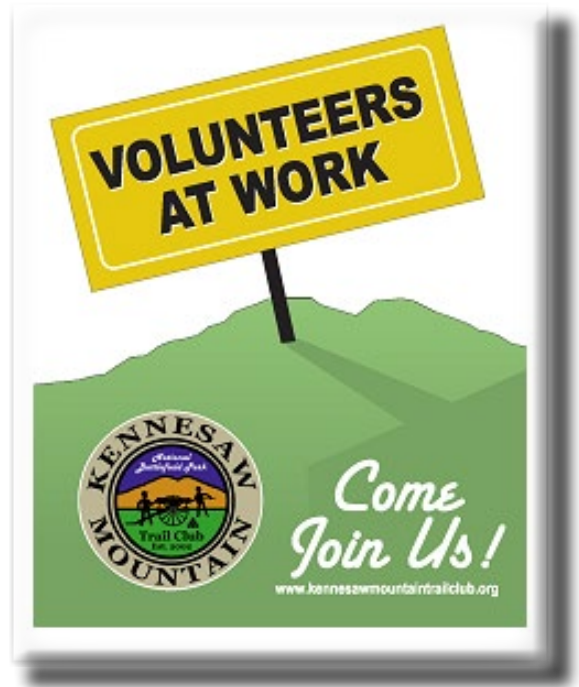
We are a nationally recognized club - having been presented the highest award in the National Park Service in 2014, “The Hartzog Award for Volunteer Group.” There are several ways to donate:

- 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

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Event</u>
10/9	8:00 am - noon	Environmental Trail Park in Old Hwy 41	KMTC Work Day Parking Lot
11/13	8:00 am - noon	TBD	KMTC Work Day
12/11	8:00 am - noon	TBD	KMTC Work Day

All NPS outdoor events at Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park are still being conducted.

See Page 17 for list of NPS Staff Events for October!

All trails are open. All parking lots, and the Mountain Rd., are open.

Visitor Center is now open, however masks are required.

The Visitor Center theater is closed - the movie will not be shown.

The Mountain Rd. is open to motorized vehicles on weekdays.

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.

Register for Our Work Days!

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

signup.com/go/QKAUKsQ. 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 **Old Highway 41 Parking Lot**. 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, the Trail Club has donated over 45,000 volunteer hours to Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park.

In case of pending inclement weather, we will post a cancellation notice at least 12 hours prior to the work day on our website - www.kennesawmountaintrailclub.org.

9/11 Thoughts In Passing

I volunteered to help at the 9/11 event. Not just because it was at the park but also because I had a cousin-in-law, a co-worker, and 4 other people from my hometown die on that morning in 2001. Also, I spent a little over a month at New York as a Red Cross volunteer helping with the search & recovery. But, even with all of that motivation I probably would still have volunteered to help with the Field of Flags just because it was at the park that I care about.

The 20th anniversary memorial ceremony was quite moving for me. It is amazing what feelings come back when the bagpipe plays amazing grace, the rifles blast out 21 shots, and the bugle plays taps. I stayed emotionally strong through all that but when they started reading the 2997 names of those people who dies that day, I turned away and started walking the flags.

As I walked I decided to pass all of the flags. I figured I could do it in less time than it would take to read all of the names but quickly learned I would need to be at a running pace to do that and at 68 years old I needed to stay at my normal hiking pace. I stopped to see every photo and read every posting that people had placed on flags. And, being in my park volunteer uniform, people would stop me to ask questions like "how long did it take to set up?" or "can you take our picture?" And, there was a lot of just "good morning, I hope you are enjoying the park."

I kept walking the flags, now more curious about how long it would take to pass 2997 flags placed 12' apart. I tried to estimate in my head but calculating while hiking is not one of my strong skills ($12' \times 2997 = 35,964$, divide that by $5280 = 6.8$ miles). Well, that math did not work anyways, maybe because the flags were farther apart than I guessed. My trusty GPS recorded 7.92 miles at 3 hrs and 49 mins. That made this my longest hike in months and gave me plenty of time to reflect on the 9/11 event.

9/11 brought us together stronger than we had been in my whole lifetime (I was born just after WW2). We are a country where freedom, liberty, and equality are our foundation. We live well together under our constitution and civil laws. Those few fanatics that tried to terrorize us ended up helping to make us even stronger.

Scott MacKay

Crew Leader/Trail Ambassador, KMTC
President, Friends of Kennesaw Mountain



A Sense of Belonging

Certainly many who read the club's newsletter have missed the monthly Trail Work Days and may have lost the sense of belonging to the group. It's not that your participation isn't needed, it is due to circumstances of this time of health crisis. One really has to ask themselves if they belong there.

Surely many miss being with a work crew or watching over activities. Certainly we all know that it's about the same everywhere, miss being at sports, concerts, restaurants, social gatherings, etc. Makes one really wonder, do I belong there?

Of course I didn't make up this thought, I heard it on some TV program or maybe read it. Truly it doesn't make any difference but it made me wonder about the sense of belonging.

I recently pulled out a bright colored T-shirt to wear; just to make me feel good. The T-shirt was from an event that I went to a little over 20 yrs ago. Yes, someday you'll probably have T-Shirts that are old (and that was one of my newer ones) and you too can remember the good times associated with an event. However, now when looking back, could I return and have a sense of belonging; like to be there? Times change and so do feelings. Even though we are just now starting to get back to normal, don't dwell too much on the past and revive your feeling of belonging.

Simply put, there has been tremendous change in the way people feel when having to deal with self isolation during the pandemic. The public health concerns are not over and we were again reminded by the re-issue of restrictions at the Park. Now is not the time to lose your sense of belonging, it's most important to keep thinking about what is ahead and remember and reconnect with friends and the activities that you enjoyed before.

As for myself I look forward to Halloween, I don't belong in a costume but I sure have a sense of belonging with the season.

Enjoy and thanks,

Doug Tasse



Old 41 Highway at Kennesaw Avenue (Cobb DOT Project No. X2609)

The Georgia DOT is placing project information for review and feedback into an internet platform to allow citizens to review and comment on the proposed project. The purpose of this internet posting is to replace an in-person meeting, while allowing the public to review the proposed project, provide feedback, or write in with questions.

While this is a Georgia DOT effort, the project files are posted below to facilitate public review. This information is also posted at GDOT's Public Outreach Page.

- [Georgia DOT Public Handout](#)
- [Concept Layout](#)

Please note that all comments regarding this project should be provided to the Georgia DOT.

The public comment period starts 10/1/2021 and expires 10/31/2021.

Written statements may be submitted to:

Mr. Eric Duff
State Environmental Administrator
Georgia Department of Transportation
600 West Peachtree Street, NW – 16th Floor
Atlanta, Georgia 30308

Additional information may be found at:

<https://old-41-hwy-widening-0016410-gdot.hub.arcgis.com/>



9/14/21 - photo by Fred Feltmann



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.

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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

<https://signup.com/go/QKAUKsQ>

** updated*

9/25/21 Work Day

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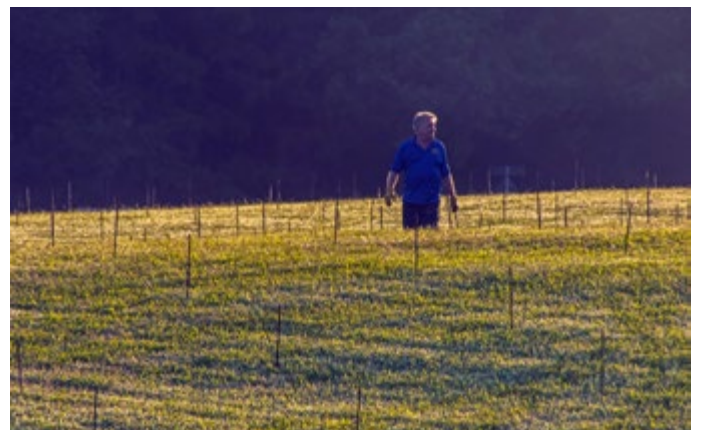


9/11/21 Field of Flags - Field Prep/ Flag Removal

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Prep work accomplished primarily by sponsor Kiwanis Club of Marietta, as was a majority of the removal effort.



Below & right - flag removal - 9/18/21



9/4/21 - Field of Flag Procession/Flag Placement

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9/11/21 - Field Of Flags Memorial

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Kennesaw Mountain News Release

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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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Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park Programs for **October**

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

**All programs are outdoors and weather dependent.*

Please bring plenty of water and sturdy shoes for hikes.

October 2 @ 11:00 am- 1 pm Mountain Top Talk

A Ranger will be at the top of Big Kennesaw Mountain to answer questions about the battle and what we do here at the park. Come on out and say hi!

October 3 @ 11:00 am: Memorial Field History Walk

This history talk will begin at the Visitor Center. The Ranger will take you to several points that were crucial during the Battle of Kennesaw Mountain and the demonstration made to the north of the Confederate line. You will see rebel earthworks and hear accounts from men that took part in that fateful feint attack.

October 9 @ 11:00 am: Mountain Top Hike

This hike will begin at the Visitor Center. The Ranger will take you up the 1.1-mile trail to the summit of Big Kennesaw. You will learn about the history of the mountain from before it got its roots to the present. The climb can be challenging for some so please make sure to bring water and proper footwear.

October 10 @ All Day: Infantry Demo and Camp Life

Ever wondered what it was like to be a soldier during the Civil War? Ever wondered what the sound of a musket volley sounded like in person? Our living historians will be setting up camp in the field in front of the Visitor Center. Rifle firings will be at 10 am, 11 am, 1 pm and 2 pm.



October 16 @ 11:00 am: Civil War Earthworks

Used for centuries as protection on the battlefield, earthworks played a vital part in the American Civil War. The program will address the use of earthworks during the Civil War and the importance they had during the Atlanta Campaign and the Battle of Kennesaw Mountain.

This program is **not at the Visitor Center.*

Parking is at 1534 Gilbert Rd. NW, Marietta, GA (i.e. the 24-Gun Battery parking area).

There will be a short hike to the location.

*** The event will be held in the Visitor Center in the event of inclement weather.*

October 17 @ 11:00 am- 1:00 pm Unknown Soldier

A Ranger will be in the area of the gravesite of the Unknown Soldier (follow the trail along the Dead Angle and, past the Illinois Monument, and it will be on your left) in the early afternoon.
Come out and have a conversation about this site with us!

October 23 @ 11:00 am- 1:00 pm: New Salem Church

A Ranger will be in the area of the ruins of the New Salem Church site (take the central section [yellow trail] from Pigeon Hill parking and you will see the cutoff for this site on your left) in the early afternoon. Come out and have a conversation about this site with us!

October 24 @ 11:00 am: Assault Trail Hike

Re-trace the footsteps of the Union soldiers who faced fearful odds during the action at Cheatham Hill during the Battle of Kennesaw Mountain. This historical hike will begin at the Activity Area 3 parking lot on Cheatham Hill Rd. and end at the Illinois Monument.

The Ranger will use primary accounts of the battle to get you as close to the attack as possible.

October 30 @ 11:00 am: Kolb Farm

A Ranger will be in the area of the Kolb Farmhouse in the early afternoon.
Come out and have a conversation about this site with us!

October 31 @ 11:00 am: Civil War and Halloween

This Ranger- led program will begin at the Visitor Center. We'll discuss the customs and traditions of Halloween and compare them to how people viewed the tradition throughout history.
There will be a crafts table set up for kids to make their own paper masks.

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

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