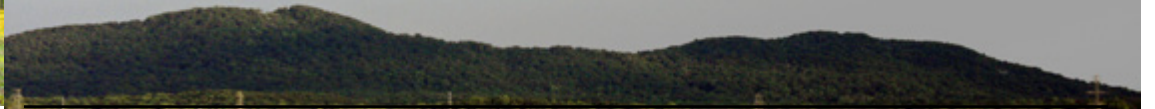




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Potential Park Closure

Because of the current Fiscal 2024 budget negotiations, there is a potential that the Park may be closed for a period of time in early October. If this occurs, during the period of the shutdown, all activities, including those listed on page 8 will also be cancelled, as well as any events scheduled on page 3. In addition, the Visitor Center, as well as the restrooms will be closed. Also, if this were to occur for a period of time that includes October 14th, Our next planned work day, our work day will be cancelled and rescheduled for a later date. We will also post a notice on our website and send out a mail distribution with further details.

Fred Feltmann

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!

List of Abbreviations

FOKM - Friends of Kennesaw Mountain
KMNBP - Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park
KMTC - Kennesaw Mountain Trail Club
NPS/KEMO - National Park Service/Kennesaw Mountain
VHP - Veterans History Project
VC - Visitor Center

Friends/KMTC Merger

The KMTC held its annual business meeting on September 16, 2023 and voted to proceed with the merger plans.

Park Update Notes

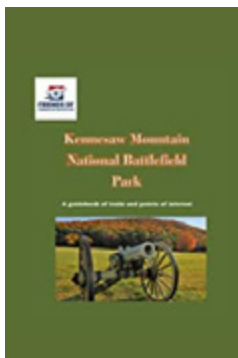
Updated

- ***There will be volunteer spotlights on Facebook and Instagram***
- ***Mountain road is being re-striped to help sort out cars, pedestrians, bicycles***
- Road to summit - a future project study is in progress
2nd shuttle bus is being proposed to move people about the park
- Reroute of New Salem Church Trail – ***Completed.***
- Signs will be going up
New signage about the park history is coming
No “Bicycle on Trails” signs going up
Looking at putting up signs “Your Fee Dollars at Work”
- More special speakers are being planned
- Bicycle racks & multi-use trails to complete in June 23 - ***Completed!***
- 160th battle planning has started (monthly meetings)
- Cannon Restoration - 23 cannons (multi-year project)
All cannon barrels are from the Civil War
All carriages are replicas and will be refurbished/rebuilt
- ***Plans for Mountain Top restrooms are in process***
- ***New Rotary intersections will be installed at Stilesboro and Old 41 and at Kennesaw Ave and Old 41 Work to begin in 2025***
- EV Charging Stations
A joint NPS/Friends study is being done to install EV charging stations at various parking lots in the Park
Electrical power lines have been installed.

Patrick Gamman

Superintendent

Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park



Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park Guidebook

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

“Earthworks” is published monthly jointly by the Friends of KMNBP & the Kennesaw Mountain Trails Club.

Editor: Fred Feltmann
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E-mail: faf1948@bellsouth.net

Additional Volunteers needed! Call today!

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!

Calendar of Events - Friends/KMTC

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Event</u>
October			
10/11	6:00 pm - 8 pm	Visitor's Center	Friends of KMNB Meeting
10/14	8:00 am - noon	TBD	Work Day
November			
11/8	6:00 pm - 8 pm	Visitor's Center	Friends of KMNB Meeting
11/11	8:00 am - noon	TBD	Work Day

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

See pages 7 for a listing of NPS-sponsored events for the month of June.

See page 4 for a general listing of Friends and KMTC events that will be occurring for the remainder of the Fiscal Year (through October, 2023).

Current Status Of Park

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

All trails are open, except as noted, below. All parking lots are open. The Mountain Road parking lot is open when the Mountain Road is open.

Visitor Center is now open; masks are **optional**.

The Visitor Center theater is open - the movie is being shown.

The Mountain Rd. is open to motorized vehicles on weekdays only (excluding major holidays)

The shuttle bus is now transporting visitor to/from the Visitor Center/Kennesaw Mountain Top Parking Lot on weekends.

It will run from 9:30 am till 5:00 pm

Trail closures

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.

Share the Experience Employee Photo Contest

It's that time of year again for the Share the Experience Employee Photo Contest. Although the title states that it's an employee contest, volunteers are eligible to submit too!

Please see below for more information and how to submit an entry.

Do you have a favorite photo of your park site or another Federal land that you would like to share? The 2023 Share the Experience Employee Photo Contest launched in June and is accepting entries through December 31, 2023. The contest is a great way to share your photos and have a chance to win a prize. Eleven winners will be selected to receive an America the Beautiful – National Parks and Federal Recreational Lands Annual Pass and outdoor gear. The grand prize winner will also receive a framed copy of the winning photo.

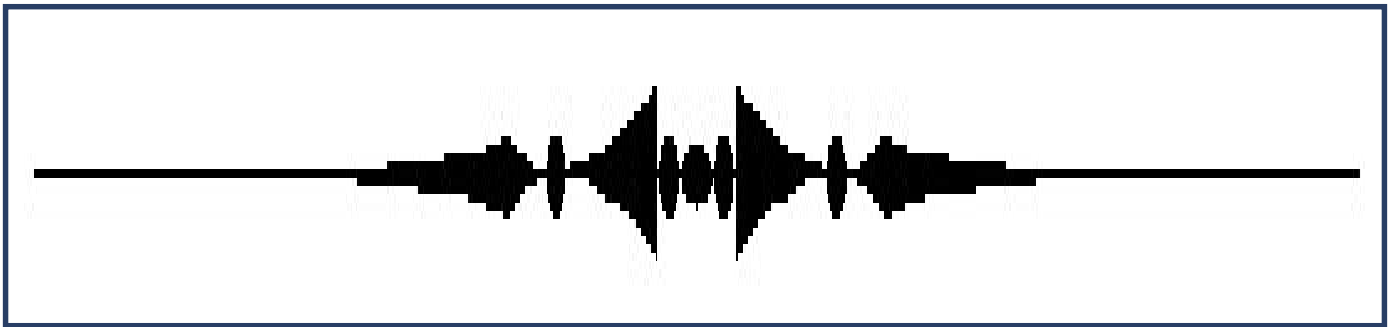
The 2022 grand prize-winning photo was taken by NPS employee Michael Porter while visiting Kenai Fjords National Park. See the 2022 winning photos and enter the contest at <https://employees.sharetheexperience.org/login>.

To be eligible for the contest, you must be employed by or volunteered for the US Fish and Wildlife Service, National Park Service, US Forest Service, Bureau of Land Management, Bureau of Reclamation, US Army Corps of Engineers, or the National Archives at some time during 2023. Photos must be taken while off-duty at lands managed by these seven (7) agencies. Enter up to 10 photos by December 31, 2023, to be eligible to win.

If you have any questions email waso_interagency_pass@nps.gov.

Amanda Corman

Park Ranger/Volunteer Coordinator
Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park



Fiscal 2023 General Schedule of Events

October 11, 2023 *Friends of KMNBP Board Mtg*
October 14, 2023 **Trail Work Day**
October 24, 2023 *KMTC Board Meeting*

If interested in attending the KMTC Board meeting, contact **Donald Olds**:
president@kennesawmountaintrailclub.org

If interested in attending the Friends Board meeting, contact **Scott Mackay**:
President@TheFriendsOfKMNBP.onmicrosoft.com

** Updated*

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.



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Kennesaw Mountain News Release

Release Date: Immediately

Contact: Marjorie Thomas, Marjorie_thomas@nps.gov, 770-427-4686 x 231

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.

[The National Park Service](http://www.nps.gov)

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July, 2023 Update
Work on the bridge replacement is currently
scheduled to begin this winter - early 2024.

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<http://kennesawmountaintrailclub.org>

The Friends of Kennesaw Mountain Webstore

The Friends of Kennesaw Mountain is excited to announce our new webstore! Our first product is a unisex T-shirt, which is 100% cotton. The design on the back of the shirt shows Kennesaw Mountain and the Visitor Center. It is inspired by the New Deal travel posters from the 1930's. The shirt can be purchased online for \$20 at <https://friendsofkmnbp.org/shop/>. Visit our website! *New items have been added!*

Andrew Bramlett



Some of the items for sale.



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*Depending on the dates/duration of the potential Park shutdown, all of these events may be cancelled. Check ***note at the bottom of the page for current status of the Park/programs.*

Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park Interpretive Programs for October

*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!

October 7th, @11 am– Cheatham Hill History Walk

On the morning of June 27th, 1864, the hills of Georgia exploded with the sounds of a terrific battle. Join us on this easy, Ranger- led stroll around one of the most significant areas of the Atlanta Campaign.

**This program is not at the Visitor Center; parking is at the Illinois Monument parking lot*

October 8th, @11 am – 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 and 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!

October 14th, @ 11 am- Life of a Soldier

Life for the infantry soldier (Union or Confederate) was anything but easy. Long marches, bad food, and worse living conditions made it tough going for these young men. Join us as we lay out the gear that made such intense campaigning possible. You will see period- correct uniforms, weaponry and even get up close and personal with artifacts from the Battle of Kennesaw Mountain!

October 15th, @ 11 am – Assault Trail History Hike

On June 27th, 1864, nearly 9,000 Union soldiers made a historic charge into what they believed would be death or capture. Follow in the footsteps of these brave men as this ranger - guided tour explores the heaviest area of fighting during the battle.

**The hike will begin at the Activity Area 3 parking lot and end at the Illinois Monument.*

October 21st, @ 11 am, 12, 2 and 3 – 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. Our living historians will set up camp and host cannon-firings at the above- listed times.

October 22nd, @ 11 am-Pigeon Hill History Hike

“And from the earth there sprang a host of men...” On June 27th, 1864, some of the heaviest and most desperate fighting of the American Civil War would take place on a spur in rural Georgia. This Ranger- led history hike will be moderately difficult, so bring good shoes and plenty of water.

**This program is not at the Visitor Center; parking is at Pigeon Hill at the intersection of Old Mountain Rd. and Burnt Hickory Rd.*

October 28th @ 11 am, 12, 2 and 3– Infantry Demonstrations

Life for the infantry soldier (Union or Confederate) was anything but easy. Long marches, bad food, and worse living conditions made it tough going for these young men. Our living historians will be setting up camp near the Visitor Center, with musket- firing demonstrations at the above- mentioned times.

October 29th @11 am- 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 and 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 www.nps.gov/kemo*

Park Moments

Photos by Fred Feltmann

There are many small residents in the Park...however, sometimes it is wise to let them be! (Matter of fact its best to always let them be while in the park - leave no trace!)



Take for example, this fellow, who fell out of tree onto one of our volunteers on 9/9/23. Using an Ap named "Seek," we found out that this was an Emperor Moth caterpillar. Good thing it was being handled by someone with gloves. Those barely visible hairs can sting - leaving an itchy rash!



Autumn at the Park can be an awesome time for hiking the trails. Autumn extends from October into as late as December! This particular photo was taken 11/9/19.



Fundraising Committee Formed

A fundraising committee comprised of Bart Henderson and Kathy Bearden has been formed. They have lots of projects to work on!

New this month is a revised Pledge Card. As part of the planned merger of the Friends and the Trail Club, we are consolidating the fundraising process. The revised pledge card allows the donator to designate where his/her donation will go. The options are:

- Friends - General
- KMTC
- Living History
- Endowment Fund

The Friends fund will support the overall organization and the funds will be apportioned to all sub tier organizations, as needed.

Regarding the KMTC option, funds donated will be used specifically to do maintenance, restoration and development of new trails at the Park.

Regarding the Living History option, funds donated will be used toward the Living History sub tier organization's operations at the Park.

The endowment fund will be used establish a future base of funds for all activities within the Friends of Kennesaw Mountain, such as development of new trails, facilities and equipment for any of the sub tier Friends organizations.

Endowment Fund Planned

Scott Mackay is working on the establishment of an endowment fund. Details will follow.

New Park Map(s) in the Planning Stages

A committee has been established to update the Park Maps. The committee is made up of Lindsay Barnes, Cartographer, and Charles Kays, Project Coordinator.

Donate By Way Of PayPal!

You can now make donations by way of your PayPal Account! Simply click on the website address in the donation section on page 15, item # 2. And as an added benefit, PayPal does not deduct a fee for the donation!

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

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@TheFriendsOfKMNB.com

The Dipjar - New Donation Option!

The Friends are offering visitors at the Visitor Center another option to donate - the Dipjar.

Visitors will be able to use their credit card to donate \$25 to the Friends while at the Visitor Center. In addition, the Friends will have a portable version at various events sponsored by either the Friends or KMTC. The portable version will offer the opportunity to donate \$10 at these events.



Scott Mackay
President, Friends of KMNB

Contact List - Updated 4/25/23

<u>POSITION</u>	<u>NAME</u>
President	Scott Mackay
Vice President	Donald Olds
Secretary	Kim Sherk
Parliamentarian	Jason Shepherd
Treasurer	Tom Okerberg
Communications	Fred Feltmann
Newsletter Editor	Fred Feltmann
Website	Mark Angeli
Social Media	Andrew Bramlett
Fundraising	Bart Henderson
	Kathy Bearden
Citizen Science Program	Jessica Stephenson
	Reaves
Disbursements	Lewis Bramlett
Archives	Vacant
Membership	Vacant
Outreach	Matthew Dobson*
Living History Liaison	Andy Cole
Trail Club Liaison	Jay Haney
Eastern National Liaison	Dan Beard
Events Planner	Kathy Bearden
Accessibility Advocate	Marjorie Rogers
Map Project	Charles Kays
	Linsay Barnes
Grant Writer	Holly Ringle

Board Members:

Dan Beard	Scott Johnson
Lewis Bramlett	John Nash
Kathy Bearden	Jason Shepherd
Bart Henderson	Kim Sherk



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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.

2023 Projects(s) - September status *Updated*

- Painted Rock Restoration (National Park Lands Day) - **Completed; additional work days to be planned**
- Raise funding for trail improvements, living history, new cannon & trailer - **in process**
- Fundraising goal established for FY 2023 - **\$76,600.**
- Fall, 2023 Friends Alliance Conference - Nov 1 - 3 at Great Smokey NP (**Completed**)
- Raise community support for new restrooms, Wallis House & Trail to Anderson Hill - **in process**
- Help with scripts for the Augmented Reality App filming has started and many stories are in work - **in process**
- Spring Friends Alliance Conference - May- Washington DC (Scott Mackay participated)
- Support the battle anniversary (159th Anniversary - **June, 2023**). **Help to advertise, set-up as it occurs; funded meals for volunteers/staff (dinner, 6/24 and lunch 6/25)**
- Support Volunteer Fair planning in process (**Date TBD**)
- Continue support to all park activities - **continuing**
- Provide funding/publicity/signs for 5 bike racks to promote alternative transportation to/from the Park (not for trail riding) - **Purchased; installed, June 2023**

Provide support/funding for 160th Anniversary (June 2024) - **in process**

- Fund Raiser - **May 17th, Marietta Wine Market - 5 - 7 pm (Success!!)**



Become a supporting member of the Friends of Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park (KMNBP)

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

These include:

- Hiking/Equestrian Trail improvements and Maintenance
- Museum improvements and expansion
- Living History Demonstrations
- Additional parking and restrooms
- Guest speakers
- More

Our long term goal is to establish endowments to provide perpetual sources of funding for the programs that make the park special for all of us and generations to come.



Your annual membership will help us achieve our goals. We are a 501(c)(3) tax deductible organization. 100% of all funds received are put to use for and at the Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park.

Annual membership levels:

Individuals

- \$15 Corporal (Student)
- \$25 Sergeant
- \$100 First Sergeant
- \$300 Ordinance Sergeant
- \$500 Quarter Master
- \$1,000 Sergeant Major
- \$1,500+ General

Businesses

- \$150 Company
- \$300 Regiment
- \$500 Brigade
- \$1,000 Division
- \$15,000 Corps
- \$25,000+ Army



Six Ways To Donate

You can support the Friends in 5 ways:

1. Directly through our website - <https://friendsofkmnbp.org/giving-membership/donate/>
2. Through PayPal - <https://www.paypal.com/US/fundraiser/charity/3750205>
3. Through Guidestar (Network for Good) - <https://www.nfggive.com/donation/83-4627827>
4. QR Code:



5. **DipJar located in the Visitor Center - New!**

6. Or, by mailing to:
Friends of KMNBP
905 Kennesaw Mountain Drive
Kennesaw, GA 30152

Thanks for your support!

Please Use the pledge card on the following page when mailing in a donation.

Please check with your company to see if they will match your gift.



FRIENDS OF KENNESAW MOUNTAIN

FY 2023 Fundraising Goals

Following is a list of the fundraising goals for this past fiscal year:

- \$2,000 - FY 2023 Friends administrative budget (**Funded, paid**).
- \$3,000 - 159th Battle Anniversary - meals, incidentals (**Funded, paid**).
- \$10,000 - Funds to be used in conjunction with the Park to acquire an additional cannon and trailer (total cost estimated to be \$82,000) for the Living History program.
- \$3600 - to provide for the purchase of 5 bicycle racks and signage for them (**2 installed, June 2023 (\$1800)**).
- \$50,000 - seed money for the 160th Anniversary of the Battle of Kennesaw Mountain (June, 2024) - total estimate for event is expected to be approximately \$150,000.
- \$10,000 - to fund various activities of the Living History program, the Friends and the Kennesaw Mountain Trail Club.

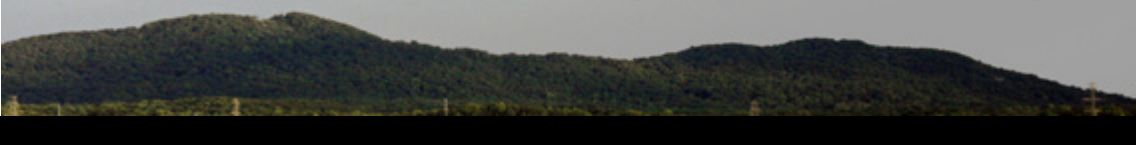
Total to be raised during the current fiscal year - \$76,600. See the bottom of this page for a pledge card, or send your donation by one of the methods identified on page 13.

In addition, the funding of an Endowment Fund. Details will be discussed at future Board meetings.

Friends of Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park												
2024 Pledge Card												
Name _____ Address _____ City, State, Zip _____ Phone _____ Email _____	Individuals \$15 Corporal (Student) _____ \$25 Sergeant _____ \$100 First Sergeant _____ \$300 Ordinance Sergeant _____ \$500 Quarter Master _____ \$1,000 Sergeant Major _____ \$1,500 General _____ Other Amount \$ _____	One Payment _____ Quarterly Payment _____ Monthly Payment _____ Does your company match? Y__ N__ Invoice me _____ (Monthly__ Quarterly__) Check enclosed _____ (Payable to " Friends of KMNBP ") Credit Card Number: _____ Expiration date _____ Security Code _____ I wish to remain anonymous _____										
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Work Day 09-09-23

On Friday, September 8, Aron, Bill, Eric, Rich R, Tom, and I reviewed the work plan while walking the Noses Creek Trail.

We had 9 crew leaders for the workday. The Crew Leaders were Aron, Bill, Curt, Fred, Rich B, Scott, Tom, Vicki, and Mike. We had 4 Trail Ambassadors; they were Debbie, Kathy, Rena, and Wendy. They did registration and directed the volunteers to the parking area. We had 35 volunteers. The volunteers were from Allatoona JROTC, KSU individuals, KSU Alpha Phi Omega, the Atlanta Outdoor Club, and an individual. Fred took pictures (Fred is also a Life member of Alpha Phi Omega, Beta Eta Chapter).

On Saturday, I welcomed the volunteers, conducted a safety brief, and assigned the volunteers to three groups.

The first group was led by Bill with Rich B assisting and volunteers from Allatoona JROTC, the KSU individuals, and the individual. They started on the Noses Creek Trail near the monument, and worked downhill toward the first creek. They used Crush & Run brought to them in the gator by Scott to fill in the eroded area on the trail. They also cleaned the ditch to the south side of the trail and used rocks to slow down erosion on the part of the ditch that was starting to erode badly.

The second group was led by Aron with Vicki assisting and volunteers from Allatoona JROTC and the KSU Alpha Phi Omega. Part of this group loaded the gator with Crush & Run for Bill. The remaining part-built berms across the trail with the crush and run. After completing this they added crush & run along the sides of the of the new horse steps at the entrance to the Hardage Mill Trail to prevent erosion that has started on both sides. They then proceeded to de berm the trail.

The third group was led by Tom with Curt assisting and volunteers from Allatoona JROTC. They started at the social trail next to the field going downhill. They debermed along the trail working toward Noses Creek and trashed out trail creep.

Mike Collett
Trails Director

10-14-23 Work Day

We will be working on the Kennesaw Mountain Trail leading up to the top of Kennesaw Mountain. Parking will be in the field next to the Visitor Center Parking Lot. We will assemble in the picnic area. Registration will open at 8 am. Temporary parking passes will be issued at the time of entry into the field for volunteer parking.

Mike Collett
Trails Director

Crew Leader Training Class - 10-21-23

On Saturday, October 21 Amanda and Mike will be conducting a Crew Leader Training class from 8:30 to 1:00.

I have before and after pictures.

Mike Collett
Trails Director

Please note that if there is a Government shutdown that extends to October 14, 2023, the October work day will be cancelled.



KMTC Annual Business Meeting

The Kennesaw Mountain Trail Club's Annual Business Meeting was held on September 16, 2023 at 9 am in the Education Room of the Park Visitor's Center. The slate of Club Officers/Directors, below were elected and installed for the coming year. An update on Park status & activities, and a look-ahead to upcoming Club activities was provided. In addition, there was a discussion/vote on the merger of the Friends and KMTC. The Board approved the motion to continue the merger with the Friends. Additional details are being worked out and will be discussed at the upcoming October Friends meeting and the October KMTC Board meeting.

The slate of nominees elected to office for FY 2024
(October, 2023 – September, 2024) is:

Officers:

President – Donald Olds

Vice President – Raj Gupta

Treasurer -- Thomas Okerberg

Secretary – Laurie Poppell

Directors:

Trail Ambassador Director – Co-Directors –Wendy Turner

Kathy Van Valkenburg

Trails Director – Mike Collett

Community Volunteers Director -- Rena Bailey

Communications Director - Fred Feltmann

Newsletter Editor – Fred Feltmann

Fundraising Director -- Scott Mackay (President of KEMO Friends
Group)

Information Technology Director -- Jerry Givan Webmaster/(past
president)

Invasive Plants Director - Danny Leigh

Records Management – Laurie Poppell

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)

GA TECH ROTC

HARRISON HIGH SCHOOL

HILLGROVE HS NJROTC

KING'S ACADEMY HS AJROTC

KSU

KSU, ALPHA PHI OMEGA

KSU VOLUNTEER DAY STUDENTS

MARIETTA HS SPORTSMANS CLUB

This Past Month's Volunteers

For our September work day (September 9, 2023), we had 9 crew leaders, 4 Trail Ambassadors and 35 volunteers. Thanks! The volunteers were comprised of the following groups:

ALLATOONA HS JROTC

ATLANTA OUTDOOR CLUB

KENNESAW STATE UNIVERSITY (KSU)

KSU, ALPHA PHI OMEGA

“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 9 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 Kathy Van Valkenburg/Wendy Turner (Trail Ambassador positions) if interested.

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

Mike Collett - trails@kennesawmountaintrailclub.org

Kathy Van Valkenburg/Wendy Turner -

ambassador@kennesawmountaintrailclub.org



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.”

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 PayPal - <https://www.paypal.com/US/fundraiser/charity/1806848>
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!



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.

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>

For October's work day, parking and registration will be in the field near the Visitor's Center, starting at 8 am. Vehicle Entrance Passes will issued at registration. All volunteers will gather in the picnic area adjacent to the field.

If your school, church, business, or community organization would like to schedule a special work day as a team building or public service activity, e-mail us at [trails@](mailto:trails@kennesawmountaintrailclub.org)

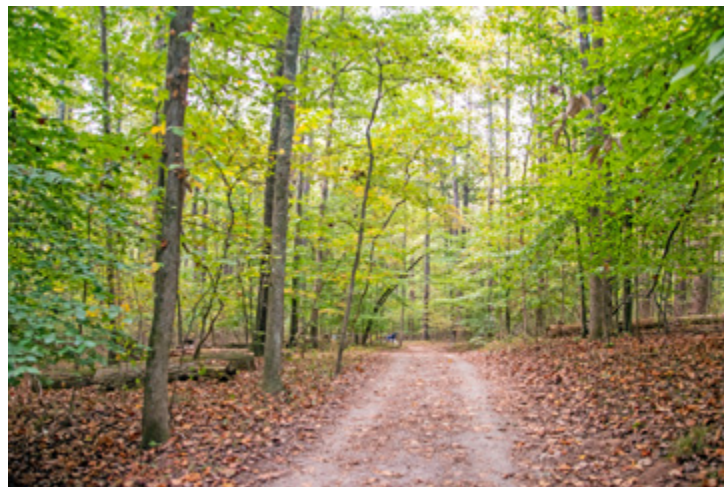
kennesawmountaintrailclub.org at least 4 weeks in advance. Trail work can be performed any day of the week.

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 281,000 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.

Cancellation policy

If rain is forecast for the work day, we will issue a cancellation notice on our website at least 24 hours before hand. In addition, during the winter months, if the temperature is forecast to be below 40 degrees, we will also issue a cancellation at least 24 hours prior to the work day.



Autumn in the Park. Photo by Fred Feltmann

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

** updated*

Autumnal Evening

10/25/07

Fred Feltmann, Jr.

A full moon watching over a resting world.

The winds marshalling the clouds across a crisp black sky,
Interspersed with far-off stars shepherding their own
worlds through the universe.

The clouds, going crisply to far off lands themselves.

Some alone.

Some in patchwork fashion.

Some as a phalanx, attacking distant lands.

Going quickly, pushed on by the winds of Autumn.

The night, still, except for the rustling of the leaves in their
brilliant oranges, reds and yellows of Halloween.

The pines, whispering that Fall is here, but Winter's a-coming!

The earth, preparing for another Autumnal evening.

Her critters hustling for shelter from the cool crisp winds of the night.

Some gathering that last fallen acorn -

preparing for the rapidly oncoming Winter.

And the clouds, continuing their relentless march across the Autumnal sky.

Rushing to another place, those cirrus clouds.

A wisp in the Autumnal winds.



9/9/23 Work Day
Photos by Fred Feltmann



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KENNESAW MOUNTAIN NATIONAL BATTLEFIELD PARK

Trail Maintenance Map

