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Congratulations - Anne and David Strand!

Congratulations! Anne and David Strand were selected by the Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park Staff as the 2010 Volunteers of the Year at the Volunteer Appreciation Dinner on Saturday, August 14th! Anne and David have certainly earned the honor! They have been the backbone of the Club for several years now - and without their help, we would not be the successful organization we are!

KMTC made a good showing - more than half of the 47 people attending were from KMTC. The Trail Ambassadors and Board Members were all wearing their uniform shirts.

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Help Wanted!!

Join the new Development Committee

1. Do you have grant writing skills? Are you a development officer? Have you been a successful fundraiser? Are you willing to learn a new trade?

If any of the above are true, consider joining the Kennesaw Mountain Trail Club Development Committee.

Get in the ground floor as the Trail Club moves from a pure "sweat equity" organization to a balanced operation capable of funding large projects.

Generally speaking, the responsibilities of the development committee could include (this is initial thinking only, the committee will prepare a development plan for board approval):

- Fund-raising for NPS and Trail Club board approved projects as partners in a larger fund-raising effort. Examples might be:
 - Board walk at Pigeon Hill
 - Safe road crossing projects (Dallas Hwy, Cheatham Hill Rd, etc)
- Endowment funding leading toward permanent Trail Club staff
- Development message and training of volunteers
 - Elevator message-what do you say about the Trail Club when you are in an elevator with Bill Gates?
 - Development materials
 - Trail Club history as a development resource
- Working with Park neighbors during the implementation of the new NPS Trail plan. Could involve liaison to Home Owner Associations, local governments and businesses.
- Liaison to related organizations
- Development sections of the upgraded Trail Club web site
- Attend appropriate training, NPS, development, Trail Ambassador, etc.
- Other projects identified in the Trail Club Strategic plan.

Contact:

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Development Director
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Special Thanks To This Year's National Trails Day Sponsors!

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Many of the sponsors listed below have supported the Trail Club for years & some of the sponsors are new partners this year. Either way, these area merchants show they value the natural beauty of Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park and the work the Trail Club does every month to preserve the Park.

Please stop by these merchants & give them a big "Thank you!"

REI - door prizes - 2 Day Packs & two \$50 Gift Certificates - 740 Ernest Barrett Pkwy

Big Peach Running Co. - \$50 Gift Certificate & many energy bars to keep us going - 1625 Ridenour Boulevard off Barrett Pkwy

Daily Grind Coffee – free coffee got our morning off to a delicious start! The Shops at Due West on Due West Road

Chik-Fil-A – Free sandwich coupons for all volunteers! - 830 Ernest Barrett Pkwy

Target - 740 Ernest Barrett Pkwy – energy bars for volunteers

Kroger – many area stores – many cases of bottled water

Costco – energy bars for volunteers and a \$25 gift certificate for Club expenses for the National Trails Day Event.

It's Election Time Again!

Every September at our club's annual meeting we elect the board of directors for the upcoming year. Any member with an interest in becoming more involved in the club is eligible to "put their name in the hat" for whatever position you'd like. The annual meeting will be held in the Community Room at REI on Barrett Parkway at 3pm on Sat. 9/25.

This year the slate of nominees for each position is listed below -- but, remember, anyone can still submit their name by e-mailing us at kmtcpresident@kennesawmountaintrailclub.org.

Report of the Nominating Committee

Board members present at the July 27, 2010 Board meeting acted as the nominating committee for the officers of the Kennesaw Mountain Trail Club for 2010-2011. Nominees

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Additional Volunteers needed! Call today!

FAX: 770-516-9120 (Call first, so I can turn it on!)

are the following:

President

- Jerry Givan (Incumbent)

- _____

♣ Presides at all meetings of the Club and of the Board of Directors

♣ Carries out the orders of the Board of Directors

♣ Enforces the By-laws, Standard Practices, and Rules of the Board of Directors

♣ Is an Ex-officio member of all standing committees

♣ Provides general supervision over the affairs of the club

♣ May have additional powers conferred by the Board of Directors

♣ Has all powers that ordinarily accompany the office of President

Vice President

- Randy Whiten

- _____

♣ Assists the President as necessary

♣ Presides over meetings in the absence of the President

♣ Heads up special projects he/she takes on or is assigned by the President

Secretary

- Anne Strand (Incumbent)

- _____

♣ **Is Secretary of the Corporation**

♣ Keeps a record of all meetings of the Board of Directors

♣ Maintains current records of the club

♣ Prepares an Annual Summary of Club Activities for the Archives

Treasurer

- Thomas Okerberg (Incumbent)

- _____

♣ **Maintains custody of any monies belonging to the Club**

♣ Makes disbursement of funds as directed by the Board of Directors

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• Provides annual accounting for income and disbursements

• Maintains the corporate and tax records of the Corporation

Trails Supervisor

- Scott Mackay

• **Serves as Chair of the Trail Maintenance Committee**

• Is responsible for all matters pertaining to maintenance of the trail corridor and its supporting structures.

• Coordinates Youth Programs such as Boy and Girl Scout Service Projects with the Park

Development Director/Historian

- Jay Haney (Incumbent)

• **Collaborates with Kennesaw Mountain Park management to develop the budget**

• Manages the allocation of funds designated for specific projects

• Responsible for all fund raising by the club

• Coordinates all Grant applications and in-kind donations to the Club

• Maintains and updates the club archives

• This includes maintaining photos of activities

• Works closely with the Secretary

Communications Director

- Fred Feltmann (Incumbent)

• **Responsible for all internal and external communications of the Club**

• Chairs the Communications Committee

• Sub-committees may include

• Publicity (Media Relations)

• Publishing

• Newsletter

Outreach Director

- Jay Dement

• **Responsible for Trail Ambassador Program**

• Community Relations including other groups and organizations

• Coordinates Environmental Education (i.e. Leave No Trace program implementation)

• Works with other Church and youth oriented organizations

Membership Director

- Anne & David Strand (Incumbent)

• Recruits new members to the Club

• Manages retention of members

• Keeps the membership roster

• Welcomes and Assists prospective members

• Coordinates tracking of volunteer participation and recognition with the Finance director.

Information Technology Director

- Jim Moylan

• Develops and Maintains the Club Website

• Maintains and Controls the Club E-mail list

• Controls mailings to Club Members

It's Never Too Early....

We had another very successful National Trails Day Event this past June. Now, it's time to begin the general planning - what date, what activities, other than the usual trail maintenance effort, etc. If you're interested in the long range planning part of this event, let me know. We probably won't have many meetings prior to the first of the year - just e-mails and possibly a luncheon meeting once in a while.

Call (770-516-9120) or e-mail me (faf1948@bellsouth.net) if you are interested in being on the planning committee for 2011.

Fred Feltmann

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

2ND SATURDAY WORKDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2010

Park Service area

Time: 8:30 AM – 1:30 PM

Projects: -- Stone Steps on the backside of Little Kennesaw
-- 2nd Project TBD

HANDS ON ATLANTA DAY, OCTOBER 2, 2010

Park Service area

Time: 8:30 AM – 1:30 PM

Projects: - TBD

2ND SATURDAY WORKDAY, OCTOBER 9, 2010

Park Service area

Time: 8:30 AM – 1:30 PM

Projects: - TBD

Noonday Creek Trail Dedication

Section 2 of the Noonday Creek Trail had its ribbon cutting on Thursday, September 2. Event location: Intersection of Roberts Road at Vaughn Road. Vaughn Road intersects Cobb Parkway just north of Barrett Parkway at Arby's; Roberts Road intersects Barrett Parkway east of Cobb Parkway, just prior to Carl Black Buick Pontiac GMC.

The trail begins near the Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park Visitor's Center at the north end of the Mountain to the river. This Multi-Use Trail continues through the National Park, along existing roadways and Noonday Creek to a terminus at Bells Ferry Road. The total length of the trail is 6 miles and varies in width from 10 feet to 12 feet.

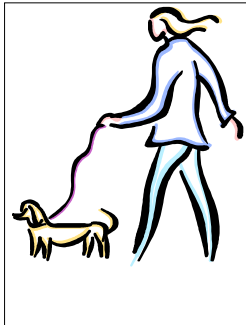
The Noonday Creek Trail will eventually connect the Visitor Center at Kennesaw Mountain National Park to Bells Ferry Road, passing through the Barrett Lakes and Town Center area. This is just one of many trails that are completed or being proposed for the area.

Eventually this great trail system will connect with other trails making it possible to bike, walk, or run to Atlanta, The Carter Center, and hopefully all the way to Stone Mountain Park.

Town Center Area Community Improvement District
245 TownPark Drive, Suite 440
Kennesaw, Georgia 30144

The Park Presents "Doggie Talk"

On Saturday, September 11 at 11:00 am, the Park will sponsor a "Doggie Clinic for Canines and their Humans" at the Visitor Center. The topics will include dogs in the Civil War, heat and dogs, leash laws and recovering lost dogs. Speakers will be Park staff, animal control officers and a veterinary clinic staff.



Mark Your 2010 Calendars!

Remaining 2010 Work Day Schedule

Sept.	11th	trail work day
Oct.	2nd	Hands on Atlanta Day
Oct.	9th	trail work day
Nov.	13th	trail work day
Dec.	11th	trail work day

Our trail work days are open to the public on the 2nd Saturday of each month and are a wonderful way to get outside & enjoy nature while helping preserve the park for future visitors. We meet at the maintenance buildings up the hill from the Visitor Center at 8:30 a.m. and usually are finished by 1:00 p.m. Of course, most volunteers can't make it to every one of our monthly work days; however, please know we genuinely appreciate whatever days you can attend.

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 25,000 volunteer hours to Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park.

If your school, church, business, or community organization would like to schedule a special work day as a team building or public service activity, e-mail us at kmtctrails@kennesawmountaintrailclub.org at least 4 weeks in advance. You can learn more about our monthly trail work days and other programs by visiting the KMTC website at: www.kennesawmountaintrailclub.org

We hope to see you at a work day soon!

Jim Moylan

Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park Is on Twitter!

The park has a twitter account and appears to use it. See <http://twitter.com/kennesawnps> You do not need to join twitter to see the activity. You just need to go to the site when you want to know what's new.

They also offer the data by SMS text messages to your cell phone: "Get updates via SMS by texting **follow KennesawNPS to 40404** in the United States."

Trail Club Shirts and Merchandise Available

http://www.cafepress.com/kennesaw_trails

100% Cotton Denim Embroidered Shirt \$35.00



Support your club and Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park by showing the colors. We have a selection of shirts both long-sleeved and short-sleeved available in our online Gear Store. 20% of the purchase price of any of our products goes directly to support the park.

The yellow tee shirt (\$17.99) with the club logo on the back has become the default standard uniform shirt for trail workdays. The bright yellow color stands out in the woods, and the logo is clearly visible when you are bent over swinging a Pulaski or a MacCloud.

If you would like to have one or more shirts at this price, e-mail **Jay Dement** at kmtctees@kennesawmountaintrailclub.org with your name, size, and quantity of shirts. The Yellow shirt is available at a special price of \$15.00 during Trail Maintenance on the second Saturday of the month.

Reporting Your Hours - An Important Aspect of Volunteering!

"TIME = Money for the Park - Each Volunteer is currently worth more than \$20.00/hr."

Yes, we all are guilty - forgetting/neglecting to report our hours for working. How many hours did we REALLY work for the Park last year? Was it 500 hours, 2000, or maybe 5000???? Have you spent time outside of our 2nd Saturday Workdays helping the Park - e.g. spent time picking up trash, fixing drainage, helping with events, or club administration?

If you signed the roster at an event, your time is recorded. Otherwise you need to report it through the form on the website.

Youth Service Project candidates need to report total hours for their project to the Trail Club and to the Park before their project is considered complete.

Help us out this coming year - Please enter your hours on the website - it's currently near the top of the first page - or go directly to <http://kennesawmountaintrailclub.org/formmail.html>.

Contact List - Updated 9/2

<u>POSITION</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>E-MAIL</u>
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Website		http://kennesawmountaintrailclub.org/
		http://www.nps.gov/kemo/index.htm

Trail Ambassador Report for:

Sunday Aug 29 from 10 am to Noon

The area around the Visitors Center was absolutely packed on this day, perhaps the busiest we have ever seen it. The day was a bit overcast, thus cooler than the scorching mid-90s of past summer days. There were the usual hikers, walkers, dogs on leashes, baby strollers, parents walking with baby packs, tourists, at least one skater, and a lady with a little boy who asked if it was OK to play her guitar in the park.

Parking report

1. Cheatham Hill lot = 50%, obeying the new signs not to park on both sides
2. Burnt Hickory lot = 100%
3. VC lot = 100%
4. Old 41 along road = 100%
5. New lot off Old 41 = 67 cars
6. Out of state license plates in VC lot
 7. IL = 1
 8. NC = 1
 9. SC = 1
 10. OH = 1

Questions answered/assistance given

How long is the hike from the Visitors Center to Pigeon Hill and return? Gave map showing 5.4 miles loop trail.

What attractions are in the Park? Gave map and described things to do.

Directions given 2 times. Maps given.

Reported jammed power towel dispenser in VC rest room.

Directions requested, how to get to Marietta Square. What is a good place to get a sandwich for lunch? Points out a gap in our Trail Ambassador training!

Two lady walkers on the Mtn Road reported 2 dehydrated ladies and their St. Bernard. Reporter's husbands had given them water and stayed with them. Found parched ladies, gave them more water and walked them to VC. They had taken a wrong turn coming down the Mtn Road and had gotten to Pigeon Hill before they realized they were not headed to VC. Back tracked. They walked 2+ miles further than they intended. Were not carrying water. All ok.

Jay Haney & Anne Page Mosby

August Work Days

We had two work days this month. On August 13th we hosted a group of 90+ Walker High School Juniors and Seniors. The students worked the trails on Kennesaw Mountain - between the Visitor Center and Parking lot at the top of the Mountain. They did a great job and were very enthusiastic, despite the temperature and the humidity. At the end, they had a picnic in the park, with lots of burgers and franks. Thanks, guys and your chaperones!!

On the 14th, we had another group of volunteers working the area around the Noses Creek Bridge. We were joined by the Greater Atlanta Chief Petty Officers' Association and the new group of Navy Chiefs and a Boy Scout.

New Youth Projects Coordinator

Donald Olds will be taking over for Ed Holsworth this month. Donald is an adult Scout leader for Troop 204 and has been a member of the Foothills District Staff for many years. He will be a great asset to the Club.

We wish to thank Ed Holsworth for his work as the Youth Projects Coordinator for over 5 years. He has coordinated over 50 Eagle projects during his tenure.

The Trail Committee Is

Expanding!

As we continue to improve and expand our trail maintenance efforts, we have had to add staff and positions (all volunteers):

- Trails Supervisor
 - Trail Section Volunteers (North, Central, South)
 - Special Events & Corporate Coordinator
 - Training Coordinator
 - Tools Manager
 - Youth Service Project Coordinator

Each of these committees/work groups is going to need additional volunteers - "**many hands make light work!**" Come to our annual business meeting and let Scott MacKay know which committee you'd like to work with. (or see page 5 for his e-mail address.)

The Club and Park will be hold a Crew Leader Certification course again in several months - let Scott know if you are interested - we can always use additional Crew Leaders!

Help Us Maintain the Trails at Kennesaw Mountain National Park Donate Online Now!

The Kennesaw Mountain Trail Club helps preserve the historic features and maintain the 20+ miles of trails throughout the Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park. It is a committed partner with the National Park Service in its mission to commemorate the history of the battlefield and protect its environmental features.

Since its beginnings in 2002, the club has provided only “sweat equity” volunteer hours to support the park. Now this new fund-raising initiative will support the Kennesaw Mountain Trail Club’s involvement in the new park strategic plan that opens up more areas of the park and adds miles to the trail system. 100% of the funds raised will support the Trail Club’s mission of protecting the park and improving the trails.

Donate today to ensure that visitors and local residents alike can continue to enjoy a great, FREE, educational and recreational experience in one of the last areas of undeveloped land in Cobb County. By contributing, you’ll help ensure future generations can enjoy a wilderness experience in the middle of metropolitan Atlanta!

Donate Online by using Guidestar on the Trail Club website <http://www.kennesawmountaintrailclub.org>. The Kennesaw Mountain Trail Club was incorporated as KEMOTrail Corps, Inc. as a nonprofit corporation and approved by the Internal Revenue Service as a 501 C(3) organization. **Donations are tax deductible.**

Matching Gifts

You can make your donation dollars go further by having your employer match your gift to the Kennesaw Mountain Trail Club.

Monthly Participation

We invite you to continue to work with the Kennesaw Mountain Trail Club on the monthly Trail Work Days every second Saturday of the month and join us for special events like the Garlic Mustard Pull in April and National Trail Day in June.



If you prefer, you may also give by mail:

Kennesaw Mountain Trail Club
Attn: Tom Okerberg, Treasurer
Whitlock Accounting Services
739 Kennesaw Ave. Ext. NE
Marietta, GA 30060

For more information, contact Jay Haney, Development Director
770-424-0635.



The Man is Ted Ragsdale, Age 86, when this photo was taken at our January 8, 2005. The unidentified cub scout is only 6. Together, they were part of our maintenance crew that day!



Leave No Trace **A w a r e n e s s W o r k s h o p**

Presented by the Kennesaw Mountain Trail Club
Thursday, October 28, 2010
REI Kennesaw

This workshop introduces the seven Leave No Trace principles to help those who use the outdoors. In addition, methods to prevent and minimize impact on the back-country and front-country will be covered.

There is no charge for this informative workshop and participants will receive a certificate upon completion. Seating is limited to 25 participants. For more information and to sign up go to www.jaydphotos.com/LeaveNoTrace.htm.



- Plan Ahead and Prepare
- Travel and Camp on Durable Surfaces
- Dispose of Waste Properly
- Leave What You Find
- Minimize Campfire Impacts
- Respect Wildlife
- Be Considerate of Other Visitors

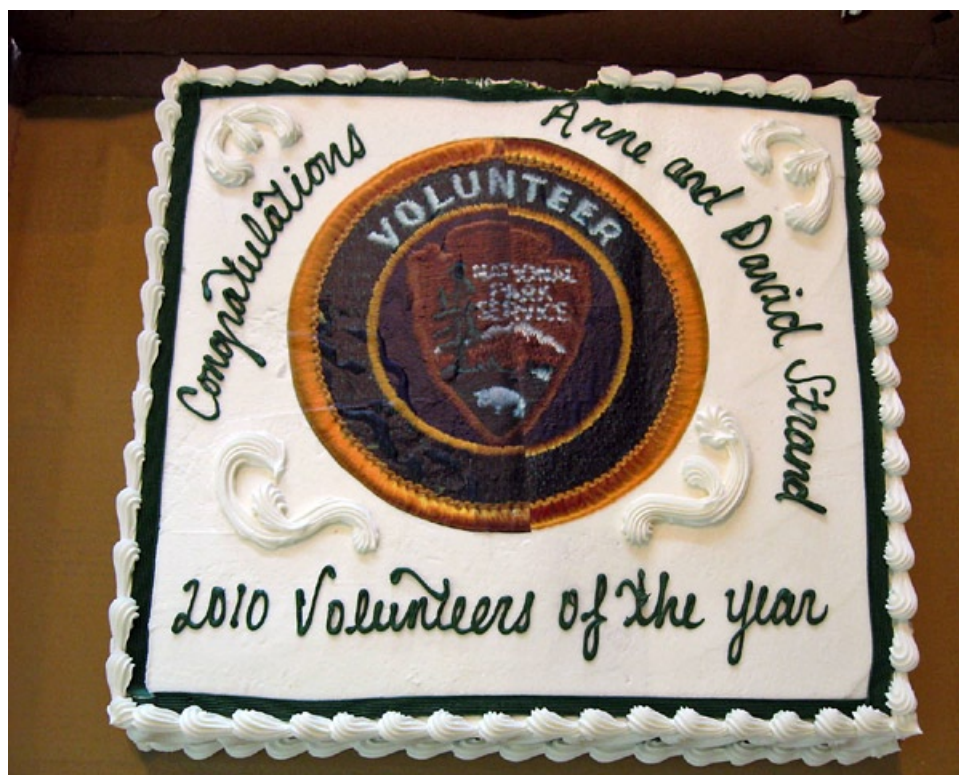


Date: Thursday, October 28, 2010
Time: 6:30pm
Place: REI Kennesaw
(740 Barrett Parkway)
www.rei.com/stores/125

Presented by:

Jay M Dement, Master Educator 770/499-7333 jay@jayDphotos.com
www.jaydphotos.com/LeaveNoTrace

2010
Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park
Volunteers of the Year





August 14th Work Day.

Special thanks to the Greater Atlanta Chief Petty Officers' Association and the new group of Navy Chiefs. They made the day a real success!



August 13, 2010 - Walker School Work Day



Sponsors/Partners Corner

Many thanks to our Sponsors and Partners for their support!

<http://americanhiking.org>



BARRETT PARKWAY AND TOWN CENTER AT COBB



Daily Grind

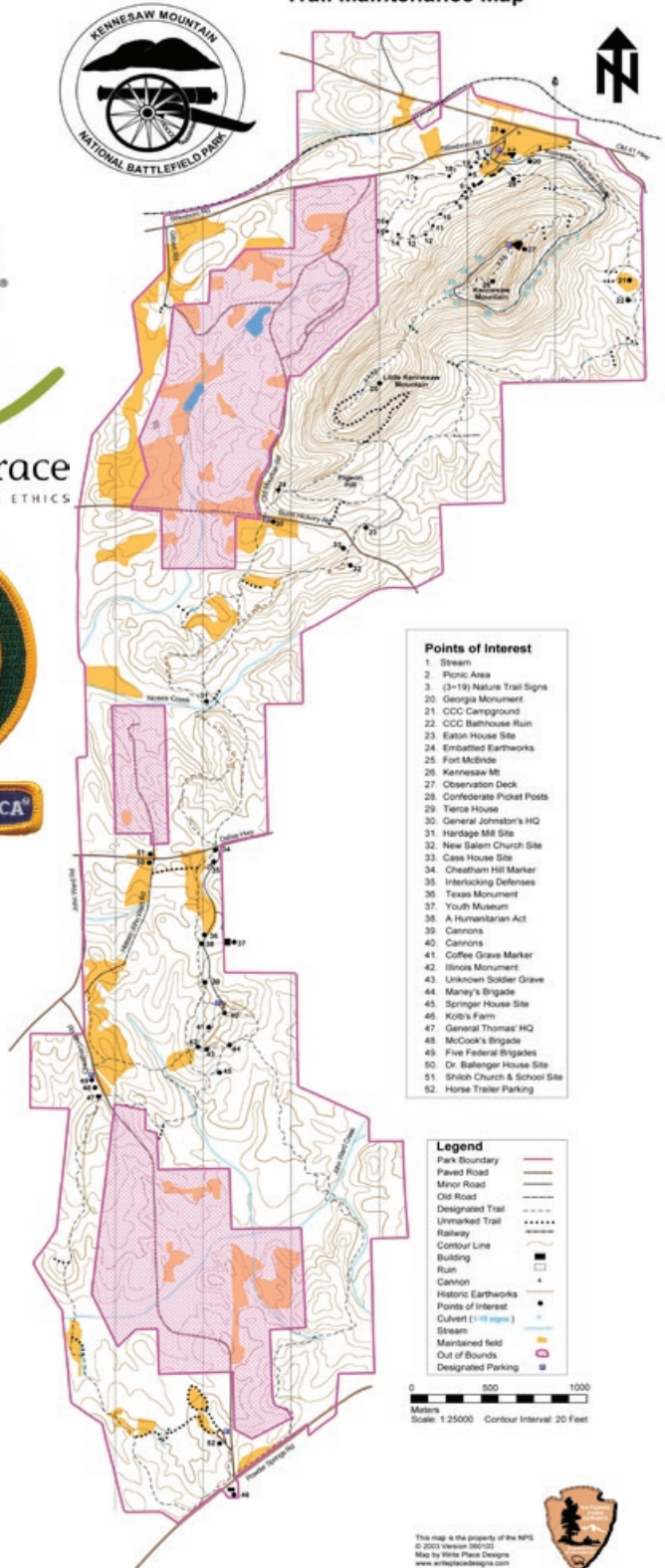


October Newsletter Deadline

If you wish to have an article published in the September Newsletter, please submit it to Fred Feltmann at faf1948@bellsouth.net no later than Sept. 25th!

KENNESAW MOUNTAIN NATIONAL BATTLEFIELD PARK

Trail Maintenance Map



Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park Calendar of Events

September 2010

4th – Common Soldier @ 11:00 a.m. – 4 :00 p.m.

5th & 6th – Artillery Demonstrations: 11:00 a.m., 12:00 p.m., 2:00 p.m., 3:00 p.m.

11th – Mountain Top Talk @ 12:10 p.m.; Map Talk@ 1:00 p.m. & 3:00 p.m.

– Doggie Talk - On Saturday, September 11 at 11:00 am, the park will sponsor a “Doggie Clinic for Canines and their Humans” at the Visitor Center. The topics will include dogs in the Civil War, heat and dogs, leash laws and recovering lost dogs. Speakers will be park staff, animal control officers and a veterinary clinic staff. Thought that this event might be of interest to you.

12th – Map Talk@ 11:00 a.m. & 2:00 p.m.; Mountain Top talk @ 12:10 & 3:10 p.m.

13th – “The Battle of Fredericksburg and a Book Signing,” 7 PM

Mr. Richard Croker, speaker

Mr. Croker will be signing his book, “*No Greater Courage.*”

18th & 19th – Map Talk @ 1:00 & 3:00 p.m.

25th & 26th – Civil War Medicine @ 11:00 a.m.; Women in the Civil War @ 12:00 p.m.; Mountain Top talk @ 2:10 p.m.; Map Talk @ 3:00 p.m.

October 2010

2nd – Little Kennesaw Mountain hike @ 11:00 a.m. & 2:30 p.m. with Dr. Keith Bohannon; please meet promptly in Visitor Center lobby no later than 10:45 for 11:00 a.m. hike/2:15 for 2:30 p.m. hike

3rd, 17th & 31st – Artillery Demonstrations: 11:00 a.m., 12:00 p.m., 2:00 p.m., 3:00 p.m.

18th – “Labor Pains: The Birth of the U.S. Army Signal Corps,” 7 PM

Mr. Steven J. Rauch, speaker

November 2010

8th – “Union General George Thomas and June 1864,” 7 PM

Dr. Keith Bohannon, speaker

14th – Artillery Demonstrations: 11:00 a.m., 12:00 p.m., 2:00 p.m., 3:00 p.m.

To get detailed information about these individual events, plus other additional events, go to <http://www.nps.gov/kemo/planyourvisit/events.htm> and either use the calendar or search by date range and key word (optional).

Kennesaw Mountain Needs You!

Trail work days are open to the public on the

2nd Saturday of each month

Sept. 11, 2010

Jan. 8, 2011

Oct. 2nd - Hands on Atlanta Day

Feb. 12, 2011

Oct. 9, 2010

Mar. 12, 2011

Nov. 13, 2010

Apr. 9, 2011

Dec. 11, 2010



Meet near the Visitor Center at **8:30am** - usually finished by 1:00pm.

(do not wear open-toed shoes & long pants are recommended ~ Bring water bottle & gloves if possible, but both will be provided)



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