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## Ten Years - And Counting!

Its hard to believe but our trail club is going to be 10 years old this Fall! As I look back at the years, I can see many major steps we have made:

- grown a large team of regular volunteers with many becoming crew leaders or trail ambassadors that can tackle multiple projects on our workdays
- built several significant trails and re-routed several trails to protect the earthworks or make them more sustainable
- rebuilt the landscapes for the visitor center and the Illinois monument
- provided exciting volunteer activities for many

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- churches, companies, scout groups, school groups, and community groups
- built many rock stair cases to make steep trails more sustainable and installed a lot of rock crib walls to shore up trails traversing steep slopes
- earned several grants to help with bigger projects
- improved our training programs a bit more every year
- assisted in many ways to help protect and preserve the history while keeping everyone safe and helping them to enjoy their time at the park
- earned the respect of the park staff by being there to help them with the overwhelming task of maintaining 20+ miles of trails

As we move into year 11 for our club and prepare for the 150th anniversary of the Battle of Kennesaw Mountain, I would like to invite more of you readers to come join us in our quest to be the best trail club ever. We need more people to help behind the scenes with the planning, prepping, staging, training, publicizing, documenting and who knows what else.

Volunteering can be a very emotionally rewarding experience and certainly looks good on a resume. Please ask any of the crew leaders or trail ambassador about getting more involved with the club.

*Scott Mackay*  
KMTTC President

**YOU ARE INVITED TO ATTEND  
OUR YEARLY MEETING OF THE  
KENNESAW MOUNTAIN TRAIL CLUB**  
SEPTEMBER 15, 2012 in the Education Room, Visitor Center, 3:00 - 5:00 pm

### Agenda

- Scott Mackay, President, presiding  
Election of Officers  
Yearly Reports from 2011-2012
- Trail Work Report
  - Trail Ambassadors Report
  - Outreach Report
  - KMTTC History Report
  - Treasurer's Report
  - Membership Report
  - Volunteer Recognition

# Nomination of KMTC Officers

July 23, 2012

Board members present at the July 23, 2012 Board meeting acted as the nominating committee for the officers of the Kennesaw Mountain Trail Club for 2012-2013. Additional nominations can be made from the floor at the General Membership Meeting in September 2012. Nominations are the following:

<u>Nominee</u>	<u>Position</u>
• Scott Mackay	<i>President</i>
• Jay Dement	<i>Vice-President</i>
• Anne Strand	<i>Secretary</i>
• Tom Okerberg	<i>Treasurer</i>
• Doug Tasse	<i>Trails Director</i>
• David Strand	<i>Trail Ambassador Director</i>
• Randy Whiten	<i>Youth/Special Groups Coordinator</i>
• Jay Haney	<i>Historian</i>
• Fred Feltmann	<i>Communications Director</i>
• Cindy Witt	<i>Outreach Director/Social Media</i>
• Anne Strand	<i>Membership Director</i>
• Richard Angeli	<i>Development Director</i>
• Jim Moylan	<i>Information Technology Director</i>
• Jerry Givan	<i>Training Director</i>

## Is Your Thing Invasive Plants?

"Invasive plant" control has continued to need our help and we are looking for people to lead some dedicated work days. To do this we will need you to take our crew leader training in February. You should contact Scott Mackay at [president@kennesawmountaintrailclub.org](mailto:president@kennesawmountaintrailclub.org) if you are interested. This role will require a long term commitment with the Trail Club. We have "lots" of Invasive plants!



*GSU Students - Photos by Fred Feltmann*

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**Additional Volunteers needed! Call today!**

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

## GSU comes to KEMO

A month or so ago I got an e-mail from GSU asking about bringing some students out for a volunteer session at Kennesaw Mountain. Being a GSU alum, I jumped on the opportunity. After an exchange of e-mails, we were advised that some 60 student Residence Assistants would be brought by buses to spend the regular trail work day with us. Randy, the Trail Director and also a GSU alum, was notified and he developed an aggressive work plan for the day. As he directed, new crew leaders were put in charge of the crews with a lot of novice volunteers.

The GSU buses were a little late; they stopped off at the Visitor Center on time, but the crew leaders were waiting for them at the Burnt Hickory parking lot. Anyway, those who were at Burnt Hickory were able to get a little work done while waiting for the buses. When they did arrive, we were ready to hit the trail. Crews were assigned and our new crew leaders quickly set off with volunteers to do their projects.

The August trail day was a big success! Randy had an ambitious plan and I believe that these students and crew leaders were knowledgeable and ready to think large and accomplish those goals. Everyone enjoyed the day; the participants were a great mix of some of our seasoned crew leaders, loyal and new volunteers, several local REI employees and of course, the GSU students.

Working, learning, teaching and leading is essentially what the trail club does. And, hey, that's no different from what the student Resident Assistants do. GSU and KEMO (Kennesaw Mountain) were a natural fit. It was a pleasure for us to host the group, as it always is to be there for our individual volunteers and club members.

Please know that we need groups of people as well as individual volunteers and our trained crew leaders. All working together it's a great feeling and we constantly see that from the smiles at end of each trail work day.

*Doug Jasse*

Outreach Director & Crew Leader



*56 Students from GSU spend the day at Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park - Photo furnished by Anne Strand.*

## 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 no particular order, of the groups who participated during Fiscal 2011 (October 2010 - September 2011) and Fiscal 2012 (October 2011 - Present):

### FY 2011

ATLANTA AUDUBON SOCIETY  
BANK OF AMERICA  
HANDS ON ATLANTA  
LOCKHEED MARTIN MARIETTA  
KENNESAW STATE UNIVERSITY  
OMEGA ACADEMY  
PEBBLEBROOK NHS  
U.S. NAVY  
VARIOUS SCOUT TROOPS/PACKS  
WALKER SCHOOL  
WALMART

### FY 2012

AESTHETICS  
ATLANTA AREA COUNCIL PHILMONT CONTINGENT (TWO CREWS)  
BACK COUNTRY HORSEMEN OF NW GA (BCHNWG)  
BANK OF AMERICA  
CHATTAHOOCHEE NRP  
THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER-DAY SAINTS  
CUB SCOUT PACK 702, MARIETTA  
CUB SCOUT PACK 1954, ATLANTA  
DEVEREUX GEORGIA, KENNESAW  
GE (GENERAL ELECTRIC COMPANY)  
GEORGIA TECH TRAILBLAZERS  
GIRL SCOUT TROOP 22613, MARIETTA, GA  
GREEN YOUTH GROUP  
HANDS ON ATLANTA  
KENNESAW MOUNTAIN HIGH SCHOOL NAVY ROTC GROUP  
LIFE UNIVERSITY  
REI, KENNESAW STORE  
ROBOTICS TEAM, McEACHERN HIGH SCHOOL  
SADDLE UP COBB (SUC)  
STARBUCKS  
SERVECOBB  
TROOP 1, SMYRNA, GA, EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT  
TROOP 89, POWDER SPRINGS, EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT  
TROOP 147, MOBILE, AL, SERVICE PROJECT  
TROOP 277, MARIETTA, GA, 2 EAGLE SCOUT PROJECTS



TROOP 405, McEACHERN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH  
TROOP 741, MARIETTA, GA, EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT  
UPPER IOWA UNIVERSITY  
WALTON TEEN SERVICE CORPS  
WEST GA MOUNTED SEARCH AND RESCUE (WGMSAR)

The following Groups participated this past month:

GEORGIA STATE UNIVERSITY (GSU)  
REI  
TROOP 321, DALLAS, GA, EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT  
TROOP 700, KENNESAW, GA, EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT

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## Recent Eagle Scout Projects

Daniel Schmidt - Troop 277, Marietta. -

Daniel finished the two-rail fence on the new trail that begins near the Visitor Center and connects to the fire road going to the top of Big K. He also waterproofed the entire 500 ft. of fence. There were two Eagle projects prior to him that did the other two sections.

Akhil Gupta - Troop 277, Marietta -

Akhil led several groups that cleared brush and cleaned up the Horse Park. He also built and installed three mounting blocks.

Sam Hogan - Troop 1, Smyrna -

Sam led a crew that installed four rail fencing along Old 41 to Stilesboro Road.

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## NATIONAL TRAILS DAY

June 9, 2012

### OUR SPONSORS:

- CHICK FIL-A (BARRETT PKY)
- PUBLIX (LOST MOUNTAIN ROAD)
- COSTCO (BARRETT PKY)
- KENNESAW MOUNTAIN HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION (VISITOR CENTER)

**THANKS!!**



<http://www.kennesawmountaintrailclub.org>

# Kennesaw Mountain Trail Club Calendar for 2012

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Event</u>
<b>SEPTEMBER</b>			
9/2-3	11, 12, 2, 3	Visitor Center	Artillery Demonstrations (cannon firing)
9/6	6:15 pm	KSU Center	CW Roundtable; music @ 6:15; Meeting @ 7:10
9/8	8:30 - 1:00	Old Hwy 41 parking lot	September Trail Work Day
9/11	7:00 PM	Visitor Center	History Program - "Georgia in 1862" and the speaker is Dr. Keith Bohannon from West Georgia University.
9/15	3 - 5 PM	Visitor Center	KMTC General Meeting
9/29	5 PM - ??	Visitor Center	Park Volunteer Dinner
9/30	11, 12, 2, 3	Visitor Center	Artillery Demonstrations (cannon firing)
<b>OCTOBER</b>			
10/4	7:00 pm	KSU Center	CW Roundtable; Richard Croker, speaker
10/13	8:30 - 1:00	Old Hwy 41 parking lot	October Trail Work Day
10/14	11, 12, 2, 3	Visitor Center	Artillery Demonstrations (cannon firing)
10/15	7:00 PM	Visitor Center	Monday Night History Program
10/28	11, 12, 2, 3	Mountain Top	Artillery Demonstrations (cannon firing)
<b>NOVEMBER</b>			
11/1	7:00 pm	KSU Center	CW Roundtable; Russell Blount, speaker
11/10	8:30 - 1:00	Old Hwy 41 parking lot	November Trail Work Day
10/11	11,12,2,3	Visitor Center	Artillery Demonstrations (cannon firing)

## The Appalachian Trail Marks 75th Year

The Appalachian Trail has been around for 75 years now. The Appalachian Trail Club (ATC) and other Volunteer organizations have been maintaining it since its very beginning. Here, at Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park, The Kennesaw Mountain Trail Club has been loosely modeled on the ATC. You may find more information on the Appalachian Trail Anniversary at <http://www.citizen-times.com/article/20120814/OUTDOORS/308140014/A-trail-s-tale-Appalachian-Trail-celebrates-75-years>

## Mark Your Calendars!

### Upcoming Work Day Schedule:

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 national park for future visitors. We will meet at 8:30 am at the new parking lot, .2 miles north of the Visitor Center on Old 41 and usually are finished by 1:00 p.m. Activities usually include the use of shovels, rakes, picks, and other tools to fix erosion problems on the 20+ mile trail system. Please do not wear open-toed shoes & long pants are recommended.

As winter months approach, weather conditions can change quickly. We value our volunteers' health, comfort and safety so to promote safer work conditions, we'll cancel work days if the temperature is below 40 degrees and/or there's a high probability of precipitation. If we must cancel a workday, we'll post an announcement on the front page of the KMTC website at: [www.kennesawmountaintrailclub.org](http://www.kennesawmountaintrailclub.org)

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](mailto:kmtctrails@kennesawmountaintrailclub.org) at least 4 weeks in advance. Trail work can be performed any day of the week.

We work closely with the Park Service and assist the park staff by providing critically needed volunteer effort to install signs, build bridges, and maintain the 20+ miles of trails. Since our beginning in 2002, the Trail Club has donated over 25,000 volunteer hours to Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park.

We hope to see you at a work day soon!

## “The Big Bucks”

Labor Day is one of my favorite holidays. Not so much that it is the “unofficial end of Summer,” but because it makes me think of the labor that is involved with our work. And, it’s a great holiday to take a break and just relax.

However for numerous years I looked forward to the Labor Day 10k race up Cobb Parkway; used to be billed as the toughest 10K. Well, I worked on Cobb Parkway and every day I’d watch all the traffic up and down the road. Then on Labor Day there was silence and just the huffing and puffing of thousands running and walking for a charity & getting a good work out at the same time. That’s actually what we do when volunteering with the trail club.

Labor is a term that can be looked at in many different ways. Its not just hard physical work. I’ve always been interested in physical fitness; I remember seeing the ads in magazines showing the guy that worked all day lifting things and then would go lift weights after work; while he scoffed at the guy that had an office job and was too tired to work out after work. We all now know that the stress of mental work is probably more tiring then doing active lifting of moving during work. Labor is labor; it’s all work.

We’re fortunate to have volunteers from all walks of life, many varied occupations. It’s just funny that recently a couple of us were staging for trail day by moving some heavy rocks, and when a man passed by I said, “you know you could help us with these.” His reply - “That’s what you get paid the big bucks for.” Yup, we sure do! We get paid generously with the good feeling that doing volunteer work is a labor that is well beyond getting paid for. I really don’t know if moving rocks will ever get me the “Big Bucks;” I do know that sharing my efforts with our trail club volunteers is worth a fortune.

Come on out and join us and earn some of them “Big Bucks” (Oh, and you may even see one- a Deer of course)!

*Doug Jasse*  
KMTC Outreach Director



## Work Plan for September 8, 2012

### Trail Day

1. Environmental trimming and ground work at picnic & amphitheater area (special project with Randy in charge)
2. Filling with dirt and armoring grade dips and debanking/ cleaning out dips along paved trail leading up Mountain.
3. Pruning brush and lopping off privet from lower paved trail at Mountain top.
4. Moving loose stacked fencing from lower portion of trail back side of the Mountain and installing some 3' in off-trail across from cannon on Mountain top.
5. Cleaning out and digging deeper drainage/water runoff nicks along trail going down back side of the Mountain top.
6. Moving rock and correcting rock step/water barrier at turn on trail going down back side of the Mountain top.
7. Continued pruning along trail going down back side of the Mountain top and across road along the concrete steps.
8. Moving free standing stacked fencing from backside of the Mountain top to close off social trails along saddle area some 20 to 50 yards beyond the concrete steps.
9. Continue work on steps project both at fire road and upper area where trail turns right onto level area. (Also propose to use gas powered ditch witch in this area to enhance grade dips and/or nicks). Add rip wrap rocks to border water runoff nicks.

Look forward to a good turnout; weather should be great for a September day!



GSU Students - 8/11/12

8/11/12 - Photos by Fred Feltmann

## Book Report - **“THE OFFICIAL RECORDS and ATLAS”**

Reviewed by Bill Gurry

The map shown is a section of one of the Atlanta Campaign maps included in *The Official Military Atlas of the Civil War*, a large one-volume book of maps to accompany the official battle reports in the *Official Records* (see below). The Atlas contains 821 maps, 106 engravings, and 209 drawings. Some of the maps are excellent, and some (shall I say) are not.

Of particular interest are the series of excellent maps on the Atlanta Campaign, Sherman's March to the Sea, and Sherman's campaign through the Carolina's, covering from Chattanooga to Atlanta to Savannah to Columbia, SC to Durham, NC. The map shown here is a small section of one of the maps showing the Brushy Mountain and Kennesaw Mountain lines.

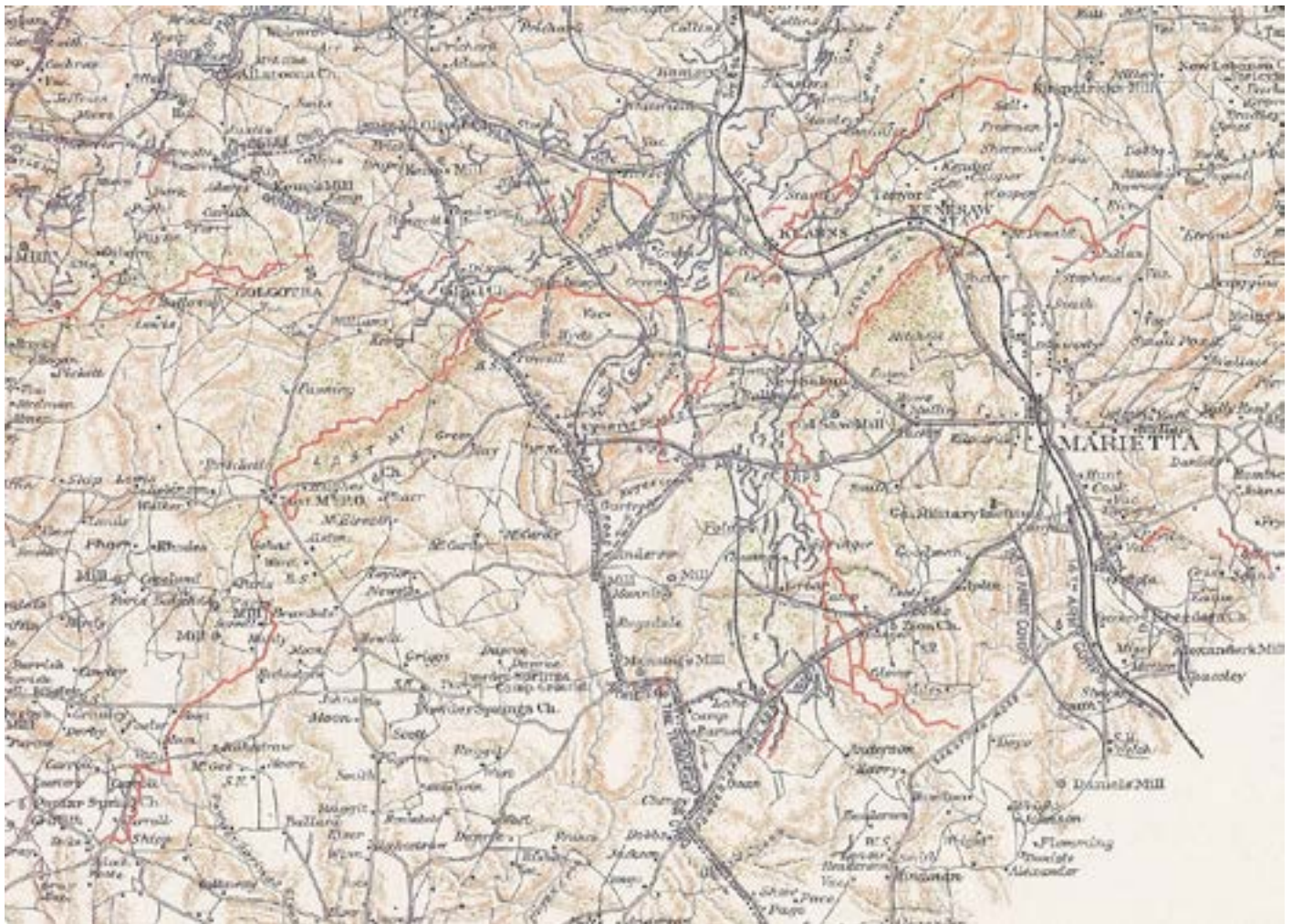
The Atlas is for sale in the Kennesaw Mountain Visitor's Center.

The Atlas is a companion to a set of books entitled *The*

*War of Rebellion: A Compilation of the Official Records of the Union and Confederate Armies. The Official Records*, known as “O.R.” for short, are anything but short. They include 128 volumes and almost 140,000 pages - not light reading for a vacation at the beach. They were printed by the US Army between 1880 and 1910. *The O.R.* are considered the mother of all research materials for the Civil War.

*The O.R.* are a compilation of orders, official after-battle reports, and correspondence of the Union & Confederate Armies. Volume XXXIII Parts I-V (5 books) cover the Atlanta Campaign. Margaret Mitchell's copy of these volumes used for her research for *“Gone with the Wind”* includes her own personal notes in the margins.

If you'd like to take a look, the complete *O.R.* are available on line in searchable format at many websites. If by chance you'd like to have your own copy of the volumes on the Atlanta Campaign, they are for sale on a CD at the Kennesaw Mountain Visitor's Center.



# Troop 321 Eagle Project



*Photos furnished by Troy Chastain*

# August 11, 2012 Work Day Photos



*Photos by Fred Feltmann*



REI Volunteers helping out on 8/11/12



Eagle Scout Project - 8/11/12

# Walker School Work Day - August 17, 2012

Photos by Fred Feltmann



# Trail Club Shirts and Merchandise Available

[http://www.cafepress.com/kennesaw\\_trails](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 [tees@kennesawmountaintrailclub.org](mailto:tees@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.



*Photos by Fred Feltmann*



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## 2012 Activities at Kennesaw Mountain Battlefield

### September:

**September 8:** 8:30-1:00      Old Hwy 41 parking lot      September Trail Work Day

**September 1 :** Monday Night Program | “Georgia in 1862” | Dr. Keith Bohannon from West Georgia University.

**September 15: Fleet Feet Hike** 9:00 AM - Noon. Meet at the Flag Pole at the Visitor Center 10 minutes before

**September 23: Fleet Feet Hike** 9:00 AM - Noon. Meet at the Flag Pole at the Visitor Center 10 minutes before

**September 30 : Artillery Demonstration @** Visitor Center | 11 am, 12 pm, 2 pm, 3 pm.

### October:

**October 13** 8:30-1:00      Old Hwy 41 parking lot      October Trail Work Day

**October 14: Artillery Demonstration @** Visitor Center | 11 am, 12 pm, 2 pm, 3 pm.

**October 15: Monday Night Program** | These programs cover a variety of historical and culturally relevant topics delivered by subject experts. Speakers are to be announced; please check back later for more details.

**October 28:** Artillery Demonstration @ Mountain Top | 11 am, 12 pm, 2 pm, 3 pm.

### November:

**November 11: Artillery Demonstration @** Visitor Center | 11 am, 12 pm, 2 pm, 3 pm

### December:

## Civil War 150 years ago, August, 1862

War is continental in scope. McClellan abandons positions six miles from Richmond, VA to counter Jackson's operations in the Shenandoah Valley.

- Aug 5 Engagement at Baton Rouge, Louisiana
- Aug 6 CSS Arkansas scuttled near Baton Rouge, Louisiana
- Aug 9 Battle of Cedar Mountain (Slaughter Mountain), Virginia. Northern Virginia Campaign. When Maj. Gen. John Pope was placed in command of the newly constituted Army of Virginia on June 26, the Northern general vowed to bring the vagaries of war to the Southern populace. Gen. Robert E. Lee responded to Pope's threats against his home state by dispatching Maj. Gen. Thomas J. "Stonewall" Jackson with 14,000 men to Gordonsville in July. Jackson's force was later bolstered by additional troops under A.P. Hill. In early August, Pope began his offensive into Culpeper County, hoping to capture the rail junction at Gordonsville. On August 9, Maj. Gen. Nathaniel Banks's advancing corps ran headlong into Jackson's troops at Cedar Mountain. Though the Federals gained an early advantage, a swift counterattack by A.P. Hill's Confederates drove the Federals back and won the day.
- Aug 10 Affair on Nueces River, Texas
- Aug 11 Confederate partisans capture Independence, Missouri
- Aug 13 Skirmish on Yellow Creek, Missouri
- Aug 15 Skirmish at Clarendon, Arkansas
- Aug 17 Sioux uprising begins in southwest Minnesota
- Aug 19 Federal raid on the Louisville & Nashville Railroad
- Aug 22 Affair at Catlett's Station, Virginia
- Aug 24 CSS Alabama commissioned at sea off Portugal's Azore Islands. Will become most successful CSS commerce raider.
- Aug 27 Northern Virginia Campaign. Stonewall Jackson captures and plunders Union supply depot at Manassas Junction, VA
- Aug 28 Battle of Brawner's Farm (Groveton), Virginia
- Aug 29 Northern Virginia Campaign. Battle of Second Manassas (Bull Run), Virginia begins. CSA victory. Spring board for Lee's first invasion of the North.
- Aug 30 Battle of Richmond, Kentucky. CSA victory.

## Civil War 150 years ago, September, 1862

**Summary:** Following Pope's failure to capture Richmond and the subsequent Union defeat at the battle of Second Manassas, McClellan was once again leading the army that had such strong affection for him. With Little Mac at its head, the Army of the Potomac moved to counter Lee's 1862 invasion of Maryland. The Union chief molded his campaign around a captured document outlining Lee's invasion plan. After a series of skirmishes along the Blue Ridge mountains, the two armies met in an epic contest at Antietam on September 17, 1862, the single bloodiest day of the war. Battle weary and bloodied, the Confederate Army retreated back into Virginia under the cover of darkness.

- Sept 1 Battle of Chantilly (Ox Hill), Virginia
- Sept 2 Union General George B. McClellan restored to command in Virginia
- Sept 9 Skirmish at Barnesville, Maryland
- Sept 13 Federal soldiers near Frederick, Maryland find Lee's Special Order No. 191
- Sept 14 Battle of South Mountain Gaps, Maryland  
Attack on Munfordville, Kentucky
- Sept 15 Capture of Harpers Ferry, Virginia (now West Virginia)
- Sept 17 Battle of Antietam (Sharpsburg), Maryland  
Munfordville, Kentucky surrenders  
Union forces evacuate Cumberland Gap, Tennessee/Kentucky
- Sept 19 Battle of Shepherdstown, WV  
Battle of Iuka, Mississippi
- Sept 20 Fighting at Shepherdstown (Boteler's Ford), Virginia (now West Virginia)
- Sept 21 Citizens of San Francisco, CA contribute \$100,000 for relief of Federal wounded
- Sept 25 Fighting at Snow's Pond and Ashbyburg, Kentucky
- Sept 27 First Federal regiment of black soldiers mustered in at New Orleans, Louisiana



## Fleet Feet Hikes: For Physically Active, Mature Adults

*The hikes are led by other wise and mature adults who enjoy the outdoors and know the trails of Kennesaw Mountain well.*

The hikes are divided into short (two mile) and long (six mile) lengths.

Short hikes are from 9 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.

~~June 16~~  
~~July 21~~  
~~August 26~~  
September 23

Long hikes are from 9 am – 12:00 pm

~~July 1~~  
~~August 18~~  
September 15



All participants should meet at the flagpole near the Visitor Center and no registration is required. For all hikes, please arrive ten minutes prior to start time for hike information; hikes begin promptly at 9:00 am.

Be sure to bring water and long pants and good hiking boots are highly recommended. For more information, please call 770-427-4686 x 0 between 8:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.

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TO: Trail Maintenance & Hiking Club Release

ITEM: Article below on Southeastern Foot Trails Coalition Region Meeting Sept. 20-23, 2012

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### **Southeastern Foot Trails Coalition Invites Your Club Members to Tennessee's Cumberland Plateau Gathering in September**

Members of the 40 hiking and trail maintenance clubs in the Southeast interested in hiking the trails on the Cumberland Plateau or wanting to know more about all aspects of trails and trail building/maintenance are invited to the 7<sup>th</sup> biennial meeting of the Southeastern Foot Trails Coalition (SEFTC) at Fall Creek Falls State Park in southeastern Tennessee near Pikeville on the Cumberland Plateau on September 20-23, 2012, about 70 miles north of Chattanooga.

The SEFTC is a coalition of most all the hiking and trail maintenance organizations in the Southeast, representing over 40 such clubs from Florida to Virginia and Kentucky.

The coalition leadership has planned a fun and informative four days. There will be numerous trail-related workshops led by experts in the field. A variety of hikes are planned, both inside this 25,000-acre state park and in the surrounding state/protected areas of the Cumberland Plateau. Trail fellowship and a wide exchange of ideas are part of the offering. Special speakers and entertainment will be yours each evening.

Much of the beautiful lakeview lodge, cabins, and campground have been reserved by SEFTC for this weekend. Part-weekend registration and attendance is available for those not able to be present the full time.

Early registration now is encouraged. Some fees go up August 1, and there is a limit to housing with almost no alternatives nearby outside the park.

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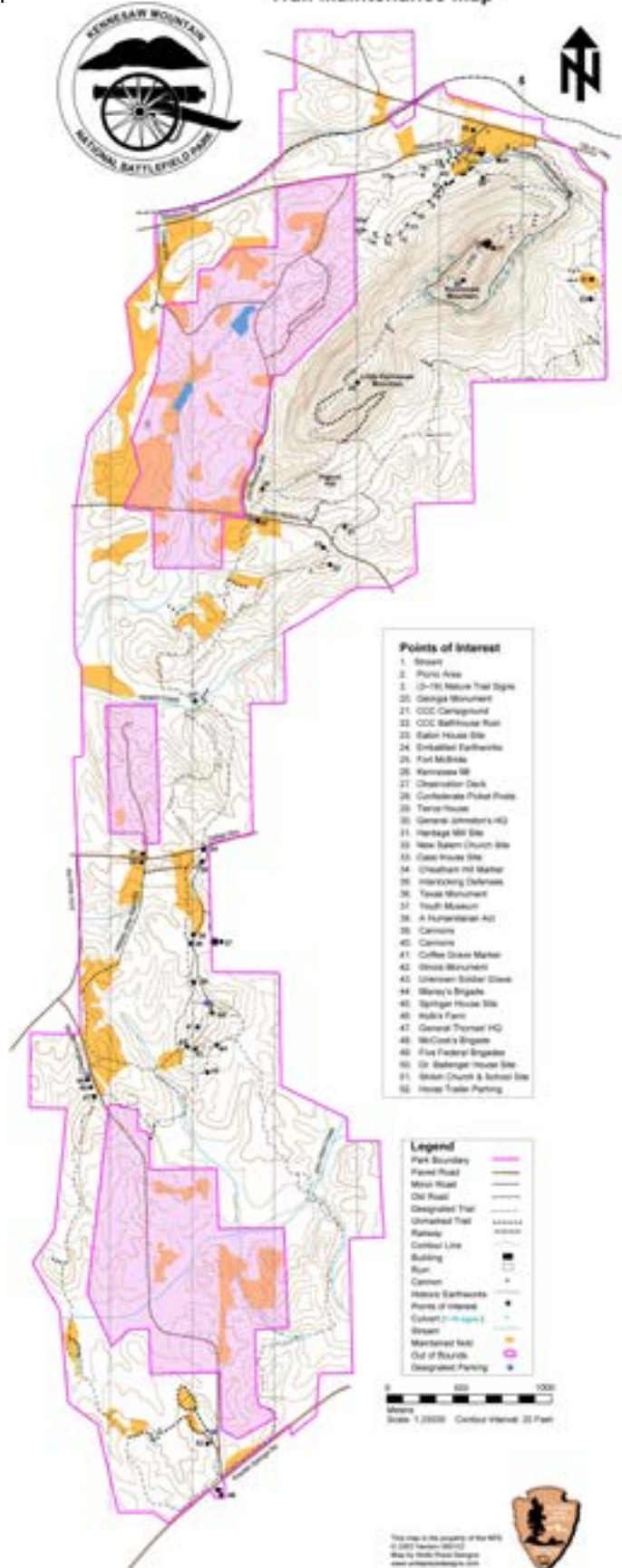


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## KENNESAW MOUNTAIN NATIONAL BATTLEFIELD PARK

### Trail Maintenance Map



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If you wish to have an article published in the August Newsletter, please submit it to Fred Feltmann at [faf1948@bellsouth.net](mailto:faf1948@bellsouth.net) no later than September 20th!