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Friends of KMNBP!

A new organization is forming at Kennesaw Mountain called "Friends of KMNBP (Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park)." They will be a fundraising organization to raise money for improvements to the park, support of on-going visitor programs, and of course materials for our trail maintenance. They are looking for dedicated volunteers to staff their board. Please contact Scott Mackay at box2105@mindspring.com if you are interested in helping get this organization started up.

8/10/19 Workday AT Noses Creek

By Bill Gurry

On Saturday, August 10, almost 90 volunteers joined 16 (yes 16!!) Crew Leaders, about 8 Trail Ambassadors, and 8 members from SCA to continue work on the Noses Creek trail north of Noses Creek, hopefully for the last time.

Peter and Kelly and their crew continued the drainage at

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the south end of the section just north of the creek and filled in a swale at the Hardage Mill trailhead with large rocks to stop erosion and to prevent silt from running down to the creek. Geoff made a last minute tool run and joined them. They've done about a quarter mile of this now, and they're all done. Rodney, David and Katie and crew sloped a puddle area of the trail to get water off to both sides and sloped a section of trail to keep water off the north Hardage Mill trailhead. They were chased off the other big puddle area by a swarm of angry yellow jackets – nature won. Rodney also formed a very specialized, talented, and exclusive "Root Group" to remove dead roots that were making it difficult for Park vehicles to use the trail/road. Curt and Jerry and Bob ran the new dump trailer to move more rocks over to the storage area near Camp Brumby. This is a big piece of work. Scott ran the Gator with Bill aboard supporting all the crews and staging rocks for Tuesday's SCA work up Pigeon Hill. Founder Fred took "just a few" more photos and helped with many of the projects all along the way. Eric, Cindy, Coach Rich, and Dave tackled the big ugly root area on the north end with a big load of dirt. I hope we never see these roots again. We'll keep an eye on this one to see how we did. And Mike was everywhere, too many places to keep track of.

Thanks to SCA for joining us on their day off –these guys are good.

Big thanks to all you Trail Ambassadors as well for making the day go smoothly, especially Debbie subbing for Rena (can anyone really sub for Rena?), and kudos (that's a word from the 1950's) to Jay and Cam for hours in the hot sun parking cars and directing traffic.

And thanks to Doug from the NPS maintenance staff for staging the equipment and looking out for us.

September 14, 2019 Work Day

This month's work day will involve replacing the fencing at the Cheatham Hill Rd. Parking Lot. Parking will be in the activity field across the street from the Cheatham Hill Rd.

Student Conservation Association (SCA)

AT KMNBP

By Bill Gurry

Two leaders and half a dozen SCA members are spending a month at KMNBP to perform trail work in our most difficult trail areas. The group was led by Jackie (Phoenix and Pittsburgh), and Lucas (Hudson Valley in NY). SCA Members were Emma (Seattle), Saumya (Houston), Catherine (Orange County, CA), Katrina (Perrysburg, OH), Kell-Bjarne (Pittsburg), and Quenton (Philadelphia). Park summer intern Amanda H. helped as well. Bill, Jay, Eric, Dave and Fred laid out the following work for SCA to perform:

- Repaired the ugly rut in the saddle up Little Kennesaw Mtn. (Little K), rebuilt the steps, provided drainage, and repair work in the puddles near the top.
- Removed weeds and vines at Fort McBride and trip roots near French's Rock.
- Built two new steps, debarred, trimmed weeds, removed roots, and built a short crib to remove a short side creep trail just over the top of Little K.
- Cleaned and made minor repairs on the Grand Staircase (an SCA tradition), cleaned out part of a French drain and ditch, cleaned water diversion structures, and other maintenance work on the Lower Mountain Trail.
- On the trail club workday (extra credit), built some temporary silt traps/rock dams to stop erosion and protect Noses Creek on the south Hardage Mill trail, and helped stage crusher run from Kolb's Farm.
- "Enjoyed" two days of invasive plant removal in the area of Wagner's attack near Cheatham Hill.
- Repaired steps and water structures and did some weed removal up Pigeon Hill.
- Sharpened Pulaskis.
- Closed the nuisance social trail at the switchback on the backside of Little K.
- And the hardest work – repaired the trail and removed hiker-created diversion trails up the backside of Little K.



Everyone who wants to thank Boss Doug for the pizzas and cheesecake raise your hand.

At press time, work was planned for either the Hardage Mill Trail or at Gilbert Road.

Thanks to Boss Doug for sponsoring a season ending pizza banquet for SCA Members, SCA Leaders, and Trail Club advisors. A great time was had by all.

Thank you, SCA.

Wanted: Membership Chair!

"The Friends of Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park is looking for a personable, self-starting, take-charge volunteer to lead their membership team. Contact Scott Mackay at box2105@mindspring.com."

Trail Skills Workshop

The Trail Skills Workshop (TSW) will be held October 26 – 27, 2019 at Lake Winfield Scott. The TSW is a training event focused on teaching the most current Trail construction and maintenance methods applicable for Eastern landscapes. Courses are a mix of classroom instruction, field time, and social time; they are project-oriented and led by local maintaining clubs, the United States Forest Service, and the Appalachian Trail Conservancy.

While the curriculum is still being finalized; the following courses will be offered:

105: Essential Trail Maintenance

This course is designed to be an overview of all aspects in maintaining trail systems, with a special emphasis on improved modern methods. Main subjects include: standard safety protocols, corridor clearing, cleaning and retrofitting drainage structures, and tread realignment

215: Drainage Design and Drain Dips

An intermediate to advanced course that gives in-depth field instruction explaining the use, application, and modern design of drainage structures. This course also discusses the appropriateness of structures such as culverts, French drains, cross drains and armored drainage control devices.

There is no charge for this event which includes camping at Lake Winfield Scott and a BBQ dinner Saturday night. Hard hats are required for work in the National Forest, they can be provided if necessary. For more information contact jay@jayDphotos.com and to register go to <https://forms.gle/3LizEEgx9xGSUcRZ8>.

Jay Dement

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Additional Volunteers needed! Call today!

Trail Ambassador Highlights - August, 2019

On Saturday August 24, 2019 Brent Binion and Amy Campbell presented a four hour Leave No Trace Awareness (LNT) course to the Trail Ambassadors and other VIP members. Attending the class – and helping with set up and breakdown of tables and chairs – were Tammy Shakur, David Haines, Karen Petrella, Tim Poolos, Lucy Denzin, Laurie Poppell, Alanda Boyd, Amanda Howard, Gloria Downey and Janie Brier.

Simply put, Leave No Trace is enjoying nature/wilderness responsibly. There are 7 principles which Brent assured us even kids can learn in 10 minutes. OK, maybe it took some of us longer than 10 minutes but the hand signs help my poor memory. Here goes:

- Know before you go -where am I going, what are the rules, what is the weather forecast. Do I need food (maybe) , water(yes) , map (yes)?
- Travel and Camp on Durable surfaces i.e. stay on approved trails. If circumstances force you to go off the trail minimize your impact.
- Trash your own trash – dispose of waste properly
- Leave what you find – if you need a keepsake... take a picture
- Safety with fire – minimize campfire impact
- Respect wildlife. Cover 1 eye and hold out your thumb at arm's length. If the thumb doesn't cover the wildlife in question, you are too close
- Be Kind. Be considerate of other visitors.

We covered all the principles in the morning session. We also heard some hilarious and some not at all funny stories of people who don't follow the LNT principles. After lunch we put the principle of proper trash disposal into practice. We did not have to walk a few feet from the visitor center to find micro trash. We went less than 200 feet up the lower mountain trail and picket line trail to spot big trash and evidence of people obviously not staying on the trails. After a short walk outside we came back in to practice some role play.

I hope to be able to offer the awareness class again after the holidays. Several people in the recent class expressed interest in the 2 day Leave No Trace Trainer course. I will put more information on both the awareness and trainer classes via the Trail Ambassador and Trail Ambassador Candidate group e-mails.

Janie Brier

Trail Ambassador Director



Forest Echoes

Fred Feltmann

2/21/99

Deep within the forest.

Deep within.

In amongst the shadows and branches.

The birds call.

Call one another.

For friendship.

For security.

To find a friend.

A mate.

Or to let others know that they are there.

Deep within,

The shadows of the forest.

Amongst the branches.

In the undergrowth.

Along its paths,

A chickadee calls.

A bluebird sings to its mate.

A hummingbird wings its way to another sunlit spot.

In search of sustenance.

As sun and shadow play,

Among the whispering breezes,

Whispering through the pines and boughs.

Deep within.

Flying amongst the branches and boughs.

Amongst the interplay of sun and shade.

As they dance among the trees and branches.

And all is at peace with their maker.

Deep within the forest.



KMTC Annual Business Meeting

The Kennesaw Mountain Trail Club's Annual Business Meeting will take place on Saturday, September 7th, 2018 starting at 9:00 AM in the Education Room at the Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park Visitor Center. New Club Officers/Directors will be elected and installed for the coming year, select Directors will report on their activities for the year past, and a look-ahead to upcoming Club activities will be provided.

Per our current By-Laws, all Voting Members (Officers, Directors, Trail Ambassadors and Crew Leaders) and Community Volunteers (individuals who have participated in, at least, one club event/activity during the current calendar year) are welcome to attend the Annual Business Meeting.

The nominees for election to office for the 2019 – 2020 year are:

President	Don Olds
Vice-President	Robert Willoughby
Secretary	Bob Brier
Treasurer	Tom Okenberg
Trails Director	Bill Gurry
Communications	Fred Feltmann
Community Volunteers	Rena Bailey
Trail Ambassadors	Janie Brier
Invasive Plants	Danny Leigh
Archivist	TBD
Technology	Jerry Givan
Fundraising Director	Scott Mackay

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 2018 (October 2017- September 2018 and Fiscal 2019 (October 2018- Present):

FY 2018

ATLANTA OUTDOOR CLUB
ALLATOONA HIGH SCHOOL HONOR SOCIETY
ALLATOONA HS NJROTC
BETA ALPHA PSI FROM KSU
BSA TROOP 75
BSA TROOP 17, ARAGON, GA
BSA TROOP 1011
CAMPBELL HS
HARRISON HIGH SCHOOL
HILLGROVE HS NJROTC
KENNESAW MOUNTAIN HS NJROTC
KENNESAW MOUNTAIN HS KEY CLUB
KENNESAW MOUNTAIN HS AP MAGNET ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE CLASS
KSU
KSU BETA ALPHA PSI
KSU PHI SIGMA PI
PACK 405, McEACHERN UMC
PHI SIGMA PI FROM KSU
POPE HS HONOR SOCIETY
POPE HS SCIENCE NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY
SERVICE DAY - KSU
SWINERTON CARE CREW
U.S. ARMY TRAINING CLASS
VENTURE CREW 540
VOLUNTEER KSU
WALKER SCHOOL
WOODSTOCK HS NJROTC

FY 2019

ALLATOONA HS NJROTC
ATLANTA OUTDOOR CLUB (AOC)
BOY SCOUT TROOP 008 (EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT)
BOY SCOUT TROOP 144 (EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT)
BOY SCOUT TROOP 200 (EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT)
BOY SCOUT TROOP 277 (EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT)
BOY SCOUT TROOP 287 (EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT) (2 PROJECTS)
BOY SCOUT TROOP 445 (EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT)
BOY SCOUT TROOP 540
BOY SCOUT TROOP 540 (EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT) (3 PROJECTS)

BOY SCOUT TROOP 545 (EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT) (2)
BOY SCOUT TROOP 700 (EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT)
BOY SCOUT TROOP 797
BOY SCOUT TROOP 797 (EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT) (2)
CUB SCOUT PACK 204, MARIETTA
CUMBERLAND SCHOOL
DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION
FLIGHTWORKS
FRIENDS TO THE FORLORN PITBULL RESCUE
HARRISON HS BETA CLUB
HARRISON HIGH SCHOOL KEY CLUB
HARRISON NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY
HILLGROVE HS NJROTC
KENNESAW MOUNTAIN HS
KENNESAW MOUNTAIN HS NJROTC
KSU
KSU BETA ALPHA PSI
GEORGIA TECH
MARIETTA HS
MT PARAN CHURCH
PACESETTER STEEL
VOLUNTEER KSU
WHEELER HS
WOODSTOCK HS NJROTC

The following groups participated in our August work days:

ALLATOONA HS NJROTC
HILLGROVE HS NJROTC
SCA

We had approximately 91 volunteers, 8 SCA members and 24 Club members participated in the August Work Day. Thanks, for a job well done!



“Seems Like More Time Remembering”

When one reaches the 3/4 century time of life it seems like things that are having anniversaries of some 50 years ago don't feel to be that long ago. I pretty much just write what I hear and remember, hopefully topical. I'm not too keen on doing a lot of research but I do read and listen to the news (and let's not argue about that). I've been thinking of some of the major anniversaries that were recently brought up.

Surely the one that first comes to my mind was the 75th Anniversary of the Allied invasion of Normandy, France - “D Day.” That was a day that turned the tide of history. And, there was the United States Apollo Moon landing 50 yrs. ago. “Woodstock Music & Art Fair” was 50 years ago. And the movie, “Easy Rider” was released (yes) Fifty Years Ago. I'll save stuff that happened 155 years ago, like the recent commemoration of the Battle at Kennesaw Mountain and other more current events for another time. Like maybe even something about Frederick Law Olmsted, later. When one hears about these anniversaries, thoughts immediately come to mind, especially personal memories. Like I knew soldiers who were in the D Day invasion, I was in a small meeting with an Astronaut who walked on the moon. I have a relative who was at Woodstock and knew people who claimed to have been there (but weren't), And, I saw Easy Rider a few times and a few years later rode next to Peter Fonda in a charity M/C ride (sadly he passed away 8/16/19).

What's good about these memories and anniversaries, is that you'll one day have them too; and maybe you do now. The young SCA group that just finished up their work at the park will remember their time here. All of you who aid and work on the park are making memories. Sure there has been big events and there will be more; things stick with us for a long time and ever so often something will be read or heard that will free up those memories. Thanks,

Doug Tasse



Doug & Pat Tasse just before getting out of service, 50 Yrs ago



Completed SCA project - closing a social trail on the backside of Little Kennesaw.



Root begone! Photo by Rodney during the August work day.

Below: Clean-up project undertaken by Curt Spinney after a small tree fell partially on the trail to Pigeon Hill.



2018/2019 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 40+ 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. For these expenses, we rely on your donations.

Each year we kick off a new round of fund raising and this is the 2018 big “ask.” We need your help with this, even small donations help. We will conclude this drive at the end of FY 2019 (September, 2019).

As we approach our 16th year in operation, we ask you to please think ‘15’, like \$15.. \$30.. \$45..... \$150... \$1500. 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
- 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>
September, 2019			
9/7	9:00 am - Noon	Visitor Center	Annual Business Meeting
9/14	8:30 am - Noon	Cheatham Hill Rd	Trail Work Day - Register at SignUp, below.
October, 2019			
10/12	8:30 am - Noon	TBD	Trail Work Day - Register at SignUp, below.
November, 2019			
11/09	8:30 am - Noon	TBD	Trail Work Day - Register at SignUp, below.

Note: In case of inclement weather and our regular work day is cancelled, we may schedule a make-up work day - see our website for details! We will confirm this in our cancellation notice.

Check pages 13 - 16 for NPS/Kemo-sponsored activities for September.

Register for Our Work Days!

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

signup.com/go/VvavYQj. 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:

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. Registration will open at 8:00 am. Parking will be in the activity field across the street from the Cheatham Hill Rd Parking Lot - please arrive there by 8:30 am. 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.

We value our volunteers' health, comfort and safety so to promote safer work conditions, we'll cancel work days if 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

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. 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.

We hope to see you at a work day soon!

8/10/19 Work Day Photos

Photos by Fred Feltmann



SCA Photos

Photos by Fred Feltmann



SCA Photos - 2019

Photos by Jaclyn Chappel.



Records Management Volunteer Needed!

The Kennesaw Mountain Trail Club (KMTC) Board of Directors seeks a records management professional to volunteer to assess KMTC records management needs, review current records and define policies (SP) needed for records support going forward. An example model SP for records management follows:

“A document retention and destruction policy identifies the record retention responsibilities of staff, volunteers, board members, and outsiders for maintaining and documenting the storage and destruction of the organization’s documents and records.”

<https://www.councilofnonprofits.org/tools-resources/document-retention-policies-nonprofits>

Please contact Jay Haney, KMTC Director for Program Planning for additional details.
Haney69jb@gmail.com cell 770.313.4864

KMTC is a not for profit partner of Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park in Kennesaw, Georgia.

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* updated



Saturday Lecture Series

Saturday, September 28, 2019

2:00 PM

at the Kennesaw Mountain NBP
Visitor Center

"Forgotten Parks"

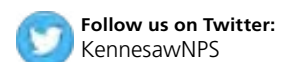
Kennesaw Mountain, Grand Canyon, and Great Smoky Mountains are just a few of the 419 units in the National Park Service system. However, did you know there are locations throughout the country that were once NPS units but are no longer part of the National Park Service?

Join historian Andrew Bramlett as he shares the fascinating stories of these "Forgotten Parks" and what ultimately happened to them.



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*All photos taken from nps.gov park websites.



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Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park **Interpretive Programs for SEPTEMBER**

****All park programming is free and open to the public. No registration required unless noted. Programs start at Visitor Center except when otherwise specified.**

Everyday @ 1:00 pm **Ranger Led Museum Tour**

August 31 @ 11:00 am - Mountain Top Hike

Join us for a ranger hike to the top of Big Kennesaw Mountain. The hike will focus on local and Civil War history, as well some of the ecology of the area. This is an outdoor program, so please prepare accordingly. Length of the hike will be approximately 2 miles, and will be weather dependent.

September 1 - 2 @ 11, 12, 2, and 3:00 pm ‘Artillery Demonstrations’

Artillerists explain the steps of firing a cannon by detailing the role of each person working the cannon. Afterwards, the process is performed in real time and the cannon is fired. The program is free and open to the public. Please note that cannon firings are very loud, especially to those with hearing sensitivity (i.e. dogs, children, etc.).

September 2 @ 10:00 am – 2:00 pm ‘Civil War Music’

Music during the Civil War served many functions. Not only did it help to organize and rally, but also went a long way to boost morale amongst the soldiers. Come join the musicians of Three Rivers Fife and Drum as they demonstrate this through performance and discussion of 19th century fife and drum music.

September 7 @ 11:00 am - 11:30 am ‘The Fighting McCooks’

On June 27, 1864, Colonel Daniel McCook, Jr. led the Union assault up Cheatham Hill, where he was mortally wounded. This brave man was not the only McCook to fight for the Union army. This 30 minute program will introduce the ‘Fighting McCooks,’ the story of 3 Ohio brothers and their 15 sons who joined the Union forces and fought throughout the Civil War.

September 8 @ 2:30 pm – 3:30 pm ‘Guided Assault Trail Hike’

Follow in the footsteps of the Union and Confederate soldiers who fought here in that summer of 1864 with this guided hike. A ranger will take you along the Assault Trail, detailing the events of the Battle of Kennesaw Mountain and Cheatham Hill. The approximate length of this hike is 1 mile and will be weather dependent.

This program is **not at the Visitor Center; parking is at 902 Cheatham Hill Rd., Marietta (Recreation Area # 3 parking lot)*

September 14 @ 11, 12, 2 & 3:00 pm ‘Infantry Demonstrations’

Come out and enjoy an interactive infantry demonstration at Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park.

This program will consist of a step-by-step description and demonstration of basic infantry tactics and culminate in a rifled musket firing. This program is free to attend and open to the public. Please note that rifled musket firings are loud, especially to those with hearing sensitivity (i.e. dogs, children, etc.)

September 14 @ 8:00 am – 12:30 pm ‘Kennesaw Mountain Trail Club Work Day’

Volunteers are needed for each work day to help park staff maintain the 20-plus trails of Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park. Parking and registration is at the Cheatham Hill Road parking lot. The NPS Volunteer Services Agreement is required. A parent must sign the form if the child is under 18 years old. The form and directions to the registration site are available on the club’s website: kennesawmountaintrailclub.org

September 15 @ 2:30 pm – 3:00 pm ‘Memorial Field Walk’

Join us for a short, ranger-led history walk in our Memorial Field in front of the Visitor Center. This program will consist of an in depth look at the Battle of Kennesaw Mountain and the diversionary attack that happened there. Please prepare accordingly, as this is an outdoor program. Program will be weather dependent.

September 15 @ 11:00 am & 2:00 pm ‘Cheatham Hill Walk’

Join historian Brad Quinlin on a short and interactive walk around Cheatham Hill, the Illinois Monument, and the Dead Angle. Programs typically last 30 – 45 minutes. Because this program is held outdoors, it will be weather dependent.

This program is **not at the Visitor Center; parking is at 947 Cheatham Hill Dr, Marietta (the Illinois Monument parking lot)*

September 21 @ 11, 12, 2, and 3:00 pm ‘Artillery Demonstrations’

Artillerists explain the steps of firing a cannon by detailing the role of each person working the cannon. Afterwards, the process is performed in real time and the cannon is fired. The program is free and open to the public. Please note that cannon firings are very loud, especially to those with hearing sensitivity (i.e. dogs, children, etc.).

September 22 @ 2:30 pm – 4:00 pm ‘Guided Mountaintop Hike’

Join us for a ranger-led hike to the top of Big Kennesaw Mountain. The hike will focus on local and Civil War history, as well some of the ecology of the area. This is an outdoor program, so please prepare accordingly. Length of the hike will be approximately 2 miles, and will be weather dependent.

September 28 @ 11, 12, 2 & 3:00 pm ‘Infantry Demonstrations’

Come out and enjoy an interactive infantry demonstration at Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park. This program will consist of a step-by-step description and demonstration of basic infantry tactics and culminate in a rifled musket firing. This program is free to attend and open to the public. Please note that rifled musket firings are loud, especially to those with hearing sensitivity (i.e. dogs, children, etc.)

September 29 @ 2:30 pm – 3:30 pm ‘Guided Assault Trail Hike’

Follow in the footsteps of the Union and Confederate soldiers who fought here in that summer of 1864 with this guided hike. A ranger will take you along the Assault Trail, detailing the events of the Battle of Kennesaw Mountain and Cheatham Hill. The approximate length of this hike is 1 mile and will be weather dependent. **This program is **not at the Visitor Center**; parking is at 902 Cheatham Hill Rd., Marietta (Recreation Area # 3 parking lot)*

*** Outdoor programs (Living History programs and hikes) may be cancelled in the occurrence of inclement weather).*

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



Kennesaw Mountain & the Cobb County Library System Present: Fall Break Story Time! September 23 – September 27, 2019

9/23- Hooray for Habitats

**What makes a home a home?
Come out and join us for a librarian
led story time about animal homes
and habitats.(10:30 am – 11:30 am)**

9/24 – Loveable Leaves

**This story time will talk about
beautiful leaves, what they do for
trees and why they change
color.(10:30 am – 11:30 am)**

9/25 – Silly Seasons

**Discover how we move through the
different seasons and what kind of
changes happen in this story time.
(10:30 am- 11:30 am)**

***All story times will be followed by
a program with a Park Ranger!**

**9/26 – Native American Stories &
Games - Join us for story time and
historic games all about the early
Native Americans of Kennesaw
Mountain and this area.
(10:30 am – 11:30 am)**

9/27 – Awesome Animals

**Come out and learn about some of
the local animals that call this area
home during this story time.
(10:30 am – 11:30 am)**

- ❖ *All programming is free; Programs to begin in the Visitor Center*
- ❖ *For all hikes, please bring plenty of snacks and water*
- ❖ *All outdoor programs are weather dependent*
- ❖ *For more information, please call 770-427-4686, ext. 0*

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