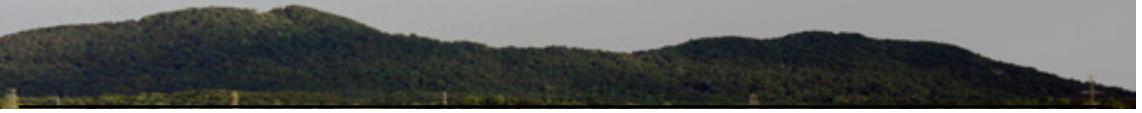




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## Workday 08-13-22

We had 20 crew leaders and Trail Ambassadors for the workday. Crew Leaders were Bill, Tom, Scott, Donald, Robert, Luke, Curt, Andy, Rich, Dave, and Mike. James took pictures. Trail Ambassadors were Nina, Debbie, Gayle, Rajan and his wife, Cam, Janie, Rena and Wendy. We had 91 volunteers from Hillgrove High School, Allatoona High School, McEachern High School, Kennesaw State University, the Atlanta Outdoor Club, and individuals.

I split the large group from Hillgrove in half. Rich and Tom took them to where the Noses Creek Trail meets the Hardage Mill

Trail by Whitlock Avenue and started working toward Noses Creek. Robert and Dave took the other half of the Hillgrove group. Starting at the bridge over Noses Creek they started working on the Hardage Mill Trail toward Rich's group. Bill and Luke took the group from McEachern, the Atlanta Outdoor Club, and individuals initially worked on both sides of Noses Creek. They then proceeded along the Hardage Mill Trail working toward the Noses Creek Trail. On both sides of Noses Creek, they made it easier for both hikers and equestrians to cross the bridge from the trail. Curt took the Allatoona group starting at the point that the Hardage Mill trail meets the Noses Creek Trail they started working toward Bill's group. He also was able to clean the drain on the uphill side of the conduit. Scott took the Kennesaw State University group along with help from Donald and Andy driving the Gator and Ditch Witch worked on the Noses Creek Trail starting at the Pigeon Hill Parking Lot. I was able to check the progress of all four groups at least twice during the event.

Our Trail ambassadors took care of processing our volunteers and parking.

On Friday, August 12, Bill, Tom, Luke, Rich, and Mike put out flags and discussed what need done by each flag.

Our next workday is Saturday, September 10, 2022.

*Mike Collett*  
Trails Director

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## COVID-19 Policy Update

COVID-19 levels within Cobb County has been lowered to Medium.

Because of this change within the COVID numbers, masks are not required in federal buildings.

It is your choice to wear a masks in the park's Visitor Center. Park management will continue to monitor the COVID levels for the county and will inform everyone if there is a change. For current levels for Cobb County:

<https://tinyurl.com/29hmmmap4>

If you have any questions please contact me at [KEMO\\_Volunteer@nps.gov](mailto:KEMO_Volunteer@nps.gov) or 770-427-4686 x0.

Sincerely,

*Amanda Corman*

Park Ranger/Volunteer Coordinator  
Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park  
770-427-4686 x0

## **KMTC Annual Business Meeting**

The Kennesaw Mountain Trail Club's Annual Business Meeting is presently scheduled for September 17, 2022 at 9 am in the Education Room of the Park Visitor's Center. Club Officers/Directors will be elected and installed for the coming year, an update on Park status & activities, and a look-ahead to upcoming Club activities will be provided. Also, select Club Officers/Directors will report on their areas of responsibility. 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.

While nominees will be accepted at the meeting from the floor, the present nominees for election to office for the 2022 – 2023 year are:

President--Donald Olds

Vice President--Raj Gupta

Secretary--Laurie Poppell

Treasurer--Tom Okerberg

Trails Director--Mike Collett

Community Volunteer Director--Rena Bailey

Communications Director--Fred Feltmann

Newsletter Editor--Fred Feltmann

Information/Technology Director--Jerry Givan

Trail Ambassador Co-Directors--Wendy Turner and Gayle McAllister

Plants Director--Danny Leigh

Fundraising Director--Scott Mackay

Records Management--Laurie Poppel

*(Floor nominations will also be accepted for these positions as well.)*

***In accordance with NPS directives,  
all attendees will be required to wear face masks.***

# Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park Traffic and Safety Assessment

## Existing Conditions Public Input Meeting

Please join us on Wednesday, September 21, 2022 for the Existing Conditions Public Input Meeting for the Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park (KEMO) Traffic and Safety Assessment. This meeting will be held from 4:00 PM to 8:00 PM at the KEMO Visitor Center, located at 900 Kennesaw Mountain Dr., Kennesaw, GA 30152. Attendees can stop by at any point during the meeting to provide input and do not need to stay for the entire event.

The KEMO Traffic and Safety Assessment will analyze five trail crossing locations within the Park to address operational and safety concerns for all modes of transportation. The purpose of this public input meeting is to enable the public to give insight into the existing conditions, identify safety and operations concerns, and inform the project team of potential improvements the public would like to see.

This meeting will provide a detailed overview of the existing conditions and crash history in the vicinity of the project's five study trail crossings, identified in the attached map and listed below:

- Site 1: 24 Gun Battery Trail, near Old Mountain Road at Stilesboro Road
- Site 2: Noses Creek Trail, at Dallas Highway (Georgia Route 120)
- Site 3: Pigeon Hill Trail, at Burnt Hickory Road and the Pigeon Hill parking area
- Site 4: Camp Brumby Trail, at Burnt Hickory Road to the east of Site 3
- Site 5: Kolb Farm Trail, at Cheatham Hill Road horse trailer parking area

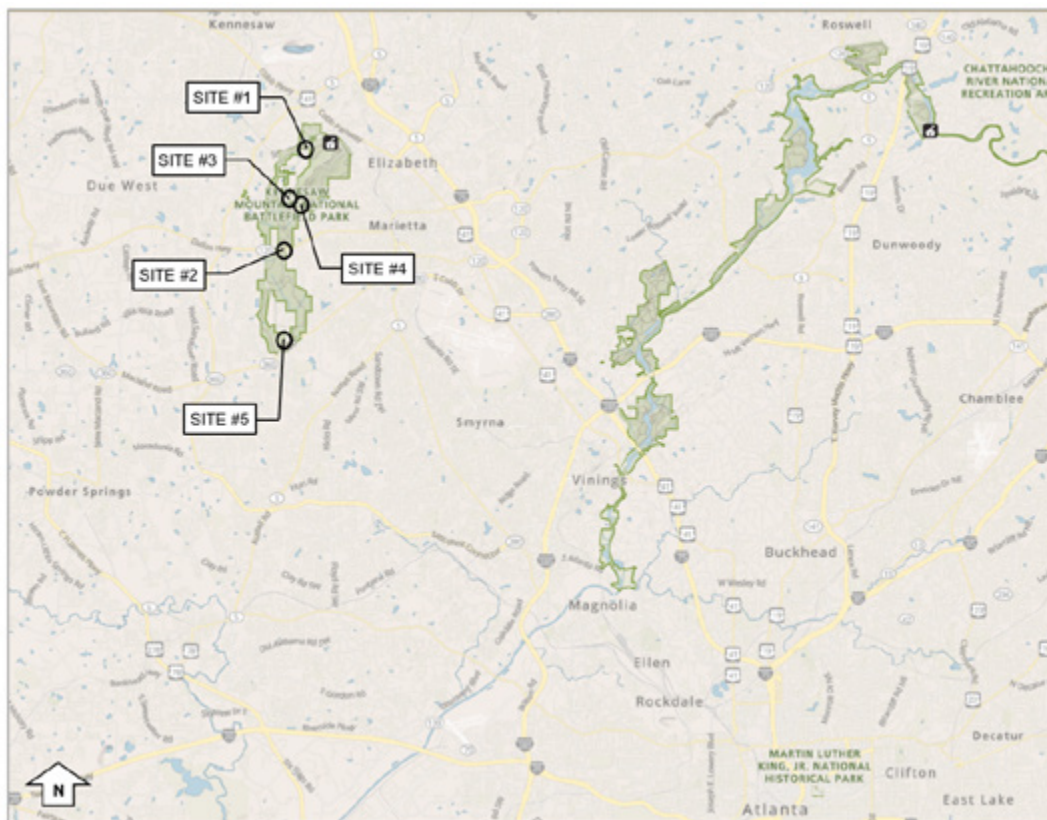
Please feel free to forward this Existing Conditions Public Input Meeting announcement along to anyone that you think would like to take part. If you have questions about the project or the public input meeting, please do not hesitate to reach out to me or the Consultant Project Manager, Dan Malsom ([dan.malsom@kimley-horn.com](mailto:dan.malsom@kimley-horn.com)). We look forward to meeting with you on September 21st!

Regards,

*Kate*

Kate Stankiewicz, EIT

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# Hello, Fall and Welcome New Fiscal Year!

*By: Amanda Corman, Volunteer Coordinator*

*Life starts all over again when it gets crisp in the fall. – F. Scott Fitzgerald*

With the changing of the seasons, it is always great to reflect on the past season and look forward to the next. During fiscal year 2022 (October 1 – September 30), Kennesaw Mountain has seen several changes. With the changes caused by a pandemic, the park and volunteer program has continued to move forward and remains successful.

Although there have continued to be remnants of the COVID-19 pandemic, staff and volunteers have been able to provide visitors with a variety of in-person programs, including our well-known field trips, guided hikes, and even a museum tour or two. We even were able to offer the 1<sup>st</sup> Volunteer Recruitment Festival in March. Of course the largest event offered in 2022 was the return of the Battle of Kennesaw Mountain Anniversary.

With the return of cannon and musket demonstrations, hikes, and children's programs, Kennesaw Mountain welcomed volunteers and volunteer groups from Georgia, Tennessee, Florida, and South Carolina. Over the course of the two-day event, park staff and volunteers provided 34 individual programs with 1,568 visitors in attendance. It was also wonderful to have volunteers and staff enjoy the traditional Saturday evening dinner, where we all were able to sit down, relax and enjoy some good food and good company. Thanks to the generosity of the Friends of Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park, all volunteers were provided lunches and dinner for volunteering during the event.

Over the course of the year, Kennesaw Mountain has also seen some changes take place. At the end of December, Marjorie Thomas, Chief of Interpretation left Kennesaw Mountain after 6 years as head of Interpretation and Visitor Services. We wish Marjorie the very best in her new endeavors, as her journey has led her to the Environmental Protection Agency. With Marjorie's absence, the Chief of Interpretation was temporarily filled by Ray Hamel (Vicksburg NMP), Jacob Ross (Jimmy Carter NHP) and Jacob Boling (Kennesaw Mountain NBP). Ray Hamel returned in June to take the reins of Chief of Interpretation and Visitor Services and we are excited to have him lead the team at KEMO. Beginning in September, volunteers will see a new face among the park staff. Daniel Lee from Maryland will be working with Amanda Corman, Volunteer Coordinator, as the new Community Volunteer Ambassador (CVA). Daniel will be part of the KEMO team for a year and will be helping specifically with the park's volunteer program.

Even with so many returning traditions and new exciting changes, there are also some things to keep in mind as we approach the new fiscal year. At the beginning of each fiscal year, all National Park units who have volunteers are required to complete an annual program report.

What does this mean for the KEMO volunteer? Well, please make sure that your volunteer hours are submitted by the close of business on September 30, 2022. If you have not submitted your hours (for the year or several months), please make sure you submit your volunteer hours in the month of September. If your hours are not submitted, they will not be calculated into the 2022 report and the hours will not be rolled over into fiscal year 2023.

In addition, each volunteer will need to renew their volunteer agreement and COVID-19 forms. There will be two days selected in October for volunteers to make an appointment to fill out their new forms (dates are to be determined, so please keep an eye out for an email from [KEMO\\_Volunteer@nps.gov](mailto:KEMO_Volunteer@nps.gov)).

The National Park Service requires that each year, new agreements must be on file for the safeguard of each individual volunteer. Without completed current forms on file, you will not be able to volunteer within the National Park Service, thereby, ensuring your safety while you are volunteering at Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park. All position-based/regular/recurring volunteers, regardless of position or when their agreement was last signed, will be required to fill out a new volunteer agreement and COVID-19 form for fiscal year 2023. These are volunteers who are active members of the Kennesaw Mountain Trail Club (KMTC officers, crew leaders, and Trail Ambassadors), Visitor Services volunteers, and Living History volunteers.

Thank you for all your dedication and hard work. We look forward to another successful year in Fiscal Year 2023.

\*NMP - National Military Park  
\*NHP - National Historic Park  
\*NBP - National Battlefield Park

## A Special Thanks!

Each year we have various groups who come out and help us. Henceforth, we will make every attempt to list your group here for the current/past fiscal year. If you are participating as a group, be sure to let us know when you are registering!

Following is a list, in alphabetical order, of the groups who participated during Fiscal 2019 (October 2019- September 2020 and Fiscal 2021 (October 2020- Present):

### FY 2021

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



### 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

### This Past Month's Volunteers

We had 91 volunteers from the below listed groups, along with several individuals.

HILLGROVE HS NJROTC  
ALLATOONA HS NJROTC  
McEACHERN HIGH SCHOOL BETA CLUB  
KENNESAW STATE UNIVERSITY, STEM STUDENTS  
THE ATLANTA OUTDOOR CLUB

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*Additional Volunteers needed! Call today!*

## “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 8 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!

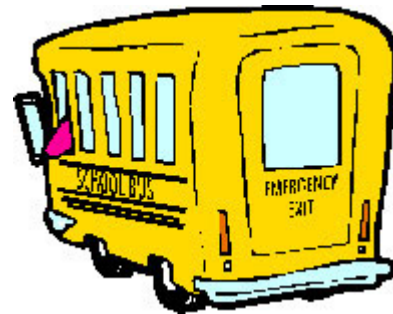
Contact Mike Collett (regarding Crew Leader positions) or Donald Olds (Trail Ambassador positions) if interested.

Mike Collett - [trails@kennesawmountaintrailclub.org](mailto:trails@kennesawmountaintrailclub.org)

Gayle McAllister/Wendy Turner -

[ambassador@kennesawmountaintrailclub.org](mailto:ambassador@kennesawmountaintrailclub.org)

*School's back in session - be careful out there!*



### October Newsletter Deadline

If you wish to have an article published in the October Newsletter, please submit it to Fred Feltmann at [faf1948@bellsouth.net](mailto:faf1948@bellsouth.net) no later than September 12th!

### 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!

## Donor's Corner A Special Thanks!

Each year we have members and volunteers who donate their time and talent in support of all the happenings at Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park. Following is a list, in alphabetical order, of the members and sponsors who have donated during October, 2021 through September, 2022.

Annual Donations to date: Financial calendar is October - September)

**2022**

\$1085.03

*AMAZON SMILES*  
*HARRY CARPENTER*  
*FRED & ANDREA FELTMANN*  
*GAM GRAHAM*  
*TOM OKERBERG*  
*CURT SPINNEY*  
*DAVID & PAMELA YERDEN*



## 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 Amazon Smile (By way of donations when you make a purchase on Amazon) - <https://smile.amazon.com/> -set up/log in and search for "KEMO Trails Corps"
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!*

## 2021/2022 Fund Raising

Your volunteer hours help greatly for the many projects we do in the park and we greatly appreciate you contributing your “sweat equity” alongside our 80+ staff volunteers who routinely support each event. We are a non-profit all volunteer organization. However, like any business, we do have bills to pay.

Many of our projects are funded by the park or through grants we apply for. These funds are typically targeted for specific projects and do cover the big expenses such as rocks, stone dust, dirt, wood beams, bridges, fences, and such. But, after all the big stuff is paid for, we still have need to cover our day-to-day operating expenses for things like saw blade sharpening, fuel, tool repairs, equipment maintenance, work gloves, bug spray, drinking water, snacks, and porta-potties, along with basic business expenses - e.g. insurance. For these expenses, we rely on your donations.

Each year we kick off a new round of fund raising and this is the 2021/2022 big “ask.” We need your help with this, even small donations help. We will conclude this drive at the end of FY 2022 (September, 2022).

**As we approach our 19th year in operation, we ask you to please think ‘20’, like \$20.. \$40.. \$60..... \$200... \$2000. All donations to the Trail Club support our work at the park, and are tax deductible.**

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

- Use Guidestar on the bottom of our home page on the Trail Club website <http://www.kennesawmountaintrailclub.org>
- Subscribe to Amazon “Smile” where they will donate to us based on your purchases <https://smile.amazon.com/> - look for KEMO Trails Corps
- Send a tax deductible contribution to:

Kennesaw Mountain Trail Club\*  
Attn: Tom Okerberg  
Whitlock Accounting Services  
739 Kennesaw Avenue NW  
Marietta, Ga. 30060

ALSO: Please check with employers about matching donations.

\* Our Corporate name is KEMO Trail Corps, Inc., an IRS 501(c)(3) non-profit corporation.



# Kennesaw Mountain Trail Club Calendar

| <u>Date</u> | <u>Time</u>        | <u>Location</u>   | <u>Event</u>                         |
|-------------|--------------------|---|--------------------------------------|
| 9/10        | 8:30 am - noon     | Visitor Center<br>Parking - Grass Field near Amphitheater | September Work Day                   |
| 9/17        | 9 am - 10:30 am    | Visitor Center Education Rm                               | Annual Business Mtg - Mask required! |
| 10/8        | 8:30 am - noon     | TBD   | October Work Day                     |
| 10/22       | 8:30 am - 12:30 pm | Maintenance Shed  | Crew Leader Training Class           |
| 11/12       | 8:30 am - noon     | TBD   | November Work Day                    |

All trails are now open. All parking lots, and the Mountain Rd., are now open. Visitor Center is now open, as is the Museum Theater. The Mountain Rd. is open to motorized vehicles on weekdays.

The Mountain Top Concession Stand is now open on weekends and Holidays through September, from 10 AM till 5 PM.

*See page 12 for NPS sponsored events in September.*

The horse trail crossing on John Ward Creek on the Kolb Farm East Trail is closed until further notice because of the treacherous creek crossing there.

## Register for Our Work Days!

Be sure to register online for our Work Days at [tinyurl.com/27ef2vph](http://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:

Parking and registration will be in the field near the Visitor's Center. Vehicle Entrance Passes will be issued at registration.

Be sure to register for this work day on our SignUp website, listed above, so that we have the proper number of tools!

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>

If your school, church, business, or community organization would like to schedule a special work day as a team building or public service activity once we

resume our work day schedules, e-mail us at [trails@kennesawmountaintrailclub.org](mailto:trails@kennesawmountaintrailclub.org) at least 4 weeks in advance. Trail work can be performed any day of the week.

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



## 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

**Citizen Science Program Coordinator** - This individual would work with the NPS staff to coordinate volunteer projects around the Park regarding such things as:

- Compile data to monitor health in the park
- Water sampling
- Bird species counts
- Flowering plant species counts
- Effects of our changing climate

**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@TheFriendsOfKMNBP.onmicrosoft.com](mailto:President@TheFriendsOfKMNBP.onmicrosoft.com)

## Park Improvement Coming In April, 2023!

A restroom facility has been approved and construction will begin in the April, 2023 timeframe near the Illinois Monument Parking Lot on Cheatham Hill Drive. The funds collected through the parking fees have made this improvement possible!

## Expect delays at Dallas Hwy and Whitlock Ave

Some work continues on the trail segment along Whitlock Ave, and some delays can still be expected. Significant delays are expected along Dallas Highway/Whitlock Avenue between John Ward Road and Cheatham Hill Drive. Crews will be working in the area from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on weekdays, and road capacity will be reduced to one lane.

Traffic delays are expected to be worse in the afternoon in the westbound direction. Alternate routes are recommended.

For more information, contact Cobb DOT at 770-528-1623. Expected completion is July 30, 2023. Click [here](#) for general info on Cobb County projects.

See also:

<http://www.cobbcommute.org/1311#> - Dallas Hwy

<http://www.cobbcommute.org/1257#> - Cheatham Hill Rd.

## 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.



## Who Are These People

It's been a busy month for me. I really put off writing anything. However, I did write the article heading almost a month ago when my wife asked that rhetorical question. And, now it's raining - I was going to cut the grass.

It happens all the time, especially during summer rerun TV show season. The news & then Jeopardy is over when, all of a sudden a heavily over produced Game or Reality Show will come on and almost immediately I'll hear, "Who are these people." And, also where do they come from; i.e. where DO they find them? Turns out that is a whole nother industry.

First of all you have to find the "Show" and apply, kind of like a casting call. The application may require taking a test, sending in a video or simply writing why you should be on the show - then "They'll" contact you. The exception I found was "Price is Right" - one has to buy a ticket (price varies) and dress up, maybe wildly (now I of course wouldn't do that) to have a chance to be picked as a contestant. Reality shows pay, most others don't unless you win; and then be ready to pay the Tax Man. Jeopardy pays a minimum \$1000; but getting to NYC or LA is on you - they figure \$1k should cover your expenses. Seems to me if you're going to either of those two cities and figure your expenses at \$1k (less taxes) you'd better pack a lunch.

Oh well it takes all kinds to have entertaining shows, and when a contestant is introduced it is very interesting to hear the cross section of our society represented. Out of work waiters to aerospace engineers may pop up. Yup it takes all kinds.

You know I'll bet that all those visitors who come to Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park may wonder where the people who help maintain the trails and guide visitors come from and who they are. Of course if you've done some of the work at the park then you realize that it take effort to be there. There's no pay. you have to fill out a form and for Trail Ambassadors and Crew Leaders there are tests. And, also one will find a true cross section of society working together and like those contestants on "Price is Right " having fun. I'll never forget the time that we were throwing rocks off a truck for an upcoming project and a lady passing by looked at her son and said if you don't study you'll end up like those "people." Ya, he should be so lucky being that we were either working or retired; tunnel engineer, airline pilot, long haul trucker, ops management and one who studies physics & artificial intelligence for fun.

Maybe the "son" will study and be like us - I can only hope so.

Get out there and have fun!

*Doug Tasse*

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## The 22 for 22 Challenge Continues!

The 22 for 22 challenge will be ending on Labor Day. As of today we have had 107 people complete the challenge and obtain their bandana! In the upcoming week+, if you run across anyone on the trails who asks you about the challenge being extended, let people know that as long as we have bandanas, we'll honor the challenge. We still have log sheets at the front desk, and they can receive credit for trails hiked earlier this summer, even if they're just hearing about the challenge now.

I did want to thank everyone who helped out with this, even if it was just the occasional question while you were out on patrol or in the parking lots, etc. I was really excited to get the green light to do this challenge here, and I've had a TON of positive feedback regarding this. Most people ended up hiking trails they've never been on before, even though most who attempted the challenge had been hiking here regularly.

Check out the August Newsletter for details:

[http://www.kennesawmountaintrailclub.org/documents/newsletters/Earthworks\\_Aug\\_2022\\_web.pdf](http://www.kennesawmountaintrailclub.org/documents/newsletters/Earthworks_Aug_2022_web.pdf)

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***Autumn will soon be here!***



# August 13 Work Day Photos

Photos by James Turner



# August 13 Work Day Photos

Photos by Victor Williams





## 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](http://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.

## KMTC Contact List - Updated 7/27/22

| <u>POSITION</u>                 | <u>NAME</u>      | <u>E-MAIL</u>  |
|---------------------------------|------------------|--|
| President                       | <i>Vacant*</i>   | <a href="mailto:president@kennesawmountaintrailclub.org">president@kennesawmountaintrailclub.org</a>                 |
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| Secretary                       | Laurie Poppell   | <a href="mailto:secretary@kennesawmountaintrailclub.org">secretary@kennesawmountaintrailclub.org</a>                 |
| Treasurer                       | Tom Okerberg     | <a href="mailto:treasurer@kennesawmountaintrailclub.org">treasurer@kennesawmountaintrailclub.org</a>                 |
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## Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park Interpretive Programs for September

*\*All outdoor programs are weather- dependent.*

*\*All programs are held at the Visitor Center unless otherwise noted.*

### **September 3 @ 11, 12, 2 and 3: Infantry Demonstration**

Come on out and see our living history volunteers and Rangers set up camp right next to the Visitor Center and live life for a day as Civil War infantryman. Rifle firings will occur at the above- specified times. We will also go over basic drill, school of the soldier, arms and accoutrements and even food and disease.

### **September 4 and 5 @ 11, 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. Come and join us to learn a little about Civil War artillery and see our living historians fire one in person!

### **September 11 @ 11: Guided 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/ 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.*

### **September 17 @ 11, 12, 2, & 3:00 pm Infantry Demonstrations**

Come on out and see our living history volunteers and Rangers set up camp right next to the Visitor Center and live life for a day as Civil War infantryman. Rifle firings will occur at the above- specified times. We will also go over basic drill, school of the soldier, arms and accoutrements and even food and disease.

### **September 18 @11 am: Pigeon Hill Hike**

“Presently, and as if by magic, there sprung from the earth a host of men, and in one long, waving line of blue the infantry advanced.”- General Samuel French. Some of the toughest fighting of the war occurred on a small spur just below the dual- peaks of Kennesaw. This Ranger- led hike will describe the futile Union assault and the Confederate defense of Pigeon Hill.

*We will meet at the Pigeon Hill parking area (GPS Coordinates: 33.963276, 84.594391) and will go up the rocky slope. The hike is moderate, so bring good shoes and plenty of water.*

### **September 24 @ 11: Guided 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/ 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.*

### **September 25 @ 11: Museum Tour**

This indoor program will take you through the Civil War, from the events of the 1850's to Reconstruction with a heavy emphasis on the Atlanta Campaign, the Battle of Kennesaw Mountain and the Election of 1864 that helped to shape our nation. The Ranger will give you an inside look at museum preservation and the chance to experience Civil War artifacts in person.

\*\*\* For more program details, please contact Visitor Center at 770-427-4686, ext. 0, or visit our website at [www.nps.gov/kemo](http://www.nps.gov/kemo)



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### John Ward Creek Crossing Closed to Horseback Riders

Kennesaw, GA – Effective immediately, the John Ward Creek crossing just south of the Illinois Monument is closed to horseback riders until further notice. This closure stems from a safety concern due to hazardous conditions relating to an unstable streambed. The closure affects the creek crossing between Milepost 3.5 and Milepost 4 of the Kolb's Farm East Trail.

Superintendent Patrick Gamman states, "We are concerned for the safety of all park users. Crossing John Ward Creek at this section of the trail poses a risk that we want to alert our horse community to, as it could potentially cause harm to both horse and rider. We will be working as quickly as possible to mitigate this problem."

Please contact the park at 770-427-4686 or visit the park's website at [www.nps.gov/kemo](http://www.nps.gov/kemo) for further information.

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