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April 8, 2017 Trail Day Plan

Volunteers, please pre-register and check in at the Old 41 Overflow Parking Lot; **please be at the Amphitheater stage by 8:30 am.** The Amphitheater Stage is by the Visitor Center Picnic Grounds. As a reminder, it takes approximately 10 minutes to walk from the Old 41 Overflow Parking Lot to the Visitor Center.

Our work plan is to clean out the ditches along the mid-mountain fire road and the Brumby Cut off Trail. We'll also perform cleaning and renewing of various water diversions along the trail and clean out several drainage culverts. Hopefully, once again, we'll have a crew working on rock placement and adding dirt to the 'Grand Stair Case'. **Note:** The hike to work site is 1/2 mile; please wear appropriate shoes and work type clothing, also bring work gloves – we have used gloves available: Snacks, water, tools and equipment are provided.



*Photos this page by Doug Tasse.
Above - prep work for April Work Day.
Right - grade dip on trail just below Mountain Top Parking lot.*

As this is the time of year for various invasive plants to start showing up, we'd like to select a team to hunt those down (and eradicate); mainly garlic mustard plants and invasive shrubs.

With jobs suitable for all of the volunteers this **will be** an exciting Trail Day concluding by 12:30 pm.

Respect and Get it Right

During the recent Academy Award presentation for 2016 Best Picture, actors Warren Beatty and Faye Dunaway were given the honor of reading the winner. For anyone that watched the program or even listened to the news

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Cold Start, 'Lot's Done' March Trail Day

Our March Trail Day was a real cold start for me; up on the Mountain at 7 am to put out work site flags. Someone had taken all of our numbered flags and without those in place crew leaders would have a hard time getting volunteers to work. All who attended Trail Day know that the weather had turned cold compared to the week before. After putting out the flags, I returned to the tool shed where the Crew Leaders had loaded up tools and supplies which they then took to the Mountain top parking lot.



We had some 130 volunteers including support staff for our Trail Day, at least 30 who worked clearing invasive plants by the Old 41 Parking Lot activity fields. The rest had to listen to me give a greeting with my cheeks frozen (hope that everyone heard my warm greeting).

Well, our volunteers had a good warm up hike up the Mountain and then they worked down the trail from top parking lot to the mid-mountain fire road. We had

12 work stations with crew leaders supervising the work. As far as '**Lot's Done**,' there was. Crews added large a granite piece to cause water to be diverted off trail at the section of trail below the concrete steps. Also, they added water diversion channels along the trail side. A number of areas required rocks to be moved and added to stabilize the trail. Also, fencing was repaired and trail edge broken down which will aid in maintaining a suitable trail surface. Volunteers also cleaned out drainage ditches and basins; good basic trail work. And for the 'umpteenth' time we worked on the 'Grand Stair Case' (heavy rocks!). We also had a group that went to work closing social trails off the paved mountain top trail. And, there was a group of Boy Scouts that did rock installation on the mountain top trail.

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afterwards they know that the actors were given the wrong envelope. The announced winner was not correct; of course the situation was quickly cleared up and the winning picture was announced. What was interesting is that there was a real confused look on Mr. Beatty's face and Ms. Dunaway was anxious to give the award. So being gracious people they went with the script. However they're seasoned pros, best in the business and they, especially Warren Beatty quickly came to the realization that something was amiss and he'd try to explain what happened. Unfortunately he hardly had a chance as a producer from the picture that didn't win grabbed the card and made the announcement of the winner. Truly live television and these people are pros!

So I thought would a situation like this apply to the Trail Club. First of all the audience gave a big applause to Warren and Faye, a showing of respect. Usually we start our trail day by giving ourselves a hardy round of applause for volunteering; we truly respect our volunteers and staff. Also, we respect the Battle Field Park. Another point is that sometimes we hesitate about the work that we're doing and as people go someone may jump ahead and start doing something that may be obviously wrong. Here again it's no big deal, things are usually easily corrected. Sure some feelings may be hurt, but remember there are experienced people around that can remain calm and handle a situation. As these people all did at the Academy Awards they appreciated the hard work that it takes to get a job done. As do we in the Trail Club.

I've said for awhile that the park gets over 2.3 million visitors (that's probably more than pay to go to movies around here); it's now official per latest NPS statistics; as noted in the Match 20, 2017 Marietta Daily Journal in 2016 the park had 2,360,256 visitors! Included in that number is 2,100+ volunteers giving 38,160 hours of service. Like the Academy Awards our two representatives, Ranger Marjorie Thomas and Park Superintendent Nancy Walther, pointed out the amazing number of events the park conducts along with the remarkable number of visitors and thanked the community for its "Unwavering support for this beautiful park."

Sure sometimes things go a little wrong; don't let that stuff cause you to lose respect for what you do. Having that many people enjoy coming to the park means only one thing; the Park Staff and Volunteers are doing things right.

Thanks,

Doug Jasse

President – Kennesaw Mountain Trail Club

Cold Start, 'Lot's Done'.... Continued from Page 1

Good job everyone! There were improvements made that will last for years; I say that because the trail requires periodic maintenance so we'll be back to do it all again.

We greatly appreciate everyone's help doing the trail work, invasive plant cutting and supervising. Everyone gets a big **Thank You**, especially all our returning volunteers that came to help. Our trails and grounds are much better thanks to all of you!

Doug Jasse

President Kennesaw Mountain Trail Club

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Why do the leaves of some trees turn brown but not drop?

The article below has a lot of info about our Park. Why do the leaves of some of some trees turn brown but not drop. The mountain is after the picture “ why do we care” The writer is Christopher Martin; he teaches English at KSU. The tree in question is the American Beech. It can attain a height of 70 - 80 feet. Once it gets to the ripe old age of 40, it may begin to flower every other year or so. It is susceptible to a number of fungal diseases , but can live up to 300 or more years. There are a number of these trees in the picnic area near the Visitor Center.



<http://www.mnn.com/earth-matters/wilderness-resources/stories/marcescence-why-leaves-some-trees-turn-brown-not-drop>

Randy Fine



*A family making a day of it to help out at the 3/11/17 work day.
Photo by Fred Feltmann*

Just Who Comes To The Park To Volunteer?

So just who are these volunteers who come to the Park on the second Saturday of the month to spend a few hours to play in the dirt here? Well, they come from every walk of life. There are couples, families, and as noted on page 4, lots of groups! Look at the photos of the various volunteers on our Facebook page and on the pages herein in the Newsletter. They come for the exercise, the fresh air, to give back and to enjoy the fellowship. They come to lend a hand to make things a little better. And the “Thanks” they receive from the park visitors while they are working goes a looonngg way!!! It makes their day, whatever they are doing.

And then there are the Volunteers who work the Desk daily, and the Trail Ambassadors who do varying tasks daily throughout the park. There are crew leaders and Board members who go about the business of preparing tools and materials for the various work days and do various tasks that can't wait for a work day, or require a more technical resolution that can't be handled by a general volunteer.

And of course we have another set of volunteers who give of their time to conduct hikes, conduct living history demonstrations and make various presentations.

The National Park Service really appreciates the volunteerism. It makes the Park look better, makes the trails safer because of their efforts and provides knowledge and understanding of why this Park exists.

And from personal experience, the visitors to the Park appreciate the efforts.

All one has to do is observe the results after the work day - looking back at what was accomplished. Or attend one of the many presentations and living history demonstrations.

Yes, there is still lots to do; and in some ways, it will never be completely done, but they've made a dent in the needs of the Park - and as long as they keep coming out and enjoying the day or enjoy the activities they are presenting for the visitors - then they'll continue to make progress and they will continue to make the effort to volunteer their time.

So, thanks to all who come out and get it done - the Volunteers, the crew leaders, the Trail Ambassadors, the KMTCC Board members, and the Living History folks!

I know for one thing, as I look back over the years since the Trail Club was formed, we all have made a difference.

Thanks!

Fred Feltmann

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Additional Volunteers needed! Call today!

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 2016 (October 2015- September 2016) and Fiscal 2017 (October 2016 - Present):

FY 2016

20's AND 30's HIKERS
ALLATOONA HS BETA CLUB
ALLATOONA HS NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY
ALLATOONA HS NJROTC
ATLANTA OUTDOOR CLUB
BANK OF AMERICA
BOY SCOUT TROOP 4 EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT, KENNESAW, GA
BOY SCOUT TROOP 29
BOY SCOUT TROOP 75
BOY SCOUT TROOP 75, EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT
BOY SCOUT TROOP 252, EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT
BOY SCOUT TROOP 422
BOY SCOUT TROOP 479 - EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT
CUB SCOUT PACK 353
CUB SCOUT PACK 405
CUB SCOUT PACK 1714
BANK OF AMERICA
BOY SCOUT TROOP 75, EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT
BOY SCOUT TROOP 565, EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT
BOY SCOUT TROOP 795, EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT
BOY SCOUT TROOP 1011, EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT
BOY SCOUT TROOP 1776
COMMUNITY FIRST SERVICE DAY (FROM NEW ZEALAND)
CUB SCOUT PACK 995
EAST PAULDING HIGH SCHOOL AFJROTC
FLIGHT WORKS
FRESENIUS MEDICAL CARE GROUP
HILLGROVE HS NJROTC
JR. CIVITAN INTERNATIONAL GROUP (200 PARTICIPANTS)
KENNESAW MOUNTAIN HS KEY CLUB
KENNESAW MOUNTAIN HS NJROTC
KSU ACCOUNTING CLASS 4600
KENNESAW STATE UNIVERSITY - GREEK DAY
KENNESAW STATE UNIVERSITY - VOLUNTEER KSU
KENNESAW STATE UNIVERSITY - OMEGA PHI ALPHA FRATERNITY
KENNESAW STATE UNIVERSITY - KSUZTA SORORITY
KENNESAW STATE UNIVERSITY

Thanks!


MARIETTA HS NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY
MARIETTA HS SKILLS USA
MARTHA STEWART BULLOCH SOCIETY CHILDREN OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION
MOUNTAIN ROAD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL BETA CLUB
MCGLESKY YMCA
MC EACHERN HS BETA CLUB
MC EACHERN HS ROBOTICS TEAM
NORTHWEST ATLANTA YMCA
PHOBIO
POPE HIGH SCHOOL NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY
REI
U.S. NAVY RESERVISTS
VENTURING CREW 1011
WOODSTOCK HS NJROTC

FY 2017

ATLANTA OUTDOOR CLUB
AUSTIN MIDDLE SCHOOL
BOY SCOUT TROOP 252
BOY SCOUT TROOP 540 - EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT
CAMPBELL HS BETA CLUB
CUB SCOUT PACK 11
CUB SCOUT PACK 405
CAMPBELL HIGH SCHOOL BETA CLUB
HILLGROVE HIGH SCHOOL NJROTC
KEEP COBB BEAUTIFUL
KENNESAW MTN HS NJROTC
KENNESAW MOUNTAIN HS KEY CLUB
KSU
KSU HONORS BETA CLUB
MC EACHERN HS BETA CLUB
POPE HS HONOR SOCIETY
RANSTAAD TEMPORARY STAFFING
VOLUNTEER KSU
WOODSTOCK HIGH SCHOOL NJROTC



The following groups participated during March the March Work Day. (Except as noted) There were over 100 Volunteers, Crew Leaders and Trail Ambassadors at the March Work Day.

CAMPBELL HS BETA CLUB
ALLATOONA HS BETA CLUB
INTERNATIONAL ACADEMY (SMYRNA)
BETA ALPHA PSI (KSU)
VOLUNTEER: KSU
ATLANTA OUTDOOR CLUB
INVASIVE PLANTS- POPE HS HONOR SOCIETY

Kennesaw Mountain Trail Club Calendar

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Event</u>
April, 2017			
4/1	8:30 am - 1 pm	Visitor Center	Park Day - see page 7 for more info!
4/8	8:30 am - 1 pm	Amphitheater near Picnic area	April Work Day
4/29	8:30 am - 1 pm	Visitor Center	Junior Ranger Day

See pages 13 - 16 for additional events during the month of April!

5/13	8:30 am - 1 pm	TBD	May Work Day
June, 2017			
6/10	8:30 am - 1 pm	TBD	June Work Day/National Trails Day

Register for Our Work Days!

Be sure to register online for our Work Days at <http://vols.pt/ePEkfb>.

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 for April 8, 2017, will be at Old 41 Overflow Parking Lot. It will open around 8:00 am and we will assemble and begin at 8:30 am and usually are finished by 1:00 p.m. It is a 5 - 10 minute walk from the parking lot to the Visitor Center. 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.

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 there's a high probability of precipitation. If we must cancel a workday,

we'll post an announcement on the front page of the KMTCC 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!

Think Fifteen (15) for Kennesaw Mountain Trail Club

Please pay attention, or as I like to say: **LISTEN UP! (Read this....please)**

For almost the last four years, I've served as the Trail Director. While performing as a volunteer, along with several thousand others over the years, we've made significant improvements to Kennesaw Mountain NBP. I believe that we'll all agree that we enjoy aiding the park.

While many of our projects are funded by the park, there is frequently a need to supplement with additional money to complete our work. I'm sure that you, like me, enjoy showing off all the work volunteers have done. The funds from the Park do help with the upkeep, but without our volunteer labor, the park simply would not be as it is today and what it will be in the future.

We need money for our uncommitted funds; this money is used to cover additional expenses for our projects, the purchase and maintenance of both tools and equipment, gloves, water, snacks and other associated expenses. Also, we have corporation and insurance costs to cover. Please keep in mind that we are an all-volunteer organization, no paid staff or board members. **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."

I appreciate everyone who worked with me on the trails. **Now, as club president, I still need your help.** To everyone who comes and works, thank you. To everyone that supports our club, thank you too. **We need everyone to donate.**

As we approach our fifteenth year, I ask you to please think '15', like \$15.. \$30.. \$45..... \$150... \$1500. Get the idea? Together we've done good work and had a good time but now we need your help to continue!!! Please send your tax deductible contribution to:

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

Donate Online: by using Guidestar on the Trail Club website

<http://www.kennesawmountaintrailclub.org>

* Corporate name is KEMO Trail Corps, Inc., a 501(c)(3) organization.

ALSO: Please check with employers about matching donations.

Think Fifteen (\$)

Thank you,

Doug Tasse
KMTCC President



EVENT INFO **Park Day - April 1, 2017 - sponsored by the Civil War Trust**

Meeting place Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park 900 Kennesaw Mountain Dr. Kennesaw, GA 30152 Please meet at the Visitor Center Picnic area.

Meeting time 9:00 AM

Planned Landscaping, Trail Maintenance, Clearing Brush

Activities Planned Historical programs are offered at the park's visitor center. 11:30 am - 30 minute program and 1:00 pm museum tour.

Low-Impact Activities Other At this time there are no other planned Park Day activities. This may change as the date approaches.

Bring tools? No. All equipment will be provided by the Kennesaw Mountain Trail Club. Work gloves will be provided; however, if you would like to bring your own you are welcome to do so.

Food provided Yes - light food and drinks (snacks, desserts)

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Preregistration Required? No

Preregistration Contact Pre-registration is not required; however, is strongly encouraged. Please visit www.kennesawmountaintrailclub.org to preregister or visit <http://signup.com/go/JV99mL>.

ALTERNATE DATE (If Applicable)

Rain date 4/15/2017

Alternate date

Please note: The project will be trail grooming on the 24 Gun Battery trail. The location will be on the far end of the trail; which will require 1 - 1 1/2 miles hike to the work site. Work will begin at 9:00 am and conclude by 12:30 pm. Please wear work type clothing; long sleeve shirts are suggested, closed toe shoes, long pants.



Invasive Plant Removal - 3/4/17

Photos by Fred Feltmann



Invasive Plant Removal - 3/11/17

Photos by Cam Graham



Work Day - 3/11/17

Photos by Fred Feltmann

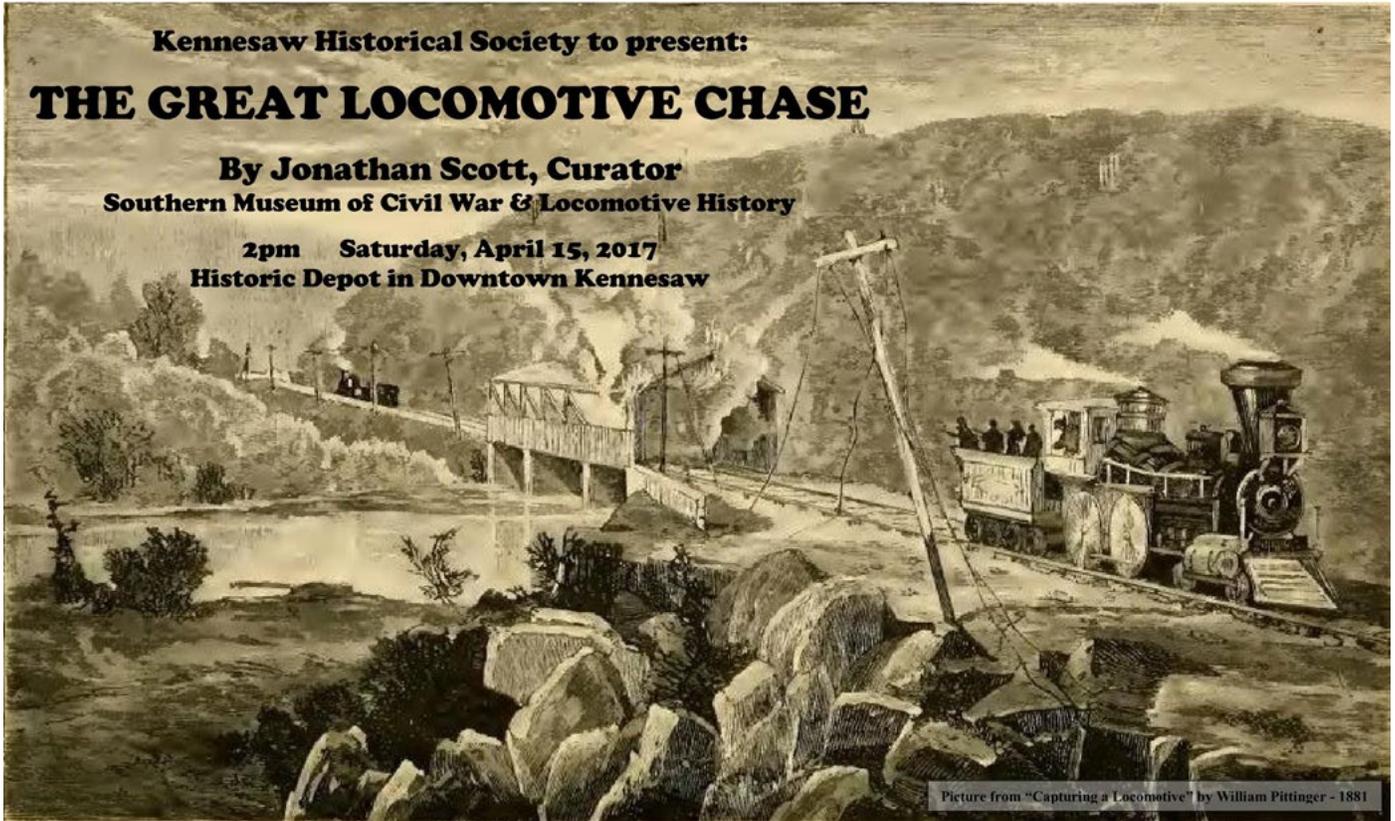


Kennesaw Historical Society to present:

THE GREAT LOCOMOTIVE CHASE

**By Jonathan Scott, Curator
Southern Museum of Civil War & Locomotive History**

**2pm Saturday, April 15, 2017
Historic Depot in Downtown Kennesaw**



Picture from "Capturing a Locomotive" by William Pittinger - 1881

Almost there!

During March we had 2 great days where we cut and pulled invasive Chinese privet around Activity Field #2 along Hwy Old 41. On March 4 we had a crew of Key Club members from Kennesaw Mountain HS. They were joined by a representative (Jack Ward) from the Kiwanis Club that sponsors the Key Club. Jack is part of the Ward family that many items around Cobb County are named for including roads, a creek and a county park. Two ambassadors, Janie Brier and Karen Petrella, helped supervise the students and helped cut and pull the privet. After the work day both of the ambassadors said that controlling the invasive plant was rewarding and somewhat addictive! I agree! Luckily with the winter rains we have had, pulling privet is fairly easy this time of year. By summer, those privet roots seem like they are cemented in the ground.

On March 11 we had a large group of Honor Society students from Pope HS return to the same activity field to continue the work we started. After almost 5 months of work we were finally able to declare the field edge and forest "mostly" clear of privet. With all these work days we have had around this activity field I can say we are "Almost there". As with all invasive plant removal projects we will still need to monitor and treat new plants and possibly treat stumps that were missed with the initial cut. This monitoring will need to be for several years. Even then, yearly follow-up visits will need to be made to monitor any new plants that are coming up do to new seeds being introduced (usually by birds).

We were able to move across the intersection of Old 41

and Ridenour and start clearing privet at an old post-civil war home site. As with several old home sites around the park there is little evidence of the building. However, even after the people and building are long gone, the plants they had in their yard still remain. Sometimes you'll see daffodils blooming in the spring with their yellow flowers. Other times you'll find wisteria, privet, nandina, ivy, periwinkle and other plants that we now consider as non-native and invasive. At this particular old home site periwinkle is growing so thick along the ground that it keeps other plants from growing. It has nice purple flowers for a couple of weeks during the spring but the plant's unfavorable attributes far out-way the pretty flowers. Once the privet is removed we will work to remove the periwinkle.

With Kennesaw Mountain battlefield park being almost 3,000 acres it's hard to imagine getting rid of all the non-native plants that are considered invasive. As with any large project it's much easier to break down the large project into smaller manageable projects. My five year goal is to have all the mature privet removed from the field edges in the park. This may become a 10 year goal, but at least it's a goal! In the last 2 years we've removed the mature privet along the following fields: visitor center, Burnt Hickory, the CCC camp field, and Activity Fields 1 and 2. There is still plenty of privet along the fields south of the Burnt Hickory field.

Danny Leigh



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Kennesaw Mountain News Release

Release Date: March 16, 2017

Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park Received Over 2.3 Million Visitors in 2016

Kennesaw, GA– Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park welcomed over 2,360,256 visits in 2016, the National Park Service’s centennial year. This was an increase in visitation by 8%, compared to visitation in 2015. In addition, over 2,121 volunteers donated over 38,166 hours of service.

Throughout 2016, the park encouraged people to experience the park through various special events, programs, and initiatives. Through the “[Find Your Park/Encuentra Tu Parque](#)” campaign which was launched for the centennial with the National Park Foundation, Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park offered such programming as The Volunteers’ Army band, Movie Night at the Mountain, a naturalization ceremony, Junior Ranger Day (attended by the Director of the National Park Service), and the TogetherHood on the Mountain program (in partnership with the YMCA and the Dwell properties). Additionally, the Every Kid in a Park program, targeting fourth graders, has provided free bus transportation to select local schools as a way for youth to “Find Their Park” at Kennesaw Mountain.

Says park superintendent Nancy Walther, “I continue to be inspired by the number of people enjoying Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park. For the history buff wanting to learn more, for the trail enthusiast hiking the mountain, and for the family participating in our educational programming, this park has something special to offer to each and every individual. 2016 was a wonderful year of accomplishments and a wonderful year to look back upon with pride. Thank you to our communities for your unwavering support for this beautiful park.”

For more information about visitation, please go to the National Park Service Visitor Use Statistics web page at <https://irma.nps.gov/Stats/>.

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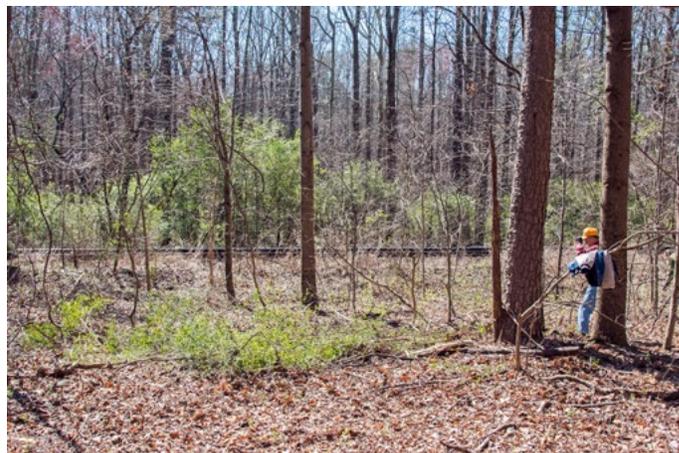
The National Park Service cares for special places saved by the American people so that all may experience our heritage.

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<http://kennesawmountaintrailclub.org>

Invasive Plant Removal - 3/4/17 - Before and After Photos

Photos by Fred Feltmann



Pitner Elementary School Visits KMNBP - 3/27/17

Photos by Fred Feltmann



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* updated



Spring Break at Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park! April 2 - 9, 2017

2nd- Guided Mountain Hike

Join in for a family-friendly, ranger-led 2.3 mile hike (round-trip) to the top of Big Kennesaw Mountain. The guided portion of the hike will end at the mountain summit.

(10:30 am - 12:30 pm)

3rd- Freaky, Funky Furs

This interactive display showcases the furs and pelts of animals that call the park home! Feel different furs and learn about various animals' habitats. (11:00 am – 11:45 am)

4th- Kid Cannon Crew

Play the role of a Civil War cannon crew member in this interactive artillery program!

(11:00 am- 11:45 am)

5th- Hike Through History

Participate in a moderately strenuous, 2.3 mile (round-trip) guided hike to the top of Big Kennesaw Mountain, encountering historical guests along the way! The guided portion of the hike will end at mountain summit. (1:00pm – 3:00 pm)

6th- Union and Confederate Compare and Contrast

A living history presentation comes to life detailing the differences and similarities between the Union and Confederate soldier of 1864. (11:00 am – 11:45 am)

7th- Raptor Rapture

Come learn about and observe local birds of prey and how they are perfectly adapted to survive and hunt! This program features live raptors and interactive demonstrations.

(11:00 am – 11:45 am)

8th- CCC at Kennesaw Mountain

Learn about the Civilian Conservation Corps and their presence at the mountain on a guided one-mile hike to their 1930's camp!

(10:30 am – 12:30 pm)

9th- Artillery Demonstrations

In these popular demonstrations, discover how a Civil War artillery crew loaded and fired their cannons. All demos end with a live black powder firing! (11, 12, 2, and 3:00 pm; 30-minute programs)

- ❖ *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*



Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park Upcoming Interpretive Programs

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

Everyday @ 1:00 pm Ranger Led Museum Tour

Join a Kennesaw Mountain Park Ranger for an in-depth exploration of our museum chronicling the events surrounding the Battle of Kennesaw Mountain.

***April 2-9, Special Spring Break programming**

***April 8, Trail Work Day (under direction of Kennesaw Mountain Trail Club)**

April

April 1 @ 11:30 am - 12:00 pm 'Civil War Artillery Talk'

This 30 minute Ranger led program discusses the differences between Civil War artillery pieces and how these differences changed warfare during the American Civil War

April 2-9, Spring Break Programming

For further information, please contact Visitor Center staff.

April 11 @ 7:30 am – 9:30 am 'Atlanta Audubon Society Bird Walk'

Kennesaw Mountain is the premier migrant hotspot in the southeast. We'll be looking for migrating flycatchers, vireos, thrushes, warblers, tanagers, and grosbeaks. Walk is about 2.5 miles total. There is a free bird checklist specifically for the park available upon request in the Visitor Center.

April 15 @ 10:30 am – 12:30 pm 'Guided Central Section Hike'

This moderately strenuous, approximately 2.5 mile hike in the park's Central Section and Pigeon Hill area will involve information on the history of the Battle of Kennesaw Mountain, the Cobb County community of the 1860's, and other natural and ecological information. This hike will be weather-dependent and begin from the Burnt Hickory Parking lot.

April 16 @ 11:30 am - 12:00 pm 'Atlanta Campaign Map Talk'

This 30 minute Ranger led program focuses on the 1864 Atlanta Campaign and how the Union and Confederate forces moved through the north Georgia countryside to the city of Atlanta.

April 22 @ 11:00 am – 11:45 am ‘Leave No Trace Program’

This 45 minute program will introduce the 7 Leave No Trace Principles through an interactive lesson on ways different types of waste decompose. This program is designed to teach visitors about the importance of Leave No Trace, and how even a little bit of garbage can have a big impact on the environment. Your decisions make a difference!

April 23 @ 11:00, 12:00, 2:00, and 3:00 Artillery Demonstrations

Come out to Kennesaw Mountain for live firing demonstrations and a look at Civil War Soldier life at Kennesaw Mountain. Our Living Historians will be firing canons today!

April 29 @ 10:00 am – 12:00 pm ‘Junior Ranger Day’

Come out and join us for our annual Junior Ranger Day! The day’s activities will put you in the place of a Civil War Soldier and take you through enlistment, infantry and artillery training, flag signaling and creation, and end at the medic’s tent! Programming is ideally suited for grades 1st – 5th, and preregistration is required. Please visit nps.gov/kemo, and select the Calendar link for more details.

April 29 @ 2:00 pm – 3:00 pm ‘Saturday Lecture Series: “A Long and Bloody Task & All the Fighting They Want”

Detailing the Atlanta Campaign from Dalton through Kennesaw to the Chattahoochee, May 5 - July 18, 1864, Dr. Stephen Davis will discuss the Spring of 1864 and how it brought a whole new war to the Western Theater, with new commanders and what would become a new style of warfare. Federal armies, perched in Chattanooga, Tennessee, after their stunning victories there in the previous fall, prepared to invade Georgia for the first time in the war.

April 30 @ 11:00 am – 11:45 am ‘The Importance of NPS Battlefields’

This 30 minute Ranger led program discusses the importance of preserving historic battlefields and the preservation efforts taken by the National Park Service.

April 30 @ 8:00 am – 11:00 am ‘Spring Bird Migration at Kennesaw Mountain’

Kennesaw Battlefield National Park is a well-known migratory hotspot, attracting large numbers of migrating warblers and other species each spring. We will begin our birding at the Visitors Center and then make our way up the mountain road to the top. Preregistration is required; please visit atlaudubon.z2systems.com for more information.

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

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