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Work Plan ~~December 10, 2016~~

January 14, 2017 Trail Day

Our Trail Day begins at 11:30 am and concludes by 3 pm - 4 pm. Please register on line or at the OLD Hwy 41 overflow parking lot check in area. We'll first assemble at the Amphitheater adjacent to the Visitor Center picnic grounds. There is a group hike up the mountain to our work site.

Again, we'll be performing trail work to improve conditions on the Mountain Top backside trail.

We, along with Boy Scout projects, have made significant improvements on this trail. Hopefully this trail day will conclude our work in this area. However, we also have planned rock planting to control water erosion and drainage along the paved mountain top trail.

We'll be toting many buckets of dirt, for filling; along with carrying and dragging rocks to install along sections of the trail. We'll also select a team to perform invasive plant cutting at the activity area by the overflow parking lot.

We're looking forward to our volunteers having an enjoyable early afternoon of helping Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park.

Canceled due to Cold Weather. Rest is Good.

Trail Day "Canceled." It rarely happens, but it did in December; it was just plain freezing cold.

We care about our Volunteers, Trail Ambassadors and Crew leaders and our policy is: if it is at or below 40 F, then we cancel the work day. It was 32 F 11 am thru 12 pm. Even though it was a nice sunny day, the well-being of everyone is our primary concern.

It was a good decision and, hopefully, everyone will be healthy enough to come back for our January 14 (11:30 am start) Trail Day.

We hope everyone enjoyed the Holidays and got a little rest. It has also been a refreshing time of rain at the Mountain. As you know, it's been very dry, and dusty trails and hard

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Obama Signs Bill Naming Post Office After Skip Wells

As reported by the Marietta Daily Journal - 12/17/16

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red clay are very hard to work with. We've been working on the same trail for several months and it was good to let the repairs stabilize and gave us time to assess our progress and plan for some additional work. We were ready to work in December, so most of the material is already on site for January.

Now let's think about the good part about our rest day off. If you've been coming out to work with us, then you probably missed not being there. People really have a good time working with the Trail Club. It's fun to work with your friends or group; it's also a wonderful time to come and make a new friend. Just being there helping can make you feel good. Watching all those people walking through our work area is satisfying because you enjoy doing the work to make their experience at the Mountain so much better!

Now we're looking forward to hitting the trail again. Come join us in the New Year. Continue reading our "Earthworks" newsletter online and visit and like us on Facebook.

Thanks,

Doug Tasse

President - KMTC

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2017 Rabun County Forest Fire Report

If you are interested in information concerning the Rabun County forest fire, here is the link to the Incident command team photos of the Rabun County wild fire... now 100% contained.

<http://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/photographs/5100/10/>

Congratulations To One Of Our Own!

The Community Outreach Committee of the Georgia Appalachian Trail Club has been awarded the **Martin Luther King, Jr. Community Service Award** from Emory University. Jay Dement heads up this committee.

Congratulations!

Alive!
Fred Feltmann
4/11/96

He lives!

Bringing joy, and sadness, dreams and memories
into a life.

The composer - using music to express his every
thought, mood and desire.

The musician - using sound and tempo
to express an emotion.

The photographer - capturing his every vision on film,
that others may experience what he has seen.

The minister - cajoling his flock to be true to their beliefs,
to follow what they believe,
and live the dream.

The writer - to capture the scene in flowing words and
phrase, expressing the ideas that wells within his soul.

The poet - setting a mood with the flowing word and
phrase, using their rhythm and rhyme to express a
feeling.

To be alive!

To take in each experience,
turn it over in one's mind,
examine it, relish it,
and give it back to another,
that they might examine it in their way,
and in their time.
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This article originally appeared in the Marietta Daily Journal on December 17, 2016.

LOCAL
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 17, 2016 ♦ MDJ

GEORGIA LOTTERY
Friday, December 16, 2016
Midday Cash 3: 8-6-2
Cash 3: 3-2-4
Midday Cash 4: 1-3-0-9
Midday Georgia FIVE: 5-
Georgia FIVE: 9-2-5-8-5
*Unofficial. Matching numbers should be

MARIETTA | MARINE LANCE CORPORAL SQUIRE 'SKIP' WELLS POST OFFICE BUILDING

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Staff reports

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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



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
MCEACHERN HS BETA CLUB
MCEACHERN 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

CAMPBELL HS BETA CLUB
CUB SCOUT PACK 11
CUB SCOUT PACK 405
CAMPBELL HIGH SCHOOL BETA CLUB
KENNESAW Mtn HS NJROTC
KSU
KSU HONORS BETA CLUB
MCEACHERN HS BETA CLUB
WOODSTOCK JROTC

Our December Work Day was cancelled because of weather conditions.



Crew Leader Training Class

We are planning a Crew Leader Training Class for Saturday February 25th from 8:45 am to 4:00 pm. Doughnuts & coffee will be available at 8:30 am and Pizza will be served for lunch.

This class will teach new crew leaders the basics of trail maintenance leadership within the rules of the park. It is also open to current crew leaders who would like to refresh their skills.

Interested persons should contact Doug Tasse. You must be at least 18 years old and commit to be present to lead at least 11 of our next 12 monthly trail days. Class size is limited so please get your spot reserved soon.

Kennesaw Mountain Trail Club Calendar

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Event</u>
January, 2017			
1/14	11:30 am - 4 pm	TBD	Trail Work Day <i>(Please note Our Winter Work Times!)</i>
February, 2017			
2/11	11:30 am - 4 pm	TBD	Trail Work Day <i>(Please note Our Winter Work Times!)</i>
2/25	8:45 am - 4 pm	Visitor Center	Crew Leader Training Class
March, 2017			
2/11	8:30 am - 1 pm	TBD	

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: (Winter Schedule)

Our trail work days are open to the public on the 2nd Saturday of each month and are a wonderful way to get outside & enjoy nature while helping preserve the national park for future visitors. We will meet at 11:30 am at the amphitheater near the Visitor Center this month and usually are finished by 4:00 p.m. Parking will be at the Old Highway 41 Parking lot. Please allow 10 - 15 minutes to walk to the amphitheater! **(Please arrive by 11:15 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.

As winter months approach, weather conditions can change quickly. We value our volunteers' health, comfort and safety so to promote safer work conditions, we'll cancel work days if the temperature is below 40 degrees and/or there's a high probability of precipitation. If we must cancel a workday,

we'll post an announcement on the front page of the KMTC website at: www.kennesawmountaintrailclub.org

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





A Blast From The Past!

Got this note from Richard Angeli, a Co-founder of the Trail Club and past President of the Club:

Fred:

Cleaning house and organizing old photo's and documents. Thought you might enjoy this one.

These are my two oldest grand sons, Marion Harris and me. The one in the back has finished College and is a rising Jr Exec with a major hotel chain. The one in the front will graduate from Georgetown next May.

This photo was taken by the MDJ as KEMOTrail Corps, Inc (KMTC) was approaching the end of it's first year of operation (August/September, 2003).

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Facebook Page		http://www.facebook.com/kmtcsocial
Volunteer Sign-up website*		http://vols.pt/ePEkfb

* updated

Southeastern Foot Trails Coalition Leadership Conference & Hiking Event

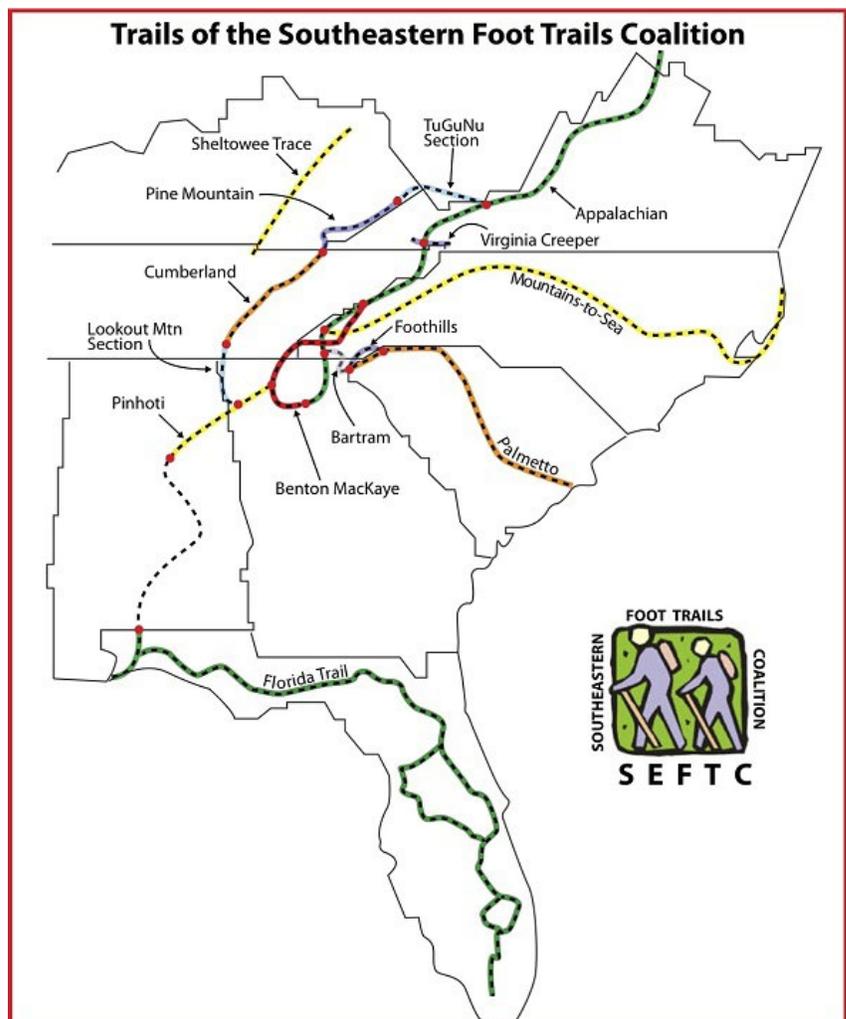
January 18-22, 2017

The Southeastern Foot Trails Coalition is holding their annual Leadership Conference meeting and winter hiking event this coming January 18-22, 2017 at the Music Road Inn in Pigeon Forge Tennessee. The hiking component of this event is meant to continue the winter hiking tradition popularized for 25 years by Wilderness Wildlife Week.

In conjunction with the Winter Hike Week, SEFTC will conduct its annual meeting and a special planning session on Saturday Jan 21, 2017 in the Music Road Resort convention facility. All hiking trail building and maintaining clubs and organizations in the Southeast are invited to help us shape the future of our organization. This "summit meeting" of Southeast organizations will assess the needs of the southeastern trail community, and how best to serve those needs. Everyone is invited to provide input to make this work.

For more information click on <http://southeasternfoottrails.org/website-message-for-2016-meeting.pdf> or contact Jim Plant at jim@greenmon.com.

An interactive version of this map may be found at <http://southeasternfoottrails.org/SEFTC-interconnected-trails.htm>. Note - the portion of trail that connects the Pinhote to the Florida Trail is a work in progress. This will eventually allow you to hike from the tip of Florida to end of the Appalachian Trail in Maine.



Sponsors/Partners Corner

Many thanks to our Sponsors and Partners for their support!

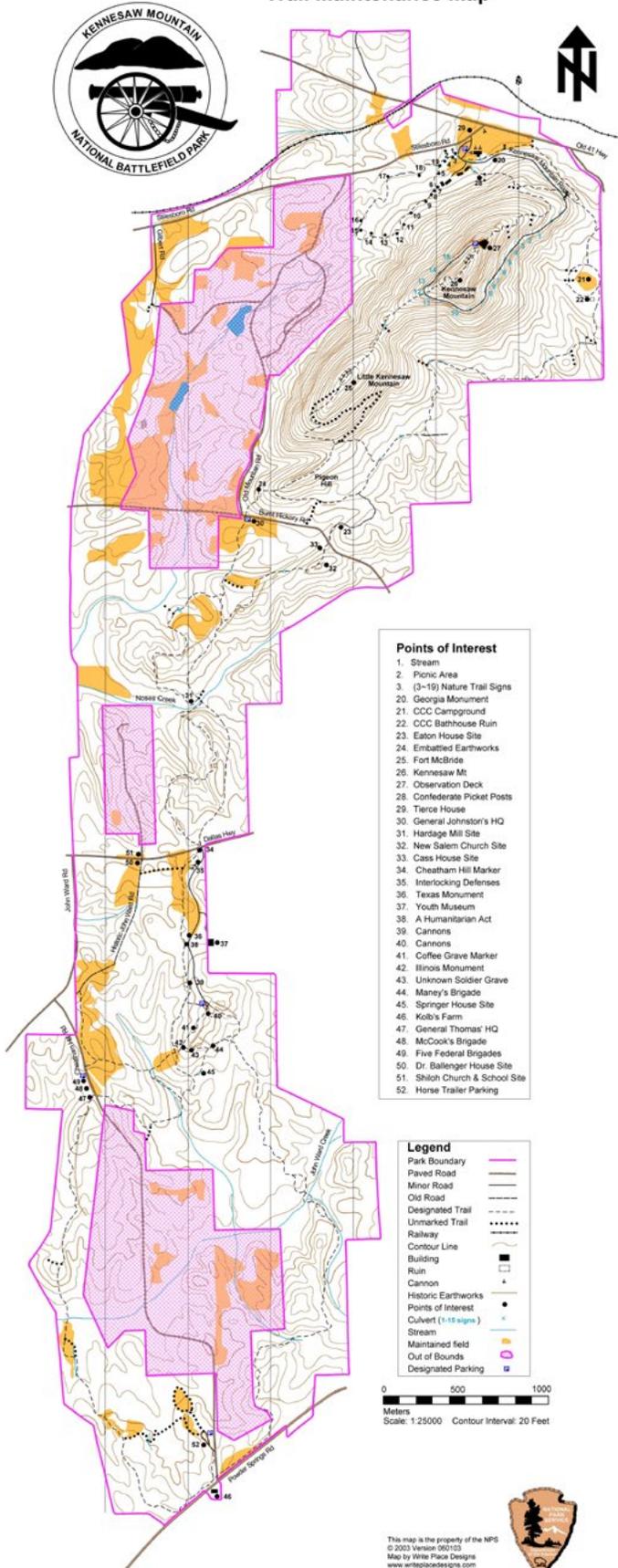


<http://americanhiking.org>



KENNESAW MOUNTAIN NATIONAL BATTLEFIELD PARK

Trail Maintenance Map



February Newsletter Deadline

If you wish to have an article published in the February Newsletter, please submit it to Fred Feltmann at faf1948@bellsouth.net no later than January 20th!