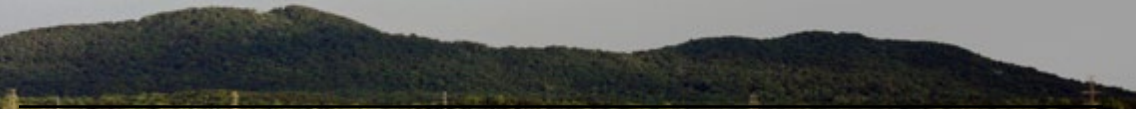




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## The Autumn Season Is Upon Us!

Seems like there is a lot going on at the park as we move into the Fall and into our 16th year as a trail club. Our annual meeting is coming up and we will be electing our 2018 officers and directors. A few new faces and many familiar faces will be charged with running our organization from October 2017 to September 2018.

As the cooler weather arrives and students get back into the classrooms, our Saturday trail work event becomes very popular. September saw 74 volunteers gathering at the Kolb Farm House to work on sections of the 5 mile long Kolb Farm loop trail. I am certain they had a great time on our the trails and the work accomplished was easily recognized by hikers, runners, and equestrian riders that traveled by while we all worked.

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## Election of KMTTC Board

### September 23, 2017

The following Board members for FFY 2018 were elected by a consensus vote at the Annual Business Meeting on September 23, 2017:

**President** - Scott Mackay

**Vice President** - Donald Olds

**Secretary** - Anne Strand

**Treasurer** - Tom Okerberg

**Trails Director** - Bruce Rugg

**Trail Ambassador Director** - Janie Brier

**Historian** - Rusty Bradley

**Communications Director** - Fred Feltmann

**Community Volunteers Director** - Rena  
Bailey

**Information Technology/Social Media  
Director** - Jerry Givan

**Director of Program Planning** - Jay Haney

**Director of Plants** - Danny Leigh

**Fundraising Director** - Peter Stell

**Logistics Director** - Paul Eubanks

## The Autumn Season Is Upon Us! Continued from Page 1

The Every Kid in the Park program that many of our Trail ambassadors have helped out with over the past two years is being highlighted by a Cobb County magazine. This program brings elementary-aged kids into the park for a day of learning and hiking. I volunteered with it a few times in its first year and still remember the smiling faces as they experience the trails and history in the park.

Cobb County and Marietta city are moving forward on connecting their trail systems to the park at both Burnt Hickory from the east and Cheatham Hill Road from the south. This will add more safe ways to hike or jog around the edges of the park.

And, as many of you already know the park is evaluating the addition of bus service on the mountain road for seven days a week and adding a parking fee for the main parking lots. We are looking forward to these improvements.

Finally, National Public Lands Day came which meant we had two Saturday trail work days in September. See our website for details and the link to sign up for October work day.

Hope to see you out on the trails!

*Scott Mackay*  
President, KMTC

## VIP Appreciation Dinner

The annual VIP Appreciation Dinner hosted by the National Park Staff was held on September 30th, 2017. The volunteers were recognized for their support of the Park during the year. Volunteers were recognized for their hours of service and their contributions of their time and talent.

In addition, the following individuals were recognized:

<b>Volunteer of the Year</b> -	Sherry Shogren
<b>Front Desk Volunteer</b> -	Wilkie Schell
<b>Living History Volunteer</b> -	William "Bill" Jones
<b>Trail Club Volunteer</b> -	Danny Leigh

### 2017 Lifetime Award (4000+ Hours)

Andrew "Andy" Cole  
Jerry Givan  
Jay Haney  
Ed Holsworth  
Mark Miller  
Larry Shogren  
Fred Feltmann (received award in 2016)  
Anne Strand (received award in 2016)  
Doug Tasse (received award in 2016)

Congratulations, and thanks to all who supported the Park this past year with their time and their talent!

*(Photos on Page 8)*

## October 14, 2017 Work Day

For the October 14 workday, we are planning to return to [Kolb's Farm](#) to rework some of the muddy areas. Depending on the number of participants, we will also be working along John Ward Creek. We will meet in the field near the Kolb's Farm parking area. See our website for further details. Registration will open around 8 am - be at the assembly area by 8:30 am. Be sure to register at <http://signup.com/go/VvavYQj>

## 15 Years - And Then Some!

Wow! It's been 15 years since we started this program!

I don't think Richard Angeli and I could have foreseen the progress and effort that has gone into the Trail Club since it's inception that fateful day in March, 2002, after hiking the horrendous section of trail on the backside of Little Kennesaw. We just wanted to fix a couple of trails.

But my efforts began earlier. Yes, that same horrendous section of trail was on my mind back during the 1987/1988 timeframe. One of our Boy Scouts from Troop 287 had an Eagle Scout Project to fix that section of trail - and it worked for several years, and then went south.

And there was a section of trail off of Powder Springs Rd the following year, when another Boy Scout from Troop 287 had an Eagle Scout Project to fix another section of trail near there.

So, I've been at this a few years. And I'm always amazed at how far we've come. And then there was the Trail Ambassador program Richard proposed. And I was game. It wasn't a hard sell for me. I saw its potential.

And off we went. The Park Staff was interested and very supportive for both programs. What better way to maintain trails and to support the many visitors to the Park.

And now we're working the front desk. And supporting the various programs put on by the Park Service.

Yes, we've come a long way in 15 years. But it's a joint effort - the Park Service, us and the other organizations that support the programs here. I can't say enough about the dedication of the Living History folks - they make the Park come alive with their programs - Thanks!

So, as we continue on, let us all remember that we are in this together. And together, we can make a difference at Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park for all of the folks that come and visit the Park.

*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  
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

ATLANTA OUTDOOR CLUB  
ALLATOONA HS BETA CLUB  
AUSTIN MIDDLE SCHOOL  
BENCHMARK PHYSICAL THERAPY  
BETA ALPHA PSI (KSU)  
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  
HOME DEPOT  
INTERNATIONAL ACADEMY (SMYRNA)  
KEEP COBB BEAUTIFUL  
KENNESAW MTN HS NJROTC  
KENNESAW MOUNTAIN HS KEY CLUB  
KING'S ACADEMY JROTC  
KSU  
KSU DELTA SIGMA PI  
KSU HONORS BETA CLUB  
MCEachern HS BETA CLUB  
NORTH ATLANTA CHURCH  
POPE HS HONOR SOCIETY  
RANSTAAD TEMPORARY  
STAFFING  
VENTURE CREW 75  
VOLUNTEER KSU  
WOODSTOCK HS NJROTC



The following groups participated in our September work days: (We had a total of 122 volunteers for September.)

BSA TROOP 540	9/9
BSA TROOP 703	9/23 (EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT)
WOODSTOCK JROTC	9/9
HILLGROVE JROTC	9/9
ALLATOONA JROTC	9/9
KENNESAW MOUNTAIN JROTC	9/9 & 9/30
VOLUNTEER KSU	9/30

# Kennesaw Mountain Trail Club Calendar

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Event</u>
<b>October, 2017</b>			
10/14	8:30 am - 1 pm	<a href="#">Kolb's Farm Parking area</a>	<b>Trail Work Day</b>
<b>November, 2017</b>			
11/11	8:30 am - 1 pm	TBD	<b>Trail Work Day</b>
<b>December, 2017</b>			
12/9	8:30 am - 1 pm	TBD	<b>Trail Work Day</b>

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## 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](http://signup.com/go/VvavYQj). By registering, we can be better  
prepared with the amount of tools, bottled water, gloves,  
etc. on hand.



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### 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. Location will be at the [Kolb's Farm parking area](#). Registration will begin around 8:10 am. The program will begin at 8:30 am and we usually are finished by 1:00 p.m. Activities usually include the use of shovels, rakes, picks, and other tools to fix erosion problems on the 20+ mile trail system. Please do not wear open-toed shoes. Long pants are recommended. In case of inclement weather and we must cancel a workday, we'll post an announcement on the front page of the KMTC website at: [www.kennesawmountaintrailclub.org](http://www.kennesawmountaintrailclub.org)

If your school, church, business, or community organization would like to schedule a special work day as a team building or public service activity, e-mail us at [kmtctrails@kennesawmountaintrailclub.org](mailto:kmtctrails@kennesawmountaintrailclub.org) at least 4 weeks in advance. Trail work can be performed any day of the week.

We work closely with the Park Service and assist the park staff by providing critically needed volunteer effort to install signs, build bridges, and maintain the 20+ miles of trails. Since our beginning in 2002, the Trail Club has donated over 45,000 volunteer hours to Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park.

We hope to see you at a work day soon!

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**Thanks, Doug!**  
*Thanks for all your hard work and dedication  
over the years (and thank your wife, Pat,  
for allowing us to borrow you). Under your  
leadership we continued to make strides in our  
ability to work with the Park Staff and do good  
work for our Park visitors.*

# Calling all Crew Leaders

## Trail Skills Workshop

November 4, 2017

Bruce Rugg and Ken Hale, our current and future KMTC Trails Directors, invite all Crew Leaders to join Jay Dement on Saturday, November 4, for a trail maintaining refresher workshop on the back side of Little "K." During this session we will explore more efficient methods of getting water off the trail and see some recent work by the SCA Kids as we go up Pigeon Hill.

Our work will concentrate on restoring the tread on Section 212. This trail has eroded and people have created a reroute below the original trail. We will build a rock crib wall to support the crush and dirt that will raise the tread, all from materials in the area. Finally, we will trash the old trail. Follow the "Trails" link at [www.jaydphotos.com](http://www.jaydphotos.com) for a review of work on Section 216.

We'll start at Whistle Stop for breakfast, of course, at 8:00, then make our way over to the Burnt Hickory parking lot, pick up tools, have the safety talk and make our way up the mountain. To register, click on <https://goo.gl/forms/Wbt1Se9bsTUvwaKg2>; for questions, contact Bruce Rugg [brucearugg@comcast.net](mailto:brucearugg@comcast.net) or Jay Dement [jay@jayphotos.com](mailto:jay@jayphotos.com)

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## (New) Crew Leader Training Course

We will be conducting Crew leader training on Saturday, November 18th. The class starts promptly at 9 am and goes til 3 pm. This class is for people over 18 years of age, in good physical health, and can commit to support at least 11 of our 14 annual volunteer Saturdays. The class is also open to existing crew leaders who want to reinforce their learning.

The class focuses on the leadership skills and responsibilities for being the person in charge of a work team and leading them to complete trail work in a safe manner with the highest quality while also following the rules of Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park.

Graduates of the class will also gain Volunteer-in-park status, become voting members of the trail club, and be eligible for participating in other volunteer activities of their choice on other weekends and weekdays (additional training might be required for some activities).

Do you have the time and motivation to become part of our team? Please e-mail a request attend the 11/18 crew leader class to [trailhelpers@kennesawmountaintrailclub.org](mailto:trailhelpers@kennesawmountaintrailclub.org). Class size is limited so please send you request soon.

## 2018 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.

**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.



## BEFORE AND AFTER



**BEFORE:** This photo was taken on December 30, 2015 from south of Phelan's Alabama Battery position during a big rain, looking south on the Kolb's Farm East Trail. Because this area is relatively flat and because millions of feet over the years have made the trail the lowest part of the ground in the area, it's going to be a tough fix.

*Photos by Bill Gurry.*



**AFTER:** We worked this part of the trail in 2016. This photo was taken on September 12, 2017 the day after Tropical Storm Irma passed, about 4" of rain.



*Before & After Photos by Richard Kozicki.*

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## VIP Dinner (Volunteers-In-the-Park)





## DWELL FIELD TRIP, 9.27.17

On September 27, the Marietta City Schools bus arrived at Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park at 9:15 am, full of children, parents and staff from the Dwell Communities. It was a beautiful late summer day and students were enjoying a day in the camp held during their Fall Break. Everyone gathered for the welcome talk by Ranger Jake Boling, held on the Visitor Center porch. Trail Ambassadors David Strand, Cameron Sanders, Alicia Gutierrez, Lucy Denzin and intern Lorenzo Bright were ready to assist. Led by Ranger Jake, participants went on a guided hike on the Environmental Trail. After a quick snack, they were ready for the bus ride to the mountaintop parking lot and the hike to the very top of the mountain, seeing historic cannons along the way. The morning ended with lunch in the park picnic area.

Lexi Woods, the program coordinator for the Dwell program, expressed her gratitude for the field trip saying: "Thank you to you all for making our field trip to Kennesaw Mountain so successful! Your hard work made it possible for so many children in our community to have an amazing experience! I wish I could convey how much it meant to these kids and their parents. The kids especially loved Ranger Jake and I even overheard one of them telling another this morning to pick up their trash outside because "Ranger Jake said we have to take care of our Earth!"

*Anne Strand*  
Secretary

*Photos by Lexi Woods.*



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Facebook Page		<a href="http://www.facebook.com/kmtcsocial">http://www.facebook.com/kmtcsocial</a>
Volunteer Sign-up website*		<a href="http://signup.com/go/VvavYQj">http://signup.com/go/VvavYQj</a>

\* updated



## Scouting Projects - End of Fiscal Year Report

We ended fiscal 2017 with 17 completed Eagle Scout projects using 334 volunteers and administering 2512 hours.

Of course, this does not report the scouts and/or troops who volunteered on workdays, etc., nor my hours.

*Since the beginning of fiscal year 2012, there have been 109 Eagle Scout and one Girl Scout Silver projects, administering 2089 volunteers, and logging 16,709 hours. This doesn't count my hours either, of course.*

This program is unequalled in all of Scouting and probably the NPS. . . at least as far as we know, so that is what we tell people(!)

This year, we placed nine more battlefield signs, refurbished several sets of earthworks, built and placed several benches, did trail enhancements on the main mountain trail as well as finished the fencing in the visitor center area.

We will need some replacement leadership in 2018 for the scout projects, but at this time, we are planning on scheduling projects on workdays, so I can administer with both at the same time.

### *Donald Olds*

#### Kennesaw Mountain BSA Eagle Scout Projects – October 1, 2016 – September 30, 2017 Completed Projects

Scout	Project	Troop/District	Date	Vol/Hours
1. Jackson Brasfield	Visitor Center entry Fencing	1776 Foothills	10/1/16	7/96 (94)
2. Drew Gooch	Bulloch Reserve Earthworks	1011/Foothills	10/22/16	26/175 (95)
3. Matt Johnson	Trail Enhancements	444/Foothills	10/29/16	10/105 (96)
4. Jakob Beck	TB Smith works	795/Foothills	11/5/16	15/165 (97)
5. Jack Forester	Bulloch Traverses	1011/Foothills	11/19/16	22/157 (98)
6. Michael Benevides	Kennesaw Mountain Top	11/Silver Comet	11/26/16	<u>19/127 (99)</u>
				<b>99/825</b>
7. Ricky Valero	Little K Trail/Reynolds Earthworks	540/Silver Comet	1/14/17	26/145 (100)
8. Sam Storey	Big K Trail Enhancement	11/Silver Comet	3/11/17	16/138 (101)
9. Jared Riley	Environmental Trail Turnpike	277/Foothills	3/31/17	31/215 (102)
10. Daniel Johnson	Maney Earthworks/3 Signs	353/Silver Comet	3/31/17	<u>12/158 (103)</u>
				<b>85/656</b>
11. Michael Marino	Earthworks and Bench – TB Smith	200/Foothills	4/14/17	16/117 (104)
12. Nicholas Hugg	Visitor Center Fence Enhance	703/Silver Comet	5/13/17	21/142 (105)
13. Jonah Salas	5 Battlefield Signs	75/Foothills	5/13/17	<u>11/175 (106)</u>
				<b>48/434</b>
14. Sajan Patel	4 Battlefield Signs	170/Central Georgia	7/20/17	15/172(107)
15. Ryan O'Keefe	Environmental Trail Turnpike	703/Silver Comet	8/19/17	35/168(108)
16. Miller Huffman	Bench and Fence ET	277/Foothills	8/26/17	20/100(109)
17. Nicholas Bravo	Environmental Trail Turnpike	703/Silver Comet	9/23/17	<u>32/157(110)</u>
				<b>102/597</b>
<b>YTD Totals</b>				<b>334/2512</b>

#### Compilation of the last six years of Eagle Scout projects:

Year	Number	Volunteers and Hours
2017 Fiscal Year End	17	334/2512
2016 Fiscal Year End	31	589/4805
2015 Fiscal Year End	26	538/4501
2014 Fiscal Year End	20	358/2659
2013 Fiscal Year End	8	123/1020
2012 Fiscal Year End	8	<u>147/1212</u>
<b>Totals</b>	<b>110</b>	<b>2089/16,709</b>

# Kennesaw Mountain Trail Club Trail Day Work Report

## Aug 2016 thru Sept 2017

**Aug 2016** – Work was performed on the Kennesaw Mountain Trail from the summit (1808 ft elev) down to the paved intersection of the Little Kennesaw Trail (1600 ft elev). Four pallets of rocks (16,000 #) were moved hand to hand up the trail by lines of volunteers, forming piles in areas of future work positions.

**Sept 2016** – No trail work due to the Field of Flags event. Crew leader and volunteers assisted in the install and removal of approx. 3000 flags.

**Oct 2016** – Repairs on Big Kennesaw Mtn started...cribwalls, ramps, old fence rails removed. Moved large trailer of dirt uphill with buckets by volunteers. Drainages rebuilt and walls reinforced.

**Nov 2016** – Moved second large trailer full of dirt up trail. Repairs and improvements continued.

**Dec 2016** – Cancelled due to extremely cold weather.

**Jan 2017** – Dirt in buckets brought by gators from CCC area to top of mountain. Rocks and dirt hand delivered by volunteers to work sites. Backpack blower used prior to each work day to remove extremely heavy leaf fall caused by drought to provide a safe clean trail. Roots and rocks were removed and soil used to buildup and smooth trail treadway.

**Feb 2017** – Maintenance on Cease Fire Trail from Dallas Hwy past the Illinois Monument. Types of Work: pruning for horse safety, channeling and ditch cleanup along trail, debarming and water diversions.

**Mar 2017** – Mountain Trail on Big K from summit parking lot down to the 'Grand Staircase". Trail blocking of social and short cutting trails, rock stair work, drain cleanouts, pruning and water diversions.

**Apr 2017** – Brumby Trail area from CCC to paved road. Many drain and channel cleanouts, pruning, and general trail repair, grooming.

**May 2017** – From parking lot at Cheatham Hill Road; crews were sent in all directions along the East and West Kolb Farm Trails and Assault Trail, picnic and parking lot cleanup, rail fence cleanup along the road.

**Jun 2017** – Volunteers fanned out from Burnt Hickory Road parking lot. Stair replacement at Burnt Hickory crosswalk of Brumby and New Salem Church trails. Heavy vegetation cleared along road to create a safer line of sight for hikers and vehicles, trail repairs, invasive work, and tree removals to reopen Little K Cutoff after several major blowdowns completely blocked the trail.

**July & Aug 2017** – Trail Days cancelled due to bad weather.

**Sept 2017** – (Sep 9) Work zones centered around the Kolb Farm area near the horse parking lot. Access trail improvement, finishing the rutted horse trail area with drainages, and ditch cleanouts and heavy pruning for horse and hiker safety.

- (Sep 30) Work zones centered around the Burnt Hickory and Old Mountain Rd parking lot. Cleared overhanging branches to allow safer horseback riding. Worked on the Old Salem Church trail to improve drainage. Cleared sections of privet.

Thank you for another great and safe year!

*Ken Hale*

KMTC Trail Director

*Thanks,  
Doug!*



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## **FY 2017 Trail Ambassador Trail Ambassador Report**

In conjunction with Ranger Amanda Corman, we conducted 6 orientations

The club added 13 new Trail Ambassadors

We said farewell to 8 Trail Ambassadors. Happily these folks were going on to other interesting opportunities and not leaving due to illness or injury.

Currently there are 20 people on the Trail Ambassador Candidate list, 6 who have partially completed the requirements.

In addition to almost daily support of the primary role of the Trail Ambassador, which is safety patrols, from October 01, 2016 through September 30, 2017 Trail Ambassadors also supported:

21 Every Kid in a Park (EKIP) events serving 11 schools and 1800 children.

4 School Field Trips consisting of groups as small as 30 and as large as 150

9 Club Trail work days

8 Ranger Guided Hikes

Arbor Day

Park Day

Junior Ranger Day

Kid Cannon Crew Day

Marietta Mentoring Leadership - Coordinated by Lucy Denzin

7 Artillery Demonstrations

Dwell Program Field Trip

Sons of Union Veterans Living History Presentation

National Public Lands Day

114<sup>th</sup> Infantry Tour – which included 7 WWII veterans – Led by Jay Haney

The 153<sup>rd</sup> Battle Anniversary weekend – support for 6 artillery demonstrations, 6 infantry demonstrations and 4 TA led hikes on the 24 gun trail

Parking assistance for 4 History Lectures

Special recognition to Cam Graham who coordinated with the Pope High School National Honor Society to provide 3 days of invasive plants removal program for a total of 59 participants and 295 volunteer hours. He also facilitated 2 invasive plant removal days with the Kennesaw Mountain High School Key Club for a total of 17 participants and 54 volunteer ours. Supporting Cam in these projects were Danny Leigh and Karen Petrella.

The time volunteers give to the park is a priceless gift to the community. It is the most valuable gift an individual can give. Without the many volunteer hours the park trails would not be so well maintained. Safety concerns might go unknown or unaddressed. The park staff would not be able to offer either the number or quality of programs currently offered at the park. My deepest thanks for your hard work and your dedication to the park and to this club.

*Janie Brier*

Trail Ambassador Director

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# September 9, 2017 Work Day

Photos by Scott Mackay.



**September 30, 2017 National Public Lands  
Work Day Photos.**

*Photos by Fred Feltmann*





## **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.

### **October**

#### **October 7 @ 11:00 – 11:30 am ‘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.

#### **October 8 @ 11:00, 12, 2, and 3:00 ‘Artillery Demonstrations’**

Artillery (cannon) demonstrations show visitors the steps taken to fire cannons during the American Civil War. Each program lasts approximately 30-40 minutes and includes an explanation of the role of artillery during the Atlanta Campaign and at the Battle of Kennesaw Mountain. This demonstration will be held at Cheatham Hill, near the Illinois Monument.

#### **October 14 @ 11:00 – 11:30 am ‘Welcome to Kennesaw Mountain’**

Come out and enjoy a Ranger-led presentation on the Battle of Kennesaw Mountain, the Atlanta Campaign, and how these events shaped our history and the park as it is today. This presentation will utilize various maps and artifacts to illustrate this portion of history. This program is free to attend and open to the public, and will be held at the Visitor Center.

#### **October 14 @ 8:30 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 [Kolb's Farm Parking area](#). The NPS Volunteer Services Agreement is required. A parent must sign the form if the student is under 18 years old. The form and directions to the registration site are available on the club.

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**October 15, 21 @ 11:00 am – 1:00 pm ‘Civil War Music Program’**

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 musician and living historian KD Braunsroth as she demonstrates this using the fife.

**October 22 @ 11:00, 12, 2, and 3:00 ‘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 musket firing. This program is free to attend and open to the public

**October 28 @ 11:00 – 11:30 am ‘Life of a Soldier’**

Life for the common infantry soldier during the Atlanta Campaign was less than ideal. Come out and enjoy an interactive Ranger presentation that will utilize various reproduced props and personal items to illustrate how soldiers lived and fought on the campaign trail in 1864.

**October 28 @ 2:00 – 3:00 pm ‘Saturday Lecture Series: Environmental Art’**

This installation of our Saturday Lecture Series features artist and college professor Joseph Bigley as he discusses the role of art in the natural environment. Joseph is an assistant professor at Spelman College in art and art history.

*\*\* 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](http://www.nps.gov/kemo)*



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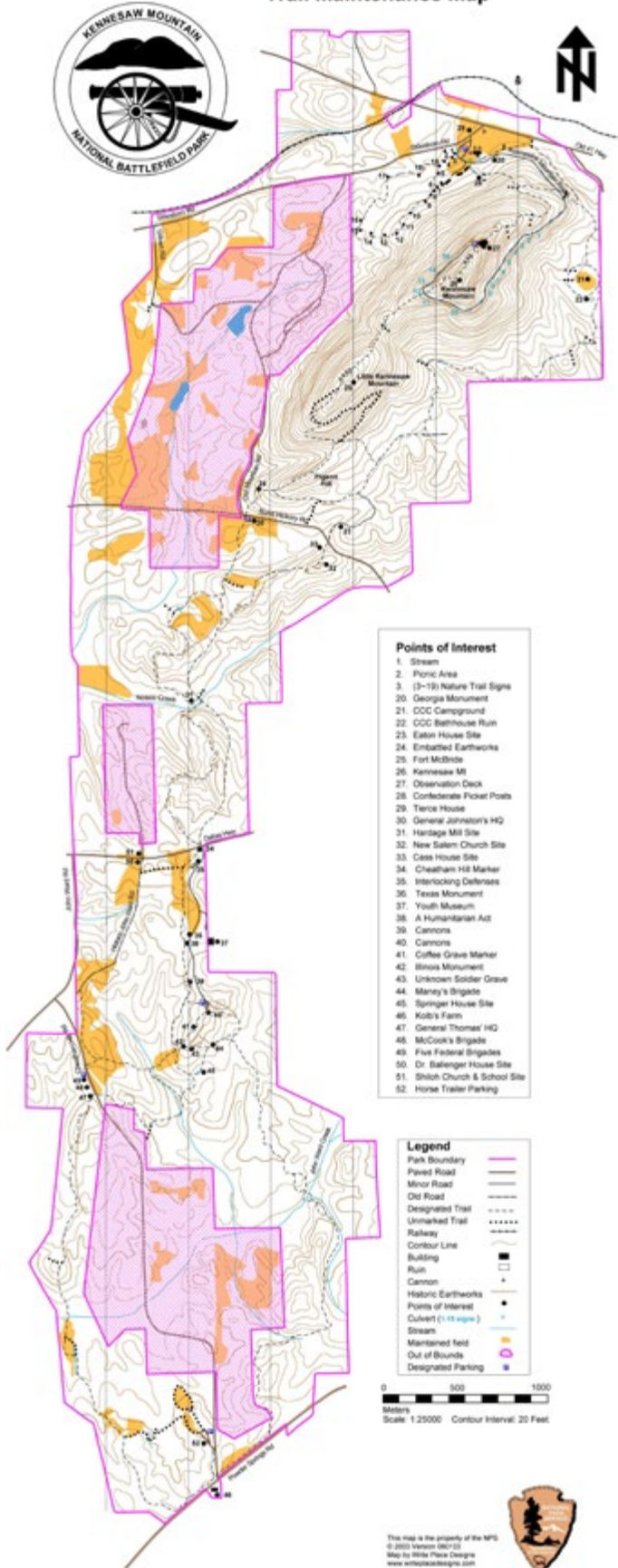


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## KENNESAW MOUNTAIN NATIONAL BATTLEFIELD PARK

### Trail Maintenance Map



## November Newsletter Deadline

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