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Hale and Farewell!

We wish to thank Brad Bennett for his support while he filled in as the Acting Superintendent for the last 90 days. We wish him well as he returns to Alaska.

We welcome Riana Ventura. She will be the Acting Superintendent. We especially look forward to working with her as we celebrate National Trails Day on June 7th.

We also wish to welcome Steve Crowder, the Acting Maintenance Supervisor. We also look forward to working with Steve on the projects for National Trails Day.

National Trails Day

The Kennesaw Mountain Trail Club, the National Park Service and REI are sponsoring a National Trails Day Program at Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park on Saturday, June 7, 2008.

This year's program requires pre-registration. Pre-registration will be handled by REI's Perimeter store. All inquiries regarding registration for National Trails Day should be directed to the REI Perimeter Store at 770 901-9200 and register through customer service. You can also register through e-mail at the Perimeter Store: st54@rei.com.

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Help Wanted - Certified Trail Crew Leaders

Richard Angeli

With the large increase we have seen in the number of volunteers coming out for our trail workdays, the Kennesaw Mountain Trail Club has an urgent need for additional trained and certified crew leaders. We have an opportunity for Mike Ritter of Trail Design Specialists to conduct the 4-day Crew Leader Certification Course at Kennesaw Mountain this August. The tentative dates are August 25 to 29, 2008.

What you will learn:

The course combines classroom instruction with hands-on practical experience in the field. Each day deals with one topic. Day 1 is Trail Design and layout. You will learn the practices in laying out a sustainable trail minimizing maintenance and optimizing the layout for expected uses. You will also learn to use the tools for estimating grade and slope. Day 2 covers construction, including tools, materials, benching, cribbing, grade dips, building switch backs, and climbing turns. The 3rd day covers maintenance in all of its aspects. Day 4 is devoted to leading your crew. You learn how to plan the work, how to organize teams, how to show appreciation for your volunteers, and especially how to get them to come back for more.

The cost of the course is \$300 per student. The cost can be deducted as Volunteer Expenses related to KEMOTrail Corps, Inc. on your income taxes. Class materials, coffee breaks, and lunch will be provided each day. If the cost of the tuition is your only draw back to enrolling, talk to **Richard Angeli** or **Jerry Givan**. The club may be able to provide some assistance.

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Tentative Activities planned for the National Trails Day Program:

- 8:00 - 8:30 AM - Sign-in for pre-registrants
- 8:30 AM - Welcoming Remarks
- 8:45 AM - Tool Talk
- 9:00 AM - Dispersal to work sites
- Noon - Gather at work-sites for pick-up and return to Administration area
- 12:30 PM - Lunch (provided by REI)
- 1:00 PM - Living History Demonstration
- 1:30 PM - Guided walk up Kennesaw Mountain

If you would like to participate in the National Trails Day effort, but do not wish to work on a maintenance/Trail building effort, there are other options available. For example, we will need approximately 8 volunteers to work information booths at various locations within the Park from approximately 9 AM till 3 PM. Contact **Fred Feltmann** at **770-516-9120** or at faf1948@bellsouth.net for more information.

Notes:

- 1 This program is available only for those who have pre-registered!
2. Complete forms included on pages 7 and 8, if you have not previously completed the Park Service Volunteer Service Forms.

May 10th Work Day

By Jerry Givan, Trails Supervisor

We had a turnout of 12 volunteers for the work day and really great weather. The main concentration was on the new trail that will replace the first segment of the trail up the front of Kennesaw Mountain. Both Ditch Witches were used to smooth some of the larger rough spots while a hand crew cleaned up the benches on the lower part of the trail.

We also opened the last part of the trail where it joins the main trail at the bottom. That was done by cutting into the old trail and grading it so that it is now a smooth transition as you cross the culvert to swing to the left and onto the new trail.

Later this year, we will close the main trail and start the

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Additional Volunteers needed! Call today!

FAX: 770-516-9120 (*Call first, so I can turn it on!*)

process of turning it back to nature. The new trail has almost the same rise in elevation as the old one but over a much longer distance and follows the contour of the land. An added value is that there are rifle pits to the right that will have signs informing hikers of their significance in the Civil War.

Trail Crew Leader (Trail Master) Training Course

By Larry Wheat

The Cherokee Recreation and Parks Agency (CRPA) recently confirmed dates of June 16-20 for the trail crew leader training course to be taught by Mike Ritter. Normally this is a 4-day course and I have not yet heard why a fifth day is listed. Perhaps the last day will be the trail machine course, and if so, that will be a great opportunity for participants. The course will be held in Cherokee County, at the Twin Creeks Softball Complex in an upstairs meeting room. More details will be obtained later about where this softball complex is located, and about the specific course agenda. Basically, the course covers trail design, construction, maintenance, and crew leader skills. The normal course process is to spend the morning in the classroom and then go outside and practice for the afternoon. The cost is \$300.00 per person. Interested persons should contact the CRPA coordinator, **Mr. Steve Ralston**, at sralston@crpa.net.

There is a possibility (not yet an approved commitment) that the Back Country Horsemen of North Georgia (BCHNG) and/or the Cherokee County Saddle Club (CCSC) may be able to reimburse one or two persons who successfully complete the course and are willing to serve as a crew leader. Please contact **Larry Wheat** at L.Wheat@mindspring.com if you are interested in such support.

All should also be aware that Walt Bready, the Georgia Trails Education Specialist, is holding a similar crew leader training course this June during two weekends (14-15, 28-29). This course is held at Gainesville College. You may contact me (Larry Wheat) for further details on that course if you like.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

NATIONAL TRAILS DAY JUNE 7, 2008

REGISTRATION REQUIRED!!!!

See details in separate article herein for National Trails Day.

If you would like to staff one of this year's 4 information booths, please contact **Fred Feltmann** at 770-516-9120 or at faf1948@bellsouth.net for details. Hours of operation for the information booths will be 9 AM - 3 PM. We would like to have 2 volunteers per booth.

Lunch will be provided to registered volunteers. Visit REI's Perimeter Store Website to register.

TRAIL CREW LEADER (TRAIL MASTER) TRAINING COURSE, JUNE 16 - 20, 2008

Twin Creeks Softball Complex, Cherokee County, in an upstairs meeting room

Time: TBD

Contact **Mr. Steve Ralston** at sralston@crpa.net, for more information.

2ND SATURDAY WORKDAY JULY 12, 2008

PARK SERVICE AREA

TIME: 8:30 AM – 1:30 PM

Continue construction of the new mountain trail and other projects depending on the number of volunteers available.

2ND SATURDAY WORKDAY AUGUST 9, 2008

PARK SERVICE AREA

TIME: 8:30 AM – 1:30 PM

Continue construction of the new mountain trail and other projects depending on the number of volunteers available.

4-DAY CREW LEADER CERTIFICATION COURSE AT KENNESAW MOUNTAIN, AUGUST 25 - 29, 2008

LOCATION TBD

Contact Richard Angeli, kmtcpresident@kennesawmountaintrailclub.org, for more information.

Participation In The REI Grand Opening A Great Success!!

The Trail Club participated in the REI, Kennesaw Store Grand Opening May 2 - 4, 2008. During the Grand Opening, we staffed an information booth, during which time we signed up over 50 prospective members for future maintenance projects. Thank you, REI, for letting us participate in your Grand Opening!!!



Flag Day - June 14, 1994

The Flag

5/28/91

Fred Feltmann



Pomp and Circumstance
Games.
Entertainment.
Solemnity.
Mourning.

This piece of cloth,
Symbol of our Freedom,
presides over all.

Stepped on.
Trampled.
Burned.
Spat upon.
Desecrated.

This piece of cloth,
Symbol of our Freedom,
is undeterred.

The Sun rises.
A Crowd gathers.
Scouts, maybe.
Summer Camp.
Soldiers and Sailors.
The Big Game.
A din of conversation.
A call to order.
Silence sweeps over the gathering

A deep blue sky,
with white pompom-like clouds silently
flying formation.

The pedestal.
A tall slender metal pole of aluminum or steel,
silhouetted against an alabaster sky,
holding a lanyard.

The lanyard clasp,
reinforces the call to attention,
forlornly ringing in the day as it
greet the pole on its way down
from its perch.

The wind answers,
rustling the branches of the nearby trees.
They, telling of those who have
honored the Flag with their lives.

The gathered throng silently, solemnly witnesses,
As the Flag is wedded to the clasp.
Up again goes the clasp.
This time carrying its precious cargo.
Again forlornly greeting the pole,
Ringing in the day.
A call to remembering.
The Wind echoing the call as it rustles through the
neighboring trees.

This piece of cloth,
It flew at Sumter.
It flew at Pearl.
It flew on D-Day.
It flew in '36.
It flew in 1812.
It flew that day aboard the Challenger.
It flew on the Moon.
It flew over Hiroshima and Nagasaki.
It flew when Johnny hit the home run that won the
game.
It flew when he struck out and all appeared lost.
It flew when men loved their brothers.
It flew when men cursed those whose
skin was not their own.

It is approaching the top of the pole, now.
The Wind grabs hold of it,
Flapping it briskly,
The snap sending a chill down the spine.
The lanyard clasp again rings out the news.
It has reached the pinnacle.

The gathering begins its pledge.

From its pedestal now,
Be it a meeting
A Game,
A day's activities,
Classes.
The day's ceremonies at Arlington
Or a hundred others at Pearl,
Sumter,
On the Yorktown,
In Selma
Or in the gutter,



The Flag returns the Pledge to stand for Freedom



Volunteer T-Shirts Available!

We have received a new supply of the yellow trail crew tee shirts in sizes L and XL. They are available on workdays for \$10.00 each.



They can also be ordered at our on-line store, http://cafepress.com/kennesaw_trails. Retail cost is \$14.99 plus shipping.

You may reserve a shirt for pick-up at the workday by sending an e-mail to Richard Angeli - e-mail address, below.

Wearing the tee shirt is strictly your option. However, it does greatly enhance the trail club's visibility to park visitors and encourages them to volunteer to help.

Richard C. Angeli

President

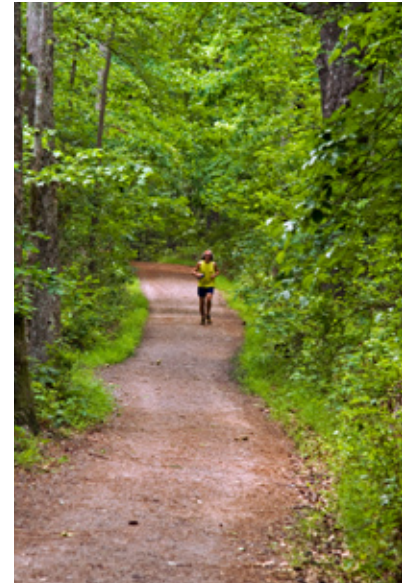
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The many faces/places of Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park



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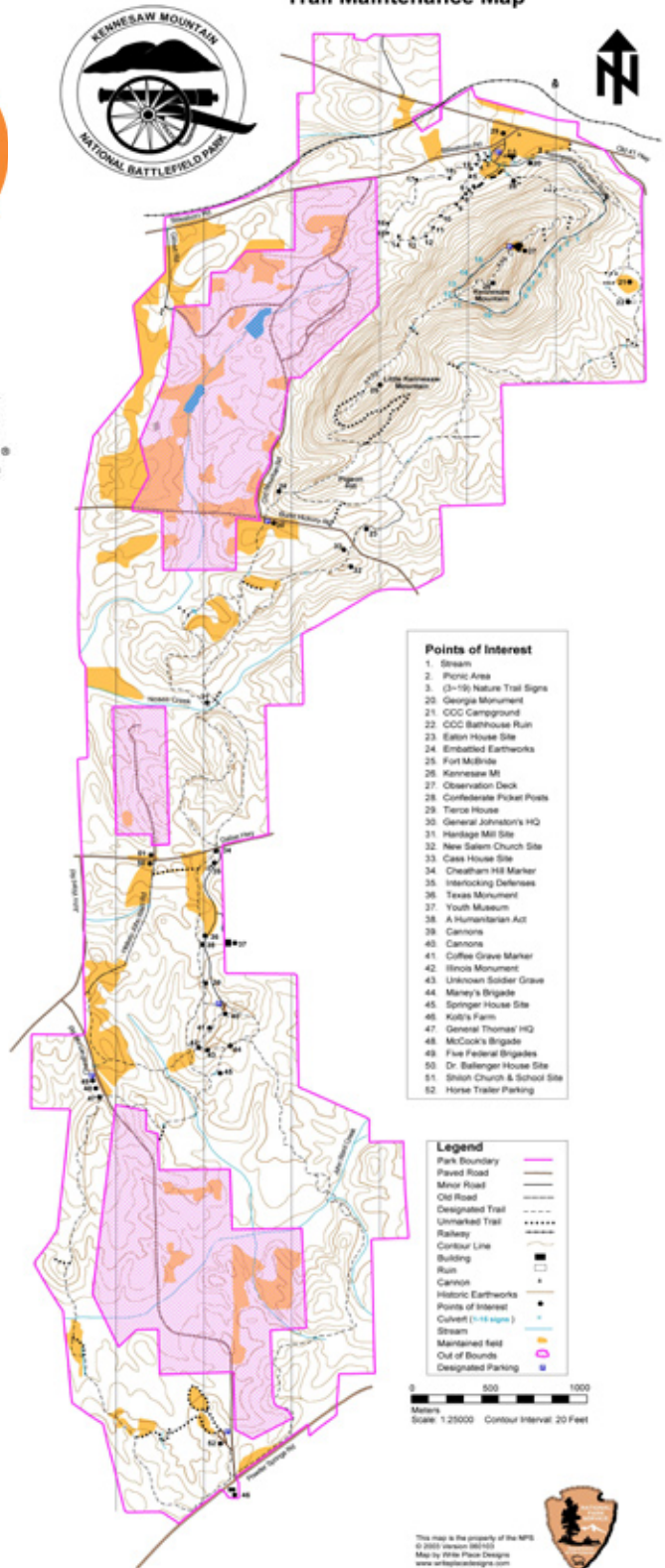


June Newsletter Deadline

If you wish to have an article published in the May Newsletter, please submit it to Fred Feltmann at faf1948@bellsouth.net no later than June 15th!

KENNESAW MOUNTAIN NATIONAL BATTLEFIELD PARK

Trail Maintenance Map



Local in Touch, Global in Reach

HLB Gross Collins, P.C.

Volunteer Services Agreement for Natural Resources Agencies for Individuals or Groups

Please print when completing this form

Site Name	Agency	Reimbursement (if any)	
Name of Volunteer or Group Leader – Last, First, Middle	Home Phone	Cell Phone	Email Address
Street Address	City	State	Zip Code

IF VOLUNTEER IS UNDER AGE 18 – Name of Parent or Guardian	Home Phone	Cell Phone	Email Address
Street Address	City	State	Zip Code

I affirm that I am the parent/guardian of the above named volunteer. I understand that the agency volunteer program does not provide compensation, except as otherwise provided by law; and that the service will not confer on the volunteer the status of a Federal employee. I have read the attached description of the work that the volunteer will perform.

I give my permission for _____ to participate in the specified volunteer activity sponsored

by _____ at _____
(Name of Sponsoring Organization, if applicable) (Name of Volunteer Duty Station)

From _____ to _____
(Date) (Date) (Parent/Guardian Signature) (Date)

Emergency Contact Name	Home Phone	Cell Phone	Email Address
Street Address	City	State	Zip Code

GOVERNMENT OFFICIAL COMPLETES THIS SECTION

Brief description of work to be performed. Include details such as minimum time commitment required, use of personal equipment, use of government vehicle, etc. Attach the complete job description to this form. If this is a group agreement, the leader is to provide the group name, a complete list of group participants to be attached to this form, and parental approval (above) completed for each volunteer under the age of 18.

Government Vehicle required?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Valid State Driver's License <input type="checkbox"/> International Driver's License
Personal Vehicle to be used?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Please verify that the volunteer is in possession of one of these documents. DO NOT keep a copy of the document for his/her file.

I understand that I will not receive any compensation for the above work and that volunteers are NOT considered Federal employees for any purpose other than tort claims and injury compensation. I understand that volunteer service is not creditable for leave accrual or any other employee benefits. I also understand that either the government or I may cancel this agreement at any time by notifying the other party.

I understand that my volunteer position may require a background investigation in order for me to perform my duties.

I understand that all publications, films, slides, videos, artistic or similar endeavors, resulting from my volunteer services as specifically stated in the attached job description, will become the property of the United States, and as such, will be in the public domain and not subject to copyright laws.

I do hereby volunteer my services as described above, to assist in agency-authorized work.

(Signature of Volunteer)

(Date)

The above-named agency agrees, while this arrangement is in effect, to provide such materials, equipment, and facilities that are available and needed to perform the work described above, and to consider you as a Federal employee only for the purposes of tort claims and injury compensation.

(Signature of Volunteer Manager/Coordinator)

(Date)

Termination of Agreement

Volunteer requests formal evaluation Yes No

Evaluation Completed

(Date)

Agreement terminated on

(Date)

(Signature of Volunteer Manager/Coordinator)

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