



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.

February

February 3 @ 11:00 am – 12:30 pm ‘Guided Mountaintop Hike’

Join us for a guided hike to the top of Big Kennesaw Mountain. The hike will focus on local and Civil War history, as well some of the ecology of the area. This is an outdoor program, so please prepare accordingly. Length of the hike will be approximately 2 miles, strenuous, and will be weather dependent.

February 4 @ 11:00 am – 3:00 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 Sellers as she demonstrates this using the fife.

February 4 @ 11:00 am – 12:00 pm ‘The Western & Atlantic Railroad’

The Western & Atlantic Railroad would experience many extraordinary events that would not only lead to the development of the city of Atlanta but also major changes to the South and ultimately the nation. This program will discuss the origins of the Western & Atlantic Railroad and the history of the rail line from its creation through the end of the American Civil War.

February 10 @ 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 overflow parking lot on Old Highway 41. 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’s website.

**February 10 @ 10:00, 1:00, 3:00 ‘The Unsung Hero’
(each program is 45 minutes in length)**

This program, in honor of Black History Month, highlights the role that African Americans played in the Union Army serving first as undercooks and then as stretcher bearers. This program, offered by historian Brad Quinlan, provides researched information of the sacrifices of these unsung heroes of the war.

February 11 @ 11:00 am– 12:30 pm ‘Guided 24-Gun Battery Hike’

This program will consist of a guided 3 mile hike along the 24 – Gun Battery Trail and will focus on the importance of preservation, protection, and history within the national parks. This is an outdoor activity, so please dress and plan accordingly. Participants should meet in the Visitor Center lobby. This hike will be led by a member of the Kennesaw Mountain Trail Club.

**The event will be cancelled in the event of inclement weather.

February 17 @ 11:00 am – 12:30 ‘Guided Assault Trail Hike’

Learn more about the fateful Union assault on Cheatham Hill during this guided hike. This trail is one mile, round trip and is classified as moderate to easy. Hike will begin and end at the Illinois Monument (at Cheatham Hill). This is an outdoor activity, so please dress and plan accordingly. This hike will be led by a member of the Kennesaw Mountain Trail Club.

This program is **not at the Visitor Center; parking is at 957 Cheatham Hill Dr, Marietta (ie. the Illinois Monument parking lot)*

** The event will be cancelled in the event of inclement weather.

February 18 @ 11:00 – 11:30 am “Shaping Lincoln: Abraham Lincoln Before his Presidency”

In recognition of Abraham Lincoln’s 209th Birthday, this 30 minute ranger-led program discusses Abraham Lincoln prior to his presidency and what shaped the 16th President of the United States of America.

February 24 @ 11:00 – 12:00 ‘Civil War Earthworks’

Used for centuries as protection on the battlefield, earthworks played a vital part in the American Civil War. The program, to be conducted at Cheatham Hill, will address the use of earthworks during the Civil War and the importance they had during the Atlanta Campaign and the Battle of Kennesaw Mountain.

This program is **not at the Visitor Center; parking is at 957 Cheatham Hill Dr, Marietta (ie. the Illinois Monument parking lot)*

** The event will be held in the Visitor Center in the event of inclement weather.

February 25 @ 11:00 – 11:30 am ‘Civil War Hygiene...Silent but Deadly’

Times were tough for the campaigning soldier in the 1860’s. This 30 minute program focuses on the poor hygiene of the average soldier during the American Civil War and explores how this led to large casualty rates and widespread diseases.

**Denotes off-site location other than Visitor Center*

*** 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*