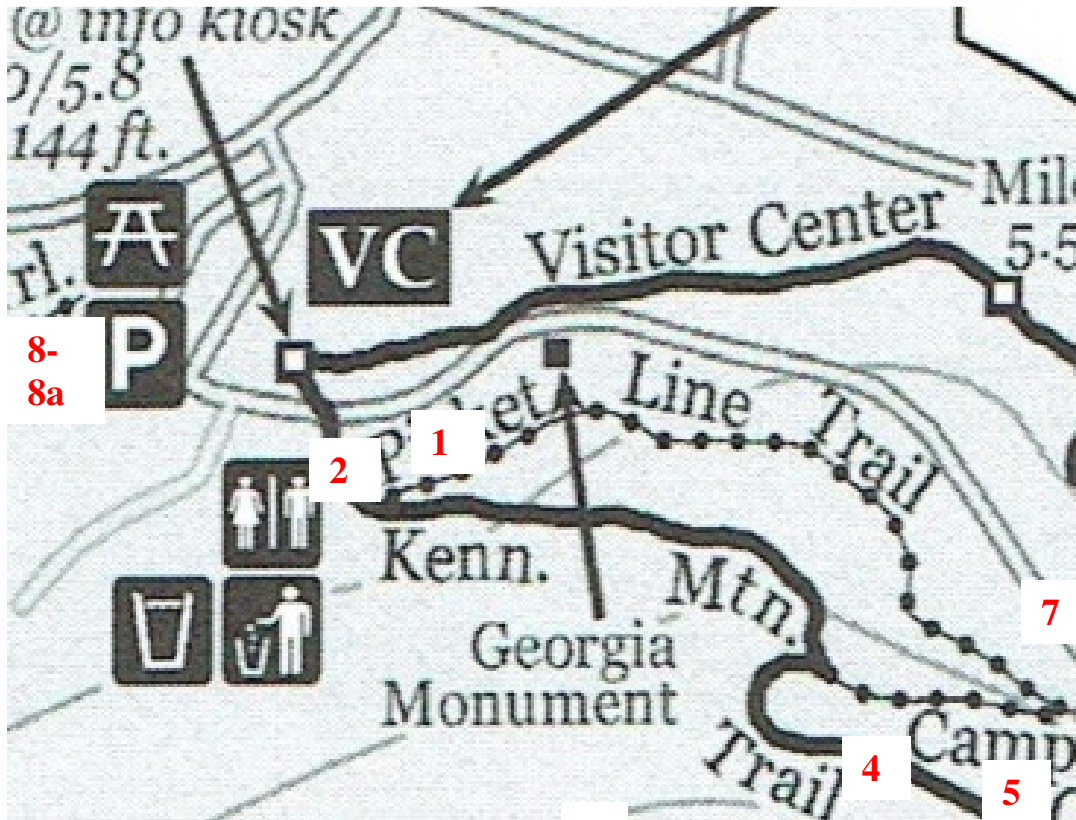



KENNESAW MOUNTAIN – WORKDAY 4-13-19 – ABT PARK DAY Final



SCHEDULE –American Battlefield Trust Park Day:
7:15 Start load tools; Send registration stuff out to Old 41 lot and at amphitheater.
8:00 Send tools to grassy area behind amphitheater. Stage truck and work signs.
8:15 Brief crew leaders, volunteers arrival at Old 41
8:30 Greet & organize volunteers upon arrival at amphitheater. *Safety lecture for all at once.*
8:40 to 8:50. Crew leaders hand out tools to each crew. Turn to.
12:00 Hand out T shirts. Pack up and head out – tools to tool shed.
12:30 Clean and stow tools
1:00 Head to president’s debriefing meeting

PLEASE SEE BILL OR DONALD BEFORE STARTING WORK AT YOUR SITE

 **10-Invasive plants – gasrlic mustard on Big K or privet off Kennesaw Ave.**

Work for this month will be as detailed on page 2. Crew Leaders -Please stick to the approved work plan.

We will need to be flexible due to paving operations, and lots and lots and lots of visitors in the area.

There is a Civil War Artillery Talk at the VC at 11:30 you and your volunteers may want to join.

Don't start what you can't finish. Make it fun, and above all –BE SAFE!

In case of emergency, call 911, then the Park, and send volunteers to meet help.

Trail Ambassadors: Registration at Old 41 parking lot and at amphitheater. Need table and chairs at both areas. Volunteer assembly at amphitheater.

Material: none.

Equipment: Truck to haul old tools and fencing and a gator for supervision, volunteer assistance, hauling tools and materials.

Get keys from Park, check fuel, fill fuel log if added, clean equipment, and return keys.

Other: Registration desk, chairs, and registration signs to Old 41 lot. Water.

After work, have volunteers return tools to the tool shed in the maintenance area.

NOTE: *We do not expect to work all the work areas listed below. The areas worked will depend on the number of crew leaders we have, but we will prepare for all. We will review on Friday the week before when we flag for workday and decide on workday. Crew leaders – please stick to the approved work plan and no digging deeper than 6 inches.*

AREA 1 Repair/replace fencing behind Visitor Center: Repair fencing on Picket line trail. You will need four (4) eleven foot rails from the CCC camp fence rail pile. Then go to the Quarles earthwork off the mountain road and re-re-re-re trash the social trail on the earthwork. Also, repair the fence if the paver has knocked it over. Time permitting, we can replace some fencing around the visitor’s center –see Donald.

AREA 2 Minor maintenance at the Lower Mountain Trail: Clean out all water diversion structures from the trail head at the Mountain road all the way up to the fire road. Close off 1 new social trail that has appeared. Clean out the ditch that flows into the culvert that protects the trail near the fork in the trail. Re-trash the area behind Jerry’s other rock so hikers will stay on the trail. You will need 1 Pulaskis, 1 McCleod, 1 rakes, 1 shovels, 2 buckets, and 3 to 4 volunteers.

AREA 4 Drainage Ditch on Fire Road: Clean out drainage ditches where needed from Grand Staircase all the way down to the Mountain Road. Throw leaves and duff into the woods, save the silt and gravel in piles on the side of the trail for future use. Dig out drain across trail at curve to direct spring water across the trail and replace the rocks to make it easy for a vehicle to pass. Don’t make a berm at the ditch – at some places dig a shallow knick to get water on the road into the ditch. You will need 4 leaf rakes, 4 garden rakes, 3 spades, 4 buckets, 2 Pulaskis, 2 McCleods, and a pick for the drain. 8 to 10 people. We may blow the leaves out ahead of the workday.

AREA 5 Grand Staircase: a) Clean off loose gravel on all steps from the bottom all the way up to the top of this section. Use gravel for d) below.

b) At the top, dig out the old “trench” or dip in the trail about 3-4 inches to keep water from turning around the corner onto the downhill trail/stairs. Use dirt for d) below.

c) Clean out the silt trap on the left side (going downhill) to use for dirt fill on d) below.

d) Due to erosion, the timber step is now too tall, so people walk around. Build a step a couple of feet in front of the timber where you can (see page 119 “individual step” in Forrest Service manual), working around the roots and bedrock. There are plenty of good loose rocks for the steps on the trail – *don’t take any from areas off the trail*. Mix the gravel, dirt and silt together to make a well-graded material to backfill between the new step and the timber – compact in thin lifts.

e) Time permitting, some other steps have eroded some and could use some work.

About 10-12 people. Suggested tools - 2 spades, 2 flat shovels, 2 garden rakes, 2 Pulaskis, 2 McCleods, a pick, and the tamper. 8 to 10 volunteers.


AREA 6 Upper Mountain Trail/Earthwork: At the upper mountain trail at the highest place where the trail cuts through the earthworks, we need to protect the earthwork. Repair the rock step using the rocks already there such that they are not so steep and make the step more attractive to hikers. Trash the sides of the trail with branches to keep hikers off the earthworks. Trash the new social trail that runs on top of the earthwork. TBD- we may add a short stack rail fence all the way around the curve to tell hikers to not walk on the earthwork. You will need 2 pulaskis, 1 McLeod, 1 rock bar, 1 rock strap or net, and strong volunteers. 6 to 10 strong volunteers.

AREA 7 Mountain Road Drains: Clean out 6 or 8 remaining drains along the Mountain Road. You will need 2 loppers, 2 spades, 1 wheelbarrow. 4-5 volunteers.

AREA 8 24 GUN BATTERY TRAIL WEST OF OLD MOUNTAIN ROAD (a long walk): MAYBE - There are about 30 to 40 (way too many to flag –use your training and experience) little areas along the trail that need de-berming and little dips and nicks constructed in the trail dips to drain puddles. (*NO WATER BARS!*) Remove enough of the rock and log berms placed during construction that are preventing water from sheeting off the trail and remove the berms. Spread the duff into the woods below the trail. Clean off the bridges and clean out the drainage structures at the bridges. You will need mostly Pulaskis, Mcleods, a few rakes, and a few shovels 1 toll per person. 4 to 20 people.

AREA 8a Environmental Trail - Repair dips and washouts. Need experienced crew leaders.

AREA 9 Camp Brunmby: Rake leaves and any dirt out of building foundations at Camp Brumby. Be very careful not to disturb the foundations (just rake the leaves and scape out any accumulated dirt. Don’t underestimate how hard this is. Need 1 tool for each worker, 6.leaf rakes, the coal shovel, 2 flat shovels, 1 wheel barrow – about 6 to 10 volunteers.

 **AREA 10 Invasive plants:** Eradicate garlic mustard if it is active. Otherwise, continue work on large privet filed off Kennesaw Ave.