

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, deberming 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 – 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.

Thank you for another great and safe year!

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