Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park
Programs for October

All park programming is free and open to the public. No registration required.
*All programs are outdoors and weather dependent.
***Please bring plenty of water and sturdy s hoes for hikes*.**

October 2 @ 11:00 am- 1 pm Mountain Top Talk

A Ranger will be at the top of Big Kennesaw Mountain to answer questions about the battle and what we do here at the park. Come on out and say hi!

October 3 @ 11:00 am: Memorial Field History Walk

This history talk will begin at the Visitor Center. The Ranger will take you to several points that were crucial during the Battle of Kennesaw Mountain and the demonstration made to the north of the Confederate line. You will see rebel earthworks and hear accounts from men that took part in that fateful feint attack.

October 9@ 11:00 am: Mountain Top Hike

This hike will begin at the Visitor Center. The Ranger will take you up the 1.1-mile trail to the summit of Big Kennesaw. You will be learn about the history of the mountain from before it got its roots to the present. The climb can be challenging for some so please make sure to bring water and proper footwear.

October 10 @ All Day: Infantry Demo and Camp Life

Ever wondered what it was like to be a soldier during the Civil War? Ever wondered what the sound of a musket volley sounded like in person? Our living historians will be setting up camp in the field in front of the Visitor Center. Rifle firings will be at 10 am, 11 am, 1 pm and 2 pm.

October 16 @ 11:00 am: Civil War Earthworks

Used for centuries as protection on the battlefield, earthworks played a vital part in the American Civil War. The program 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 1534 Gilbert Rd. NW, Marietta, GA (ie. the 24-Gun Battery parking area). There will be a short hike to the location.*
** The event will be held in the Visitor Center in the event of inclement weather.

October 17 @ 11:00 am- 1:00 pm Unknown Soldier

A Ranger will be in the area of the gravesite of the Unknown Soldier (follow the trail along the Dead Angle and, past the Illinois Monument, and it will be on your left) in the early afternoon. Come out and have a conversation about this site with us!

October 23 @ 11:00 am- 1:00 pm: New Salem Church

A Ranger will be in the area of the ruins of the New Salem Church site (take the central section [yellow trail] from Pigeon Hill parking and you will see the cutoff for this site on your left) in the early afternoon. Come out and have a conversation about this site with us!

October 24 @ 11:00 am: Assault Trail Hike

Re-trace the footsteps of the Union soldiers who faced fearful odds during the action at Cheatham Hill during the Battle of Kennesaw Mountain. This historical hike will begin at the Activity Area 3 parking lot on Cheatham Hill Rd and end at the Illinois Monument. The Ranger will use primary accounts of the battle to get you as close to t he attack as possible.

October 30 @ 11:00 am: Kolb Farm

A Ranger will be in the area of the Kolb Farmhouse in the early afternoon. Come out and have a conversation about this site with us!

October 31 @ 11:00 am: Civil War and Halloween

This Ranger- led program will begin at the Visitor Center. We'll discuss the customs and traditions of Halloween and compare them to how people viewed the tradition throughout history. There will be a crafts table set up for kids to make their own paper masks.