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New Crew Leader Training Available

Great Trails Don't Happen by Accident



Great trails are the result of intelligent design, and best practices in construction and maintenance. Much of trail construction seems like common sense once someone shows you the whys and hows of design and construction. Good intentions without proper knowledge can do more harm to the park than good.

With recent growth in participation in workdays at the park, we need to train additional crew leaders to lead work parties. Also, we need enough crew leaders to assist with volunteer groups that want to work at other times than our regular 2nd Saturday workdays. With enough volunteers, and trained leaders, we can accomplish several projects at once.

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We are prepared to teach a crew leader certification class on 4 consecutive workdays once we have at least seven (7) volunteers signed up. We'll do the practical portion of the class during our morning workday, and the classroom portion in the afternoon.



The 4 classes are 1) Trail Design, 2) Trail Construction, 3) Trail Maintenance, and 4) Crew Leadership and Minimizing Visitor Impacts.

If you want to know more about how to build good trails, and are willing to help with leading work parties, please contact Jerry Givan (jerrygivan@hotmail.com) to enroll.

Our Website Is Changing!

Our current website, <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/Kennesawtrails> being completely replaced by <http://kennesawmountaintrailclub.org> after December 1, 2007.

Matching Grants

From a letter received by the Club dated September 13, 2007, KEMOTrail Corps, Inc. is approved to receive matching grants on a cash basis of up to \$5,000 per calendar year. IBM will match on a 1 to 1 cash basis for active employees, and ½ to 1 cash basis for retired employees. The club can elect IBM logo equipment / software credit in lieu of the cash match. Gifts are matched at a ratio of 2 to 1 for active employees, and 1 to 1 for retired employees.

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<http://kennesawmountaintrailclub.org>

Annual Meeting and Election of Officers

September 18, 2007 7:00 PM
Visitor Center Auditorium

The annual business meeting and election of officers of the Kennesaw Mountain Trail Club (KEMOTrail Corps, Inc.) was held Tuesday, September 18, 2007 at 7:00 PM in the Visitor Center auditorium at Kennesaw Mountain Battlefield Park. The following officers were elected by unanimous vote:

President – Richard C. Angeli
Secretary/Historian – Linda Pinch
Treasurer – Thomas Okerberg
Trails Supervisor – Jerry Givan
Finance Director – Jay Haney
Communications Director – Sue Crane
Outreach Director – Leah Urben
Membership Director – Linda Pinch

Volunteer T-Shirts Available!

We have received a new supply of the yellow trail crew tee shirts in sizes L and XL. They will be available at the workday on November 10 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

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

National Trails Day Meeting

September 15, 2007 Meeting
Visitor Center Auditorium

Because of lack of attendance, a decision on whether or not to have an event on June 7, 2008 has been put on hold.

I am suggesting that the date be changed to June 14, 2008 to coincide with the regular workday for the Kennesaw Mountain Trail Club.

If you are interested in working to make this event happen, please contact either Fred Feltmann, 770-516-9120, faf1948@bellsouth.net or Lloyd Morris at the Visitor Center. We need a minimum of 10 volunteers to conduct this event. Also, if interested, let either of us know your preferred date for the next meeting, which will be sometime in December, 2007, if we are to secure sponsors for this event. It is very difficult to get sponsors for an event after the beginning of the new year.



New Trail Taking Shape!

As you can see, our new trail from the Visitor Center to the top of Kennesaw Mountain is beginning to take shape!

With your help on November 10th, we can continue to progress to the top!

Hope to see you here on November 10th!

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IBM employees and retirees wishing to make a donation to the Trail Club taking advantage of the matching grant opportunity need to use the reference ID, IBM ID#03-0066360, on their matching grant application.

Many other corporations also offer matching grant programs for their employees and retirees. If you are considering making a donation to the Trail Club, you should check with your community relations department to see if your company has such a program.

Respect Our History - How Soon We Forget

I and I'm sure many of you love Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park, for its natural beauty and plentiful trails. But, how often do we stop to think about and remember the more than five thousand three hundred fifty (5,350) Americans killed right here in Kennesaw, Georgia between June 19th and July 2, 1864. We are reminded



*Virginia Monument,
Gettysburg National
Military Park*

every evening on the 6:00 PM News about the number of Americans killed and wounded in far away places like Afghanistan and Iraq.

On my recent visit to the Gettysburg National Military Park in Pennsylvania, I was amazed at the Gettysburg National Military Park. I was amazed at the preservation and restoration work that has been accomplished in the park by the organizations that recently merged to form the Gettysburg Foundation.

I was impressed with how the park is integrated and plays a significant role in the economic and social life of the community. Gettysburg even has an Adopt-a-Monument program that is similar to our Adopt-a-Road program.

I saw similar accomplishments at Acadia National Park on Mount Desert Island (i.e. Bar Harbor) Maine. The Friends of Acadia National Park started small - kind of like the KEMOTrail Corps, by maintaining the trails and carriage road in the park, and has grown over the last 20 years or so into a very well-funded and sponsored Friends organization that has contributed greatly to the improvement of the park and the community. The Friends of Acadia National Park, in partnership with LL Bean, even provides a free propane-powered bus service that covers all of the important stopping points, campgrounds, and hotels on Mount Desert Island.

These experiences leave me convinced that we (The Kennesaw Mountain Trail Club) are on the right track with our efforts to maintain and develop the trails in the park. We have stepped up to accept the 2006, 2007, 2008 and 2009 Challenge Grant Opportunities being offered by the National Park Service. The new bridge at Barfield Bottoms installed this year, and the new signs, kiosks, and Trail Ambassador Program being implemented next year are all steps in the right direction for preserving and enhancing the value of Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park to the community and to other visitors from other places.



*Sunrise is at Sandy Beach, Acadia National
Park, Mount Desert Island Maine*

It concerns me greatly to see that there is so much more that can be done to capture and explore the important historic events that took place here, to enjoy, protect and preserve the natural setting and wildlife that compose the park and to expand the role of this beautiful park in the community.

Each of us needs to always be a good steward of the land and the history every time we visit the park.

We practice that stewardship when:



We greet and are courteous and helpful to other visitors.



We leave any artifacts and wild flowers we see so that others can enjoy them in their natural setting.



We stay on the established trails and avoid taking short cuts or re-opening trails that have been closed for re-vegetation.



Carry out our trash and put it in suitable containers.



We manage our pets by:

- o Keeping them safely leashed
- o Not letting them approach other visitors unless invited
- o Using the available "Poop" bags to pick up and remove their waste to the trash cans at the trail heads.

Richard C. Angeli

National Park Service Purchases New Ditch Witch to Expedite Construction of New Trail on Kennesaw Mountain



Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park has purchased a new diesel-powered mini-skid loader by Ditch Witch called an SK 650. The new machine with its 6-way blade and more powerful engine provides a dramatic increase in our ability to construct new trails and repair existing trails.

Shown above, Trails Supervisor Jerry Given tries out the new machine by grooming part of the surface of the new trail from the Visitor Center to the Top of Kennesaw Mountain.

Congratulations to Randall Bailey - KEMO's Volunteer of the Year!



Randall Bailey, in the foreground wearing the green head band, was awarded the Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park Volunteer of the year award for his heroic work in coordinating all of the details and managing the work of building the new equestrian bridge across John Ward Creek at Barfield Bottoms.

The Barfield Bottoms Bridge is the largest and most expensive project we have undertaken in the five (5) year history of the trail club. The bridge was obtained through a National Park Service Challenge Grant of \$30,000 dollars which is matched by over 1,900 hours of volunteer service by the trail club.

Randall was the leader who made the entire project come together. He spent endless hours communicating and coordinating with the park, with vendors, with the engineers at E.T. Tectonics who designed and manufactured the bridge, and with the host of volunteers who put it all together.

Our congratulations again to Randall Bailey for an award that's richly deserved.

Hiking Kennesaw Is an All-Season Sport!

Have you hiked the Kennesaw Mountain Trails in the Fall, and been awed by the late autumn color?

Have you seen the fawns of spring, while hiking the trails, either in early morning or late afternoon?

Have you hiked the trails in mid-summer, when heat and humidity are the same number?

Or in the crisp air of winter?

Have you seen a young child struggling up the hill, with mom or dad in tow? Or after a few minutes, gleefully sitting atop dad's shoulders, getting a whole new perspective?

Have you glanced up, while hiking, only to be amazed at the hawk staring back at you? And he's not small!

Kennesaw Mountain Battlefield National Park is all about the men who sacrificed their lives for us. But if that is all you take away from this jewel, you have missed the point. This park is a tribute to them - one that should be cherished, enjoyed and protected. We must walk its trails, enjoy its scenery, and its serenity. Otherwise, they will have died in vain.

Fred Feltmann



Fred's Photo Journey of Kennesaw

Help Wanted — Project Leader - Trail Signs and Kiosks

We need a volunteer to take on the project leader responsibility for managing the major portion of our 2007 NPS Challenge Grant.

The task involves working closely with the staff at the Park, as well as the board and membership of the Trail Club to:

1. Coordinate with NPS Management a new reasonable Target Completion Date for the project.
2. Assist the Park staff to gather and document the specifications and locations for the 61 new trail directional signs.
3. Gather and document specifications for the 7 3 panel Kiosks to be placed at the park trail heads.
4. Obtain quotes from the NPS sole source vendors, and obtain quotes from at least 3 other sources for the signs and kiosks.
5. Obtain approval from the KEMOTrail Corps Board of Directors and NPS Management for the procurement.
6. Manage ordering and delivery of the materials.
7. Schedule and coordinate installation of the signs and kiosks.
8. Track all hours and volunteer participation in the project and report to the Membership Director.
9. Prepare a final project review and summary to present to the Board and to Park Management.

The funds are in the bank. The original target completion date is November 29, 2007.

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Hours = Dollars

Your Service Hours Provide our In-Kind Match for Challenge Grants from the NPS.

Volunteers enter hours here

When you come to a trail club meeting, participate in a workday, project, or meeting, the time you spend from the time you leave until the time you reach your next destination after the club counts towards our volunteer hours. In 2007 a volunteer hour was worth something more than Seventeen Dollars (\$17.00). We need your help to capture all the hours we spend in club / park related activities.

When you participate in a club activity and sign a sign in sheet, your time plus an allowance for your travel are recorded by the membership director. Any other time you spend working in the park picking up trash, trimming trail side brush, repairing drainage, and any time you spend working on administrative activities for the club like publishing newsletters, managing the budget, all count in our volunteer hours.

Help us keep an accurate and complete count of our time by clicking the "[Volunteers enter hours here](#)" line on the home page of our web site at <http://kennesawmountrailclub.org/> or by sending an e-mail with your name, project description, date(s) and hours to our club secretary, **Linda Pinch** at:

kmtcsecretary@kemotrailcorps.org

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

TRAIL MAINTENANCE/WORK DAY - NOVEMBER 10, 2007

PARK SERVICE AREA

TIME: 8:15 AM - 1 PM

Monthly work day - Second Saturday of every month.

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