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## Winter Trails Day Event Announced!

Plans have been made with REI for a joint trail work day on January 7 from 12:00-4:00. The event is open to the public, and is in addition to our regular work day on January 14th, 2012, from noon to 4 PM. See our flyer on page 6.

## It's Not Too Early....

It's only December, but June, 2012, is not too far away! National Trails Day is slated to occur on June 9th. To get more info, go to <http://www.backcountryattitude.com/national-trails-day.html>. If you'd like to work on the planning committee, contact Scott Mackay - [president@kennesawmountaintrailclub.org](mailto:president@kennesawmountaintrailclub.org). This will be our seventh annual event in conjunction with the National Park Service and the American Hiking Society.

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## Nancy Walther is the New Superintendent at Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park

ATLANTA -- National Park Service Southeast Regional Director David Vela announced that Nancy Walther was selected as the new superintendent of Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park. Walther took over her new post in early November.



"We are very pleased to have Nancy accept the responsibility of leading Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park," Vela said. "She will do a great job of managing this important historic site that preserves a significant piece of American history. Her nine years of experience with the National Park Service in metro Atlanta will be a great asset for her as she works with the surrounding community that also values the park as a green space resource."

Walther began her career with the National Park Service in 1992 as a living history interpretive ranger at the Chesapeake & Ohio Canal National Historical Park. After her first season there, she was promoted to supervisor of the interpretive program in the lower district of the park, which receives one million visitors per year. In 1996, after the park was devastated by two major floods, Walther became the park's volunteer coordinator. In two years she coordinated more than 390 projects and engaged 7,600 volunteers who gave more than 30,000 hours to assist with the rebuilding of the park. Her position grew to include partnership work with local businesses, non-profit organizations, and other private entities.

In 2002 Walther moved to Atlanta and became the chief of resource education at Chattahoochee River National Recreation Area where she managed the park's education,

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## Nancy Walther Continued from Page 1

interpretation, and fee programs. Under her leadership, Chattahoochee's fee program grossed \$730,000 in FY 2011.

In 2008, Walther served as the acting superintendent for Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park for four months. She holds a bachelor's degree in parks, recreation, and leisure studies from George Mason University in Fairfax, Va. She is a native of Northern Virginia and currently lives in Marietta, Georgia, with her husband, Dan, and her 16-year old step-daughter, Jessica. She spends her personal time canoeing, biking, hiking, and gardening.

"I am honored to have been selected as the superintendent of Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park," Walther said. "After working here briefly three years ago, I feel like I am coming home. It is a wonderful park with a terrific staff and supportive community. This is an exciting time for us with the ongoing sesquicentennial of the Civil War."

## New Crew Leader Training Class Being Formed

Now is the time to register for Crew Leader Training for the Kennesaw Mountain Trail Club.

Be a part of the Trail Club and become a part of the maintaining and development of the Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park system of trails and general park development.

Contact [trails@kennesawmountaintrailclub.org](mailto:trails@kennesawmountaintrailclub.org) if you'd like more information on Crew Leader training.

Classes will be held in February 2012.

Remember, our next regular workdays will be on December 10, 2011 and January 14th, along with a special work day on January 7th.

## Is Your Thing Invasive Plants?

"Invasive plant" control has continued to need our help and we are looking for people to lead some dedicated work days. To do this we will need you to take our crew leader training in February. You should contact Scott Mackay at [president@kennesawmountaintrailclub.org](mailto:president@kennesawmountaintrailclub.org) if you are interested. This role will require a long term commitment with the Trail Club. We have "lots" of Invasive plants!

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

## Holiday "Talk & Do, Give & Get"

The holiday season is here. The daylight savings time change is feeling more normal, and the Trail Club has adjusted the start time for our work during the next several months.

All this brings to mind a couple of sayings I've heard through the years pertaining to people's traits or personalities. These sayings may be associated with the holidays and I believe they're also applicable to our Trail Club.

One saying is , there are "Talkers" and "Doers". Simply put, some people just talk about it and others do it. Talking about something is fine - as in talking about all that needs to be done or whatever. It may seem that sometimes the talking about it is all that gets done. Maybe some people are satisfied with that. But, then there are those who are doers; they want to do things. They hear the talk and then do something. I've noticed that our Trail Club has people who not only talk about something, they also do something.

Another saying is "there are them that give" and "them that get". That's a pretty easy one during the holidays. Actually this saying easily fits Trail Club's mission: giving and getting. We recently worked with several groups of Cub Scouts, some 14 youngsters. They worked at raking, digging, moving rocks - all with a lot of energy. They gave quite a bit. They also got; being outdoors, learning and using tools, working together. And most important, like all of us, they got the satisfaction of helping out "Their" park.

Now let's look forward to enjoying the holidays. Come join us at our new time. Talk to others about what we do and come out and help do it. Give the Trail Club your time and effort and you'll get the feeling of joy and comfort for a job well done.

**Doug Jasse**  
Outreach Director & Crew Leader



## **CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

### **2<sup>ND</sup> SATURDAY WORKDAY DECEMBER 10, 2011**

OLD HIGHWAY 41 PARKING LOT

TIME: NOON – 4 PM - **NOTE NEW WINTER TIME!!**

Continue construction of the mountain trail and other projects depending on the number of volunteers available

### **1<sup>ST</sup> SATURDAY WORKDAY JANUARY 7, 2012**

OLD HIGHWAY 41 PARKING LOT

TIME: NOON – 4 PM - **NOTE NEW WINTER TIME!!**

REI Friends-of-the-Park Work Day

Projects TBD

### **2<sup>ND</sup> SATURDAY WORKDAY JANUARY 14, 2012**

OLD HIGHWAY 41 PARKING LOT

TIME: NOON – 4 PM - **NOTE NEW WINTER TIME!!**

Continue repair of the mountain trail and other projects depending on the number of volunteers available

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## **A Special Thanks!**

Each year we have various groups who come out and help us. Henceforth, we will make every attempt to list your group here for the current/past fiscal year. If you are participating as a group, be sure to let us know when you are registering!

Following is a list, in no particular order, of the groups who participated during Fiscal 2011 (October 2010 - September 2011):

FY 2011

BANK OF AMERICA

OMEGA ACADEMY

WALKER SCHOOL

U.S. NAVY

VARIOUS SCOUT TROOPS/PACKS

HANDS ON ATLANTA

WAL-MART

LOCKHEED MARTIN MARIETTA

KENNESAW STATE UNIVERSITY

PEBBLEBROOK NHS

FY 2012

THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER-DAY SAINTS

AESTHETICS

GEORGIA TECH TRAILBLAZERS

CUB SCOUT PACK 702, MARIETTA

CUB SCOUT PACK 1954, ATLANTA

Again, thank you for all of your support!

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## **Mark Your Calendars!**

### **Upcoming Work Day Schedule:**

Our trail work days are open to the public on the 2nd Saturday of each month and are a wonderful way to get outside & enjoy nature while helping preserve the national park for future visitors. We will meet at noon at the new parking lot, .2 miles north of the Visitor Center on Old 41 and usually are finished by 4:00 p.m. Activities usually include the use of shovels, rakes, picks, and other tools to fix erosion problems on the 20+ mile trail system. Please do not wear open-toed shoes & long pants are recommended.

As winter months approach, weather conditions can change quickly. We value our volunteers' health, comfort and safety so to promote safer work conditions, we'll cancel work days if the temperature is below 40 degrees and/or there's a high probability of precipitation. If we must cancel a workday, we'll post an announcement on the front page of the KMTC website at: [www.kennesawmountaintrailclub.org](http://www.kennesawmountaintrailclub.org)

If your school, church, business, or community organization would like to schedule a special work day as a team building or public service activity, e-mail us at [kmttrails@kennesawmountaintrailclub.org](mailto:kmttrails@kennesawmountaintrailclub.org) at least 4 weeks in advance. Trail work can be performed any day of the week.

We work closely with the Park Service and assist the park staff by providing critically needed volunteer effort to install signs, build bridges, and maintain the 20+ miles of trails. Since our beginning in 2002, the Trail Club has donated over 25,000 volunteer hours to Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park.

We hope to see you at a work day soon!

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## **Projects Planned for December**

### **Work Days:**

1. The Project on Big Kennesaw at the rock crib will continue; we hope to complete that project.
  2. A new project will be the Hardage Mill Trail Switchback. There has been considerable wash and the switchback is in bad need of repair.
  3. The fencing at the Visitor Center at the parking lot needs restacking, it is very unstable.
  4. Bamboo is still an ongoing project.
  5. Portions of the trail on Little Kennesaw just before the new fence are in terrible shape.
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## Troy Wilson Eagle Project Summary

Hi, I am a Boy Scout and a member of Troop of 187. I worked with Mr. Whiten to determine a good eagle project that would benefit Kennesaw Mountain Battlefield. There was a wheelchair bridge that went from the parking lot to the picnic area that needed to be replaced. My project involved constructing a new bridge and removing the old bridge. The construction of the new bridge was complete in the first weekend. The second weekend we removed the old bridge and replaced it with the new bridge. My project also included leveling a wheelchair platform in the Kennesaw Mountain Battlefield arena.



November Work Day Photos



## Trail Ambassadors Recruit Volunteers

A new activity for Trail Ambassadors involved taking Larry Shogren's two horses to the Town Center Community Church on Sunday, October 30, for their Fall Festival. Children were invited to pet or feed the horses. We (Anne, David, Sherry and Larry) were in Trail Ambassador uniforms and had a table display on the club activities. We passed out park maps, trail work day flyers, and "Junior Ranger" activity sheets with pencils. We made some good contacts with Boy Scout and Girl Scout leaders and school teachers to recruit volunteers. Larry has built a corral for his horses and is willing to do other similar promotional appearances for the Trail club. Let us know of any other opportunities for similar "appearances."

*Anne Strand*  
Trail Ambassador

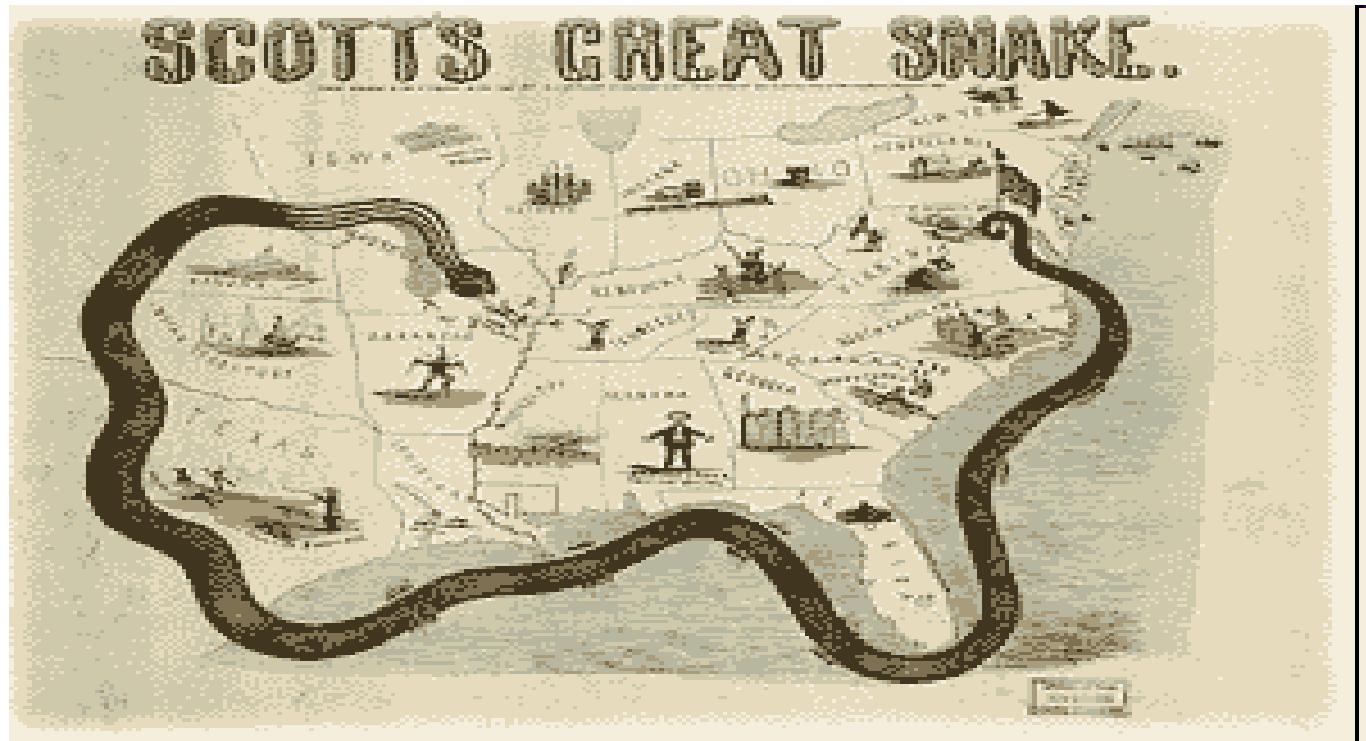


## *Autumn In The Park*



## DECEMBER, 1861—150 YEARS AGO

- Dec 8** [CSS Sumter seizes Northern merchant ship Eben Dodge in the mid-Atlantic.](#) Union President Abraham Lincoln set the Union's first naval goal when he declared a blockade of the Southern coasts on 19 April 1861. His plan (the Anaconda Plan recommended by Gen Winfield Scott) was to cut off Southern trade with the outside world and prevent sale of the Confederacy's major crop, cotton. The task was daunting; the Southern coast measured over 2,500 miles and the Union navy numbered less than 40 usable ships. The Union also needed a "brown water navy" of gunboats to support army campaigns down the Mississippi River and in Northern Virginia.  
The Southern states had few resources compared to the North: a handful of shipyards, a small merchant marine, and no navy at all. Yet the Confederates needed a navy to break the Union blockade and to defend the port cities. Confederate Secretary of the Navy, Stephen Mallory, scrambled to find ships and even took on an offensive task: attacking Union merchant shipping on the high seas.
- Dec 9** Joint Committee on the Conduct of the War established by the U.S. Senate  
Engagement at Chusto-Talasah (Bird Creek), Indian Territory (now Oklahoma)
- Dec 11** Disastrous fire in Charleston, South Carolina
- Dec 23** Skirmish at Dayton, Missouri
- Dec 26** United States releases Mason and Slidell, ending Trent affair  
Engagement at Chustenahlah, Cherokee Nation, Indian Territory (now Oklahoma)
- Dec 27** Skirmish at Hallsville, Missouri
- Dec 30** U.S. government suspends the use of gold and silver for redeeming paper money



## Trail Club Shirts and Merchandise Available

[http://www.cafepress.com/kennesaw\\_trails](http://www.cafepress.com/kennesaw_trails)

100% Cotton Denim Embroidered Shirt \$35.00



Support your club and Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park by showing the colors. We have a selection of shirts both long-sleeved and short-sleeved available in our online Gear Store. 20% of the purchase price of any of our products goes directly to support the park.

The yellow tee shirt (\$17.99) with the club logo on the back has become the default standard uniform shirt for trail workdays. The bright yellow color stands out in the woods, and the logo is clearly visible when you are bent over swinging a Pulaski or a MacCloud.

If you would like to have one or more shirts at this price, e-mail **Jay Dement** at [tees@kennesawmountaintrailclub.org](mailto:tees@kennesawmountaintrailclub.org) with your name, size, and quantity of shirts. The Yellow shirt is available at a special price of \$15.00 during Trail Maintenance on the second Saturday of the month.

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## *Autumnal Evening*

10/25/07

Fred Feltmann, Jr.

A full moon watching over a resting world.

The winds marshalling the clouds across a crisp black sky,  
interspersed with far-off stars shepherding their own worlds through the universe.

The clouds, going crisply to far off lands themselves.  
Some alone.

Some in patchwork fashion.  
Some as a phalanx, attacking distant lands.  
Going quickly, pushed on by the winds of Autumn.

The night, still, except for the rustling of the leaves in their brilliant oranges, reds and yellows of Halloween.  
The pines, whispering that Fall is here, but Winter's acoming!

The earth, preparing for another Autumnal evening.  
Her critters hustling for shelter from the cool crisp winds of the night.  
Some gathering that last fallen acorn - preparing for the rapidly oncoming Winter.

And the clouds, continuing their relentless march across the Autumnal sky.  
Rushing to another place, those cirrus clouds.  
A wisp in the Autumnal winds.

# Visit Our New Web Site Often

The screenshots illustrate the new website's layout and features. The top screenshot shows the main homepage with a banner for a 'new Leaders Needed 9:00 AM Emergency Reroute Project'. Below the banner is the club's logo for 'KENNESAW MOUNTAIN TRAIL CLUB'. A sidebar on the left contains links for 'Volunteering', 'Trail Ambassadors', 'Special Events', 'Contact Us', 'Newsletter', 'Leave No Trace', 'Trail Projects', 'Partners & Links', 'Maps & Hiking Tips', and 'Items of Interest'. In the center, there is a 'Volunteer Permission Form' box with the text: 'Trail work days open to the public Come make New Friends!'. It explains that work days are a wonderful way to get outside and enjoy nature while helping preserve our national park for future visitors. It notes that the club works closely with Park Service and assist park staff by providing critically needed volunteer power to build new trails and maintain over 20 miles of existing trails. It welcomes new members and states that there are no age restrictions, but youth under the age of 18 must have parental permission and appropriate adult leadership. It also states that work days will be canceled under certain conditions: if the temperature is 40 degrees or below or if rain is forecast for the day. The bottom screenshot provides a closer look at the homepage, showing a 'Photo Album' with a thumbnail of people, 'Discussion Forums', and a 'cafe press' shopping section featuring a bright green t-shirt and a white mug with the club's logo. It also includes a 'Volunteer Permission Form' box with the text: 'Saturday 120 Crew Leaders Needed 9:00 AM'. Below this is a 'Mouse Over To Pause' button. To the right is a 'Park Weather' section for Atlanta, GA, showing a 7-day forecast with icons for sun, clouds, and rain, and temperatures ranging from 43°F to 62°F. At the bottom is a 'GUIDESTAR' logo with the text: 'Make a secure online donation through GuideStar'.

Our new web site is up and running with lots and lots of useful and current Information. Our webmaster team of [Jerry Givan](#) and [Richard Angeli](#) are working as a tag team to keep it current. If there's a new announcement (i.e. weather related cancellations, or special events) you'll find out about it here first. Take time to explore the site at <http://kennesawmountaintrailclub.org> and see what we've put there for you.

The home page is the place to find out all the latest information. There's a lot there as you can see from the screen shots in this article. The scrolling banner at the top of the page contains the latest alerts. The Current news Box in the middle of the page contains Snapshots of current news and up coming activities with links to additional details or contacts. Placing your mouse pointer over the Current News Box stops the scroll so you can read a topic of interest.

The Red Text on the right side of the page is the place to find out about weather related cancellations and reschedules. Cancellations will also be highlighted in the scrolling banner. Right below the weather report is a place to "Like" us on Facebook.

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## **“New Web Page”**

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Guidestar is a link to the secure web site where you can make a donation to support the trail club. While we are an IRS 501 (C)(3) non-profit all volunteer organization with no paid staff, there are still some small administrative expenses we need to cover and there are times when needed projects at the park get put on hold for the lack of National Park Service Budget more than 90% of all funds we receive go directly to supporting our partnership with the park by providing funds for tools, equipment and materials for projects.

We also have a Facebook page that you can visit by clicking the link at the bottom of the page so you can share news about us with your Facebook friends.

The Café Press image on the left hand side of the page is a link to our online store where you can chose from a variety of logoed shirts, caps, and novelties that let the world know you support the Kennesaw Mountain Trail Club all proceeds from the sale of merchandise go directly to the general fund and may count as tax deductible contributions

The menu at the top left hand side of the page is all about links to a wealth of additional information about the Club, The Park, The History of the Civil War, and much more. Please take some time to visit and explore the site, and comeback often to keep up with our current news.

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## **Georgia Tech’s Trailblazers Club Lends a Helping Hand**

On 11/12 a dozen Georgia Tech students from the university’s Trailblazers Club came to Kennesaw Mountain and moved over half a ton of rocks to build a crib wall for what will soon be a new set of 8 foot wide steps on Big K. The Trailblazers showed they had plenty of outdoor experience & worked the rock straps and rock bars like pros. They managed to joke and have a fun time even though they put in a hard day’s work. The Trail Club extends a sincere “thank you” to the group & we hope to see them back at Kennesaw Mountain often & soon! For more information about GA Tech Trailblazer activities, just go to their website at: <http://georgiatechtrailblazers.com/>.





**Winter is no time to stay inside when there are great things to do outside!!**

**Join REI**



**January 7, 2012**

**Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park**

**Trail Work Day 12:00- 4:00**

**Meet at Parking Lot on Old Hwy. 41  
(.2 miles north of the Visitor Center)**



**<http://www.kennesawmountaintrailclub.org>**



## Leave No Trace Awareness Workshop

Presented by the Kennesaw Mountain Trail Club  
Saturday, January 28, 2012  
REI Kennesaw

The Awareness Course is a vital component of the nationwide Leave No Trace program, to help recreationalists minimize their ecological impact while enjoying the outdoors. This program assists the participants in learning more about the seven principles of Leave No Trace.

There is no charge for this informative workshop and participants will receive a certificate upon completion. Seating is limited to 25 participants. For more information and to sign up go to [www.jaydphotos.com/LeaveNoTrace.htm](http://www.jaydphotos.com/LeaveNoTrace.htm).



leave no trace

- Plan Ahead and Prepare
- Travel and Camp on Durable Surfaces
- Dispose of Waste Properly
- Leave What You Find
- Minimize Campfire Impacts
- Respect Wildlife
- Be Considerate of Other Visitors

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Date: Saturday, January 28, 2012  
Time: 10:00 am  
Place: REI Kennesaw  
(740 Barrett Parkway)  
[www.rei.com/stores/125](http://www.rei.com/stores/125)

## Sponsors/Partners Corner

Many thanks to our Sponsors and Partners for their support!



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## January Newsletter Deadline

If you wish to have an article published in the August Newsletter, please submit it to Fred Feltmann at [faf1948@bellsouth.net](mailto:faf1948@bellsouth.net) no later than December 20th!

## KENNESAW MOUNTAIN NATIONAL BATTLEFIELD PARK

### Trail Maintenance Map

