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Trail Ambassadors on Patrol in the Park

It has now been two (2) months since the beginning of the Kennesaw Mountain Trail Club Trail Ambassador program. The initial group of Trail Ambassadors has been on patrol in the Park for these two months in



spite of some cold weather conditions. Greeting walkers, providing trail maps and trail directions has been a big part of the volunteer work so far. Of course, many people using the trails are accompanied by their dogs. While the majority of the dog owners abide by park rules, it has been necessary to remind a few owners about the leash rules and one of our ambassadors carries extra doggie bags. Ambassadors are also addressing litter problems, noting that little litter is found

on park trails, but it is a problem near parking lots, along roads and at trail heads. Trail drainage issues, clogged culverts, fallen trees on trails, broken split-rail fences have been noted and either remedied by volunteers or reported to park staff. As park visitors see the Trail Ambassadors, it has brought inquiries about club activities and provided an opportunity to invite others to be involved in trail work days. While out on patrol in 22 degree weather on January 3, Trail Ambassador Alicia Gutierrez snapped a picture of Ambassadors David and Anne Strand near the "bouncy" bridge over Noses Creek.

Crew Leaders Needed in 2010 at Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park

If you've volunteered at Kennesaw Mountain in the past & know it's something you'll enjoy doing in the future, you should consider becoming a trained Crew Leader with the club! Before any volunteer is allowed to walk into the park with a shovel or rake, the National Park Service requires a trained Crew Leader be with them. Local community groups contact us regularly asking if there's a possibility their organization could do a project at the Park and it always depends on if any Crew Leader is available to supervise.

The next 2 years at the park are going to be exciting times for the Kennesaw Mountain Trail Club! The park's new strategic trail plan will be implemented soon & create many new projects. For the majority of those projects, the Park staff will turn to the all-volunteer members of KMTC to complete them.

Our next Crew Leader training course will be on Sat. Feb. 6th, and Sat. & Sun. Feb. 20-21. The 3-day course is offered once a year and covers topics of: Trail Design & Layout / Construction & Maintenance / Crew Leader Skills. Space is limited and the park will pay the course tuition for candidates who've volunteered at 2 trail club workdays in the past & who also agree to participate in at least 3 monthly trail club work days in 2010.

If you'd like to support Kennesaw Mountain NB Park as a trained Crew Leader, please drop us an e-mail no later than January 31st at KMTCtrails@KennesawMountainTrailClub.org.

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We Appreciate Your Labor...

We at the Trail Club and the National Park wish to thank all of our volunteers who donated their time this past year to help us all maintain the trails at Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park. We look forward to your help in 2010!

Your Well-Being....

With the above in mind, we are always looking out for your health when you come to work at the Park. Please be sure to watch our website a day or two before our scheduled work day to see if there will be a weather-related cancellation.

If the temperature will be 40 or below during the work day, we will cancel the session. In addition, if it's raining, or bad weather is forecast, we will also cancel our work day.

If you are on our e-mailing list, we will also send you a notice of cancellation.

If you are injured while working with us....

As a reminder, please register upon your arrival for our work days. You should have filled out a Volunteer Registration Form the first time you came to work with us. This form does several things - it provides us with emergency contact information, should you be incapacitated; second, it registers you as a volunteer with the National Park Service - thereby making you eligible for Workman's Compensation should you be injured.

If you are injured, be sure to let the crew leader know immediately. Bad things happen when you fail to notify the Crew Leader! A minor injury could become a serious issue a day later!

So, again, thank you for your past support and we look forward to your support in 2010!

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Additional Volunteers needed! Call today!

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

Fire Road Work Project

Success!!

Thanks in equal parts to all of us who didn't mind wading into 8" deep mud as well as Jerry & Richard's ditch witch skills, I'm happy to report our efforts worked & the access problem on "that muddy mess they call a fire road" has been largely resolved. (See pics)

The screenings we spread out & drainage we created have made that section of road very usable by vehicles (as well as hikers, runners and walkers) -- which is pretty amazing if you recall the thick layer of screenings we applied had the consistency of runny Cream of Wheat cereal when we left. In just 2 weeks, it's set up into a hard, dense base. Of course, we'll be doing more work on this section of road & applying gravel in the next 2 months -- but step #1 was a smashing success (and definitely the messiest part of the project).

Thanks to Lyn, Syd, Joseph, Donald, Randy, Scott, Richard, & Jerry.

Jim Moylan

What does "FSS" mean?

You might have noticed that many of the tools we use to maintain the trails have the letters "FSS" stamped onto them. This stands for "Federal Supply Service" which is part of the US Government Services Administration (GSA). Think of this as a rating. Tools sold through the FSS must meet their standards and most often those standards are tougher than for tools we find at our local hardware and garden shops. Tools bought through the FSS are typically procured in bulk at a federal price schedule by agencies such as the US Forest Service, FEMA, state and local police and fire departments, our military branches, or anyone else. Over time these tools will often end up in public auctions and migrate their way into people's tools sheds.

The Big Burn -

Book Review by Jay Haney

"The Big Burn: Teddy Roosevelt & the Fire that Saved America" by Timothy Egan. Strategically, the struggle of TR and his first U.S. Forest Service Chief Gifford Pinchot to conserve the American forest against the robber timber and mining barons at the turn of the 20th century. Tactically, the heroism of the fledgling Forest Service as they fought to control the uncontrollable, the fire of 1910. This fire, driven by hurricane force winds in a severe drought year and considered the largest in recorded American history, destroyed an area of forest in the Bitterroot Mountains along the Idaho/Montana border equal to the size of the state of Connecticut. Towns were burned to the ground and 86 died. One of the heroic Rangers was Ed Pulaski. The tool we use on trail work days was named for him. ISBN 978-0-618-96841-1. Available at all book stores and on-line.

Help Us Maintain the Trails at Kennesaw Mountain National Park Donate Online Now!

The Kennesaw Mountain Trail Club helps preserve the historic features and maintain the 20+ miles of trails throughout the Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park. It is a committed partner with the National Park Service in its mission to commemorate the history of the battlefield and protect its environmental features.

Since its beginnings in 2002, the club has provided only "sweat equity" volunteer hours to support the park. Now this new fund-raising initiative will support the Kennesaw Mountain Trail Club's involvement in the new park strategic plan that opens up more areas of the park and adds miles to the trail system. 100% of the funds raised will support the Trail Club's mission of protecting the park and improving the trails.

Donate today to ensure that visitors and local residents alike can continue to enjoy a great, FREE, educational and recreational experience in one of the last areas of undeveloped land in Cobb County. By contributing, you'll help ensure future generations can enjoy a wilderness experience in the middle of metropolitan Atlanta!

Donate Online by using Guidestar on the Trail Club website <http://www.kennesawmountaintrailclub.org>. The Kennesaw Mountain Trail Club was incorporated as KEMOTrail Corps, Inc. as a nonprofit corporation and approved by the Internal Revenue Service as a 501 C(3) organization. Donations are tax deductible.

Matching Gifts

You can make your donation dollars go further by having your employer match your gift to the Kennesaw Mountain Trail Club.

Monthly Participation

We invite you to continue to work with the Kennesaw Mountain Trail Club on the monthly Trail Work Days every second Saturday of the month and join us for special events like the Garlic Mustard Pull in April and National Trail Day in June.



If you prefer, you may also give by mail:
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Whitlock Accounting Services
739 Kennesaw Ave. Ext. NE
Marietta, GA 30060
For more information, contact Jay
Haney, Development Director
770-424-0635.



The Man is Ted Ragsdale, Age 86, when this was taken at our January 8, 2005, The unidentified cub scout is only 6. Together, they were part of our maintenance crew that day!

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

CREW LEADER TRAINING - SAT. FEB 6 FOR THE 1ST SESSION
SAT & SUN. FEB. 20 - 21 FOR SESSIONS 2 & 3

More details to follow!

2ND SATURDAY WORKDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 2010

PARK SERVICE AREA

Time: 8:30 AM – 1:30 PM

2ND SATURDAY WORKDAY, MARCH 13, 2010

PARK SERVICE AREA

Time: 8:30 AM – 1:30 PM

2ND SATURDAY WORKDAY, APRIL 10, 2010

PARK SERVICE AREA

Time: 8:30 AM – 1:30 PM

Long Road to Liberty

The Odyssey of a German Regiment in the Yankee Army

The 15th Missouri Volunteer Infantry

by Donald Allendorf

ISBN-10: 0-87338-871-2

ISBN-13: 978-0-87338-871-9

This text chronicles 600 German immigrant volunteers who joined the 15th Missouri Volunteer Infantry, of whom only 100 would return at the end of the Civil War, four and a half years later. Part of their journey carried them through Georgia, in particular around New Hope and Kennesaw Mountain, along with their involvement in the Atlanta Campaign. This Unit served the longest and suffered the highest percentage of battlefield casualties of all Union Regiments from Missouri (It should be noted that Regiments from Missouri also served on the Confederate side.)

The book is based in part on the diary of Maurice Marcoot. It gives an incite into the daily rituals of battle and recounts some of the things that happened - such as at New Hope, when both sides had enough for a period and went about the business of trading for goods across the lines, at one point deciding the outcome of the trading by means of a wrestling match between the two negotiators - the best 2 of 3 falls.

It is well written and gives incite into my family, which immigrated to the same area in Missouri in 1848.

The appendix gives some statistics of the average Union soldier - age 26, height 5'5'."

Fred Feltmann

Mark Your 2010 Calendars!

2010 Work Day Schedule

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|------------|-----------------------------|
| Feb. 13th | trail work day |
| Mar. 13th | trail work day |
| Apr. 3rd | Garlic Mustard Pull |
| Apr. 10th | trail work day |
| May 8th | trail work day |
| June 5th | National Trails Day |
| July 10th | trail work day |
| Aug. 14th | trail work day |
| Sept. 11th | trail work day |
| Oct. 2nd | Hands on Atlanta Day |
| Oct.. 9th | trail work day |
| Nov. 13th | trail work day |
| Dec. 11th | trail work day |

We realize, as much as we'd like, that you can't make every one of our work days. However, please know that we appreciate whatever days that you can make, especially the Special days highlighted above.

The Kennesaw Mountain Trail Club is a group of volunteers dedicated to preserving the beauty & history of Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park. 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 35,000 volunteer hours to Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park.

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 kmtctrails@kennesawmountaintrailclub.org at least 4 weeks in advance.

Learn more about our monthly trail work days and other programs by visiting the KMTC website at: www.kennesawmountaintrailclub.org.

We host trail work days open to the public on the 2nd Saturday of each month. We meet at the maintenance buildings up the hill from the Visitor Center at 8:30 a.m. and usually are finished by 1:00 p.m.

We hope to see you at a work day soon!

Jim Moylan



Fire Road Work Project - Results!



The initial conditions.



Above - the set-up. Below - the finished product! WOW!



The Fire-Road Project - December 19, 2009



Trail Club Shirts and Merchandise Available

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 when ordered on-line) 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.

We have made a bulk order and tee shirts will be available at work days for \$15. If you would like to have one or more shirts at this price, e-mail **Jay Dement** at kmtctees@kennesawmountaintrailclub.org with your name, size, and quantity of shirts. He'll have a few available at each work day in limited sizes.

Reporting Your Hours - An Important Aspect of Volunteering!

"TIME = Money for the Park - Each Volunteer is currently worth more than \$17.00/hr."

Yes, we all are guilty - forgetting/neglecting to report our hours for working. How many hours did we REALLY work for the Park last year? Was it 500 hours, 2000, or maybe 5000???? Have you spent time outside of our 2nd Saturday Workdays helping the Park - e.g. spent time picking up trash, fixing drainage, helping with events, or club administration?

If you signed the roster at an event, your time is recorded. Otherwise you need to report it through the form on the website.

Youth Service Project candidates need to report total hours for their project to the Trail Club and to the Park before their project is considered complete.

Help us out this coming year - Please enter your hours on the website - it's currently near the top of the first page - or go directly to <http://kennesawmountaintrailclub.org/formmail.html>.

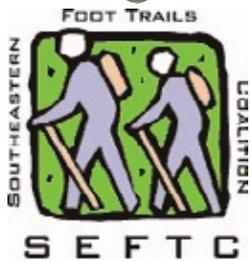
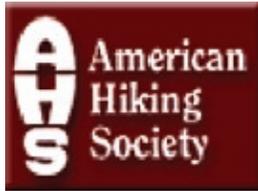
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February Newsletter Deadline

If you wish to have an article published in the September Newsletter, please submit it to Fred Feltmann at faf1948@bellsouth.net no later than January 30th!

KENNESAW MOUNTAIN NATIONAL BATTLEFIELD PARK

Trail Maintenance Map

