



EARTHWORKS



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It's Parade Time!

"KMTC has been selected to participate as a marching/walking group in the Marietta July 4th Parade." Please e-mail me at dougkmtc@gmail.com or text me at **770-895-4441** if you'd like to join in the parade. We'll have a banner and T Shirts, Big Gator and lots of tools, big rocks and buckets of dirt to carry (OK, maybe we'll just have some tools.) Also need happy and waving TRAILAMBASSADORS. Come help us show Marietta who we are and have fun doing it!

Doug Jasse

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June 13, 2015 Work Day/National Trails Day Work Plan

We'll combine National Trails Day with our Second Saturday trail work. Please use online VolunteerSpot registration and/or check in at Burnt Hickory Rd parking lot or Old 41 overflow parking. (Be at the Burnt Hickory Rd Parking lot **by 8:30 am**).

Trail improvement work is still needed on the Pigeon Hill trail from Burnt Hickory Rd. There are several more armored grades that need to be added and much rock addition and rearrangement performed at area directly below the historic viewing platform.

Also we'll be assisting a Scout project rebuilding the fencing and wooden raised walkway at the viewing platform.

A crew will be selected to continue the work along Brumby Trail, renewing the drainage ditch and adding a large rolling grade to the road/trail tread.

We'll also do some exotic plant removal as needed on this area. Since we'll also be celebrating National Trails Day some surprise hikes are planned and a few history talks will be given.

A group of Americorps workers are joining our work day, so we'll have opportunity to show our volunteering in action.

Hope for good weather and look forward to having a good time with us!

Thanks!

Doug Jasse

KMTC Trails Director.

Photo by Fred Feltmann.



Newsletter 1

<http://kennesawmountaintrailclub.org>

Welcome The Park's Newest Staff Member!

I am pleased to announce that Marjorie Thomas will be the new Chief of Interpretation for Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park. She will arrive on June 15th. This position replaces the Historian position which Willie "Swampy" Johnson recently retired from last July. She will be responsible for all education, interpretation, visitor services, and the alternative transportation program/shuttle bus.

Marjorie will be crossing the Chattahoochee River where she worked as the Education Specialist for six years, along with two 120 day details as the Acting Chief of Visitor Services. She has also worked at Carlsbad Caverns as the Education Specialist for six years, as an Elementary School Teacher for seven years, a Forester for five years with the US Forest Service in Mountain Rest, SC, and held various seasonal positions with the National Park Service including at Indiana Dunes and Olympic National Park.

Marjorie's strengths include working with partner organizations, developing programs for under-served youth, and grant writing. She received the Freeman Tilden Award for the Southeast Region in 2014. Her experience will lend itself well for Kennesaw Mountain NBP.

Please give her a warm welcome when she arrives on June 15.

Nancy Walther
Superintendent

Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park



Centennial Goal: Connect with and create the next generation of park visitors, supporters, and advocates.

May 2015 Trail Day: 77 is a Good Number and No Obstacle

It was final exam time for many students and a beautiful spring day with many events taking place all around the Park. Given this situation, we weren't expecting many volunteers. To our surprise, we had a total of 77 volunteers to carry out our trail day plans. The 77 (more or less) who participated turned out to be the perfect number. In the work plan published in our monthly online newsletter, I mentioned that our trail day 'would not be easy'. Fortunately, those who came were eager and able and were rewarded with work that made a big difference to the enjoyment of visitors who come to and enjoy Pigeon Hill and Brumby Trail.

It was still a daunting task to correct the badly gouged trail system. This was our first attempt in many years to correct this uphill trail and a severe drainage problem on the road (Brumby) section. Several crew leaders worked for days in advance to get materials to the site. We had large rocks and aged wood timbers to armor the trail along with many, many buckets of sifted fill dirt. On the Brumby Trail, we had staged several loads of the sifted dirt and granite crush material to form a large rolling grade for water diversion.

We were fortunate to have our Ditch Witches working to carry the heavy rocks and dirt up the hill. However, it was unfortunate that the diesel Ditch Witch tracks came off several times. It was nothing short of miraculous that we were able to put them back on and get the machine back to base. It was very difficult but our volunteers don't give up easily when confronted with obstacles like this.

Our crews all accomplished their jobs. The trail was fixed in several places to cause water to drain away to the low side. The trail head was repaired by adding a platform area to reach the uphill section. The culvert (by Burnt Hickory Rd) was cleared to allow water to flow toward Old Mountain Road and a lot of the dirt and gravel that had accumulated there was used on the trail. The crew that went to Brumby Trail dug and located a drainage culvert and cleared it for water passage, along with reforming the side ditch that leads to the culvert.

Bruce led a crew to the Brumby Trail and used the material we had placed to form a textbook example of a rolling grade to lessen erosion for years to come. It should be noted that both the culverts we cleared on trail day had been clogged for so long that there was doubt that they even existed.

Our trail day had a few obstacles to be overcome and we thank you all for your caution in safely crossing the busy roadway and getting your jobs done. We'll be back there again in June and I hope that you'll return for another exciting morning.

Of special note: The Park did purchase new treads for the Ditch Witch and we've installed them.

Also, a very special thank you to our crew leaders: Curt,

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Additional Volunteers needed! Call today!

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 alphabetical order, of the groups who participated during Fiscal 2014 (October 2013- September 2014) and Fiscal 2015 (October 2014 - Present):

FY 2014

ALLATOONA HS BETA CLUB
ALLATOONA HS NJROTC
AMERICORPS ALUMNI
AMERICORPS-NCCC-FEMA CORPS
AMERICORP
BAYHAWK ASSET MANAGEMENT
BSA PACK 121, MOUNT BETHEL
BSA PACK 287, ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC CH, SERVICE PROJECT
BOY SCOUT TROOP 29 EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT
BSA TROOP 75, TRANSFIGURATION CATHOLIC, CH, EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT (3 PROJECTS)
BSA TROOP 187, KIRKWOOD PRESBYTERIAN CH, EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT
BOY SCOUTS, TROOP 204, EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT
BSA TROOP 232, NORTHWEST PRESBYTERIAN CH, SERVICE PROJECT
BSA TROOP 252, FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CH, EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT (2 PROJECTS)
BOY SCOUT TROOP 277, FIRST UMC CH., EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT (2)
BOY SCOUT TROOP 277, FIRST UMC CH., SERVICE PROJECT
BOY SCOUT TROOP 444, WALKER SCHOOL, SERVICE PROJECT
BOY SCOUT TROOP 445, EAGLE PROJECT
BOY SCOUT TROOP 772, EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT
BOY SCOUT TROOP 795, SERVICE PROJECT
BOY SCOUT TROOP 1776, MARIETTA, GA, SERVICE PROJECT
BOY SCOUT TROOP 1776, ST. ANNE'S CATHOLIC CH., EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT
CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER DAY SAINTS, POWDERSPRINGS STAKE
COTTAGES ON MOUNTAIN CREEK
DEVEREUX
E. PAULDING AFJROTC
FRESENIUS MEDICAL CARE
GEORGIA STATE UNIVERSITY HOUSING
GEORGIA STATE UNIVERSITY CARES
GEORGIA TECH - KAPPA SIGMA
GEORGIA TECH TRAILBLAZERS
GEORGIA VICTORY 2014
GIRL SCOUT TROOP 2517
HEWLETT PACKARD EMPLOYEES
HILLGROVE HS NJROTC (TREE PLANTING - 3/15/14)
HILLGROVE NJROTC



INTERNATIONAL ACADEMY OF SMYRNA
INTERNATIONAL CLUB, KENNESAW STATE UNIVERSITY
KAPPA SIGMA - SPSU
KENNESAW Mtn HS NJROTC
KENNESAW STATE UNIVERSITY
KENNESAW STATE UNIVERSITY - BETA ALPHA PSI
KENNESAW STATE UNIVERSITY - DELTA TAU DELTA FRATERNITY
KENNESAW STATE UNIVERSITY - DPT. OF FRATERNITY & SORORITY LIFE
KENNESAW STATE UNIVERSITY - GAMMA PHI BETA SORORITY
KENNESAW STATE UNIVERSITY - MANAGEMENT 3100 CLASS
KENNESAW STATE UNIVERSITY - PHI ALPHA SOCIAL WORK HONOR SOCIETY
KENNESAW STATE UNIVERSITY - PHI SIGMA PI
KENNESAW STATE UNIVERSITY - T. R. U. S. T.
MCEACHERN BETA CLUB
MCEACHERN HONOR SOCIETY
MILL CREEK MIDDLE SCHOOL BETA CLUB, WOODSTOCK, GA
NORTH ATLANTA CHURCH
THE NEWLY WED GROUP AT NORTH METRO CHURCH
NORTH COBB CHRISTIAN HIGH SCHOOL
POPE HS BETA CLUB
POPE HS HONOR SOCIETY
PROJECT PLUS
RACKSPACE (JUNE 20TH)
SOGETI
SOUTHERN POLYTECH STATE UNIVERSITY
SOUTHERN POLYTECHNIC STATE UNIVERSITY, KAPPA SIGMA
SOUTHERN POLYTECHNIC STATE UNIVERSITY, THETA CHI FRATERNITY
U.S. MARINE CORPS VOLUNTEERS
U.S. NAVY VOLUNTEERS
WALKER SCHOOL SOPHOMORE CLASS (8/15)
WALTON TEEN SERVICE CORP
WOODSTOCK HS NJROTC

In addition, the following individuals/groups/businesses have donated materials, etc. to the Club:

Zachary Fox, owner of "Fox Specialty Dogs and Street Eats" donated 6 large cases of drinking water for our November work day. Zachary has volunteered with us several times as well.

Hertz Equipment Rental, Sandy Plains Rd..

FY 2015

ALLATOONA HIGH SCHOOL BETA CLUB
ALLATOONA HIGH SCHOOL - NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY
ALLATOONA HS NJROTC
AMERICORPS
BOY SCOUTS, TROOP 22
BOY SCOUT TROOP 144
BOY SCOUTS, TROOP 204



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BOY SCOUTS, TROOP 277
CHASTAIN ENCLAVE SUBDIVISION
CUB SCOUT PACK 405
DELTA CHI FROM GA TECH
DeMOLAY
INTERNATIONAL ACADEMY OF SMYRNA BETA CLUB
E. PAULDING AFJROTC
FRESENIUS MEDICAL CARE
KAPPA SIGMA- SPSU
HILLGROVE HS FBIA
HILLGROVE HS NJROTC
HILLGROVE NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY
HISTORY CLUB OF AUSTIN MIDDLE SCHOOL, PAULDING COUNTY
HOLDER CONSTRUCTION
KSU ACCOUNTING CLASS
KSU- ONLINE ACCOUNTING CLASS
KSU GREEK DAY OF SERVICE
MARIETTA TREE KEEPERS
McEACHERN HIGH SCHOOL BETA CLUB
McEACHERN HIGH SCHOOL- NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY
McEACHERN HIGH SCHOOL ROBOTICS TEAM
MOUNTAIN ROAD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL- BETA CLUB
NORTH COBB CHRISTIAN SCHOOL
RAINBOW GIRLS
TAP MIDDLE SCHOOL BETA CLUB
THE NORTH FACE STORE
THETA CHI- IOTA RHO, SOUTHERN POLYTECH
VENTURING CREW 75
VENTURING CREW 1011
WALKER HIGH SCHOOL
WHEELER HS HELPING HANDS CLUB

The following Groups participated in our May Work Days:

BOY SCOUT TROOP 455, ATLANTA
GIRL SCOUT TROOP 2040
HILLGROVE HS NJROTC
PHOBIO, INC.

We had 80 volunteers working in the park for this month's work days!

May 2015 Trail Work Day... Continued from Page 2

Maria, Geoff, Randal, Bill, Paul, Cindy, Scott, Dave, Donald and Hope. Plant Director Danny Leigh along with Harry led their crew to cut and stump spray invasive plants in the area (good and hard work!). With check-in being at two locations, we were helped by Sherry, Anne and David, Carrie and Debbie. Mark, Jay and Cam helped keep us safe crossing the road; Cameron delivered snacks and Ed got 'his' culvert cleaned. Larry made many trips with his truck and trailer and got equipment back to the shed. And, again, thanks to Fred for following all of the crews and taking photos of their efforts.

It takes a whole bunch of good people to help out our good volunteers.

Looking forward to a wonderful summer.

Doug Tasse
Trails Director

Phobio: Worth Waiting For



Anyone who has been up the mountain road, or gone by the concrete stairs to Little Kennesaw Mountain during the last 4 or 5 months, has seen and wondered about the stack of very large rocks at the top of the staircase. Well, here is your answer. One important thing I've learned after several years of buying rocks is this: there are no two rocks alike and if the ones that are available will fit a particular need, then buy them when you see them and store them! These rocks were a perfect match for the base of the concrete steps (at least in my mind). There is one major problem with big rocks: they eventually have to be moved. And the less they have to be moved, the better.

As many of our hikers have noted, the step up/down at the bottom of the stairs was very severe. There was a large, steep step and the ground was deeply dished in that area. We knew about this high step problem, but there was

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Kennesaw Mountain Trail Club Calendar

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Event</u>
June, 2015			
6/13	8:30 am - 1 pm	Burn Hickory & Old Mtn Rd Lot to register.	Trail Work Day/National Trails Day
July, 2015			
7/11	8:30 am - 1 pm	TBD	Trail Work Day
August, 2015			
8/8	8:30 am - 1 pm	TBD	Trail Work Day

Phobio...

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another problem we needed to solve. We needed volunteers to help and it had to be a weekday project because this is a tight area with almost continuous use during the weekend. I knew that it was worth waiting for the rocks to be used and I was hoping for a nice corporate group that wanted to volunteer for a project at the park during the week.

'Phobio', a local company, asked if we could arrange a community service project for the 8 or 9 volunteers they expected. They surely were worth waiting for. On a Thursday morning, we all met at the mountain top parking lot and, after introductions and the safety talk, off to work we went.

As we are all volunteers and our corporate group had no experience in laying large rocks, it was a real adventure. Fortunately, the Phobio group was perfect for this project.

Danny and Lucy took a group to remove large privet growing next to and around the stairs. Several volunteers broke up the concrete at the bottom of the stairs and reshaped the ground to fit the rocks.

Larry had made a sled to get rock down the stairs without damaging the stairs or rocks. It was necessary to use the large skid steer to load rock onto the sled (they were heavy!). Geoff was at the bottom and, with his guidance, those large and heavy rocks fit in like a completed jig saw puzzle.

It was a wonderful morning of volunteer service for Phobio employees. They had safely monitored the trail while coworkers removed exotic plants and did construction work. And one week later, not a rock has moved and the area is stable and so much better.

They were so happy with their experience that they treated everyone to lunch! Thank you, Phobio.

The nine volunteers who came were a true representation of your company's corporate spirit of giving to the community. Also, thanks to Danny, Larry, Geoff, Donald (he just happened to drop by), Fred and Lucy. We all worked well and safely together and completed a job that will last a long time.

Thanks,

Doug Tasse

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 8:30 am at the new parking lot, .2 miles north of the Visitor Center on Old 41 and usually are finished by 1:00 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

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. 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 45,000 volunteer hours to Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park.

We hope to see you at a work day soon!

May, An Awesome Month For Eagle Projects

We had four Eagle Scout projects completed in the month of May in the park.

Robert Solomon, Troop 1776, St. Anne's Catholic Church, Marietta, and his crew, completed six battlefield brigade signs and installed them in early May. He completed signs for the O'Neal, Ector and Sears brigades along the mountain trail as well as a sign for Ward's Alabama Battery and the 53rd Indiana in the field in front of the visitor center (pictured). Robert and his fellow scouts did an outstanding job and the signs look super!

George McAskill, Troop 797, The Episcopal Church of St. Peter and St. Paul, Marietta, completed the installation of the new 1.33 mile "Orange" Loop which outlines the Environmental Trail near the visitor center. The Orange Loop trail markers add mileage information and well as provide a safety feature on the trail. George and his team did an awesome job designing and installing the markers which will be used and enjoyed by hikers for years to come.

Nick Champion, Troop 1011, Mt. Bethel Methodist Church, Marietta, recently led a crew of over 20 adults and scouts providing enhancements on the trail to Little Kennesaw. Nick and his group installed two water bars for erosion control that was deteriorating the 'Reynold's' earthworks along the trail as well as installed several courses of steps on the ascent to Little K. Nick did a fantastic job planning and accomplishing much needed enhancements to this part of the trail which included wheelbarrows full of step and crib rocks brought into the area over a 1/3rd of a mile off the mountain road.

Drew Hugg, Troop 703, Living Hope Church, Kennesaw, led an awesome group of scouts and adults in completing a snake rail fence around the New Salem Church site. Our Mr. Shogren drove the 240 sections of fence needed into the site from Burnt Hickory Road while Drew and his crew constructed, and fortified with rebar and nails, a fence that encompasses the ruins. Super job organizing and leading your team, Drew!

Thanks to Larry Shogren, Danny Leigh, Harry Carpenter, and Doug Tasse for their set-up work and pitching in on these projects. Also a special thanks to Trail Ambassadors Cam Graham, Jay Haney, and Larry Bartlett, for helping control traffic during the projects and to Lucy Denzin for her helping out along the Environmental Trail Orange Loop project.

On behalf of the park and the trail club we thank these scouts for their outstanding effort on their Eagle projects and wish them the absolute best on now completing their Trail to Eagle!

Donald V. Olds

Photos by Donald Olds.



Drew, in the red hat, leads his crew on tacking down the fence.



The crew at New Salem Church. A special thanks to Mr. Larry for running fence to them all morning in the gator.

Drew with the completed fence work.



Nick Champion's crew working on new rock cribbing and drainage on Little Kennesaw.



Larry Shogren, preparing to haul up the snake rail fence components for Drew Hugg's project.



New courses of stairs on the trail to Little Kennesaw.



George McAskill, Troop 797, (leaning on post) with his "Orange" Loop installation crew.



Robert Solomon, Troop 1776, Marietta with one of the new battlefield signs



There is always time for fun working on an Eagle project.

Photos by Donald Olds.

5/9/15 Work Day

Photos by Fred Feltmann



Phobio Work Day - 5/14/15

Photos by Fred Feltmann



“Before” and “After”



Photo By Dug Tasse



Photo by ???



Photo by Fred Feltmann



Photo by Fred Feltmann

Welcome, Delta 2 AmeriCorps NCCC Volunteers!

We have a group of Delta 2 AmeriCorps NCCC who will be at the Park for the next several weeks doing special projects.

When you see them around, thank them for all of their great efforts!

Photos by Doug Tasse.



2014-2015 Ticket-To-Ride Program A Success – And, 2015-2016 Grant Award From National Park Foundation!

For the third year in a row, Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park (KMNBP) applied for and received a grant to provide the “Ticket to Ride” program in partnership with Kennesaw Mountain Trail Club. The grant awarded by the National Park Foundation, with support from Disney, funds the school buses for park field trips. The program’s main goal is simply to get kids outside! Objectives also include reaching new audiences and building new partnerships. Our Ticket to Ride program has done just that! For school year 2014-2015, we brought 700 participants to the Park from Paulding County Elementary schools. Although most of these schools are within 20 miles of KMNBP, many of the students and adults had never been to the Park, and some had never been to any national park prior to this program!

The grant is structured to ensure three “touches” between kids and the park; our KMTC volunteers, under the supervision of Ranger Amanda Corman, ensured that each “touch” was interesting and compelling for the students. The first touch was a visit by Park staff and KMTC volunteers to each participating school where students learned through a Power Point presentation and Q & A session what to expect from their upcoming KMNBP visits.

The first Park visit (the second touch) incorporated learning about Civil War battles fought at KMNBP and met one of the state curriculum requirements for 5th graders. Outside the Visitor Center, they learned about the hard life of the Civil War soldier through a living history interpreter. Through the engaging film “Kennesaw: One Last Mountain”, students were prepared for their hike along the Assault Trail used by soldiers during the major battle at Cheatham Hill.

The third touch was a return to the park for a hike to the historic area where the FDR’s New Deal CCC Camp was established in 1938. This learning experience corresponded with another 5th grade state standard. Volunteers created interpretive programming at the Camp site that, along with an informative Power Point presentation, brought to life the realities of the CCC men and their work at KMNBP.

It was fun and rewarding to hear dozens of comments made by the students and adults about what they learned and how they enjoyed the “hands on” experiences! We feel certain that the Ticket to Ride program successfully met the goals of the National Park Foundation and that we will see many of these students and their families at the Park again!

It is an honor to receive the new grant for 2015-2016, and our KMTC volunteers will ensure that the rising 5th grade students from other Paulding County schools have an equally exciting exposure to KMNBP in the year ahead!

Lucy Denzin

KMTC, Director of Program Development

A Message From Tom Sparks, Retired!

Hello Dear Friends,

It’s been my pleasure working side by side with all of you over all the years.

Keep up all the great work you are all doing at Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park and all the rest of the National Parks and National Preserve. Collectively we’ve done some pretty amazing work. Always be willing to lend a hand to each other, it takes a team to make great things happen.

I want to thank those of you that personally helped me out over the years. There are so many of you. Your generosity was and always be greatly appreciated.

I’m ready to embrace the world with open arms. Doing what I love to do, spending time with my family and friends - Traveling, sightseeing, hanging out, helping out, whatever comes my way.

I’ll watch for you in the great places I visit, whether at home or away. Please know that you all will always be in my thoughts and prayers.

Live each day to the fullest and know that each day is a gift.

Have fun and enjoy life everyone. You can bet I’m going to! ☺

May God Bless and Keep You All, Safe, Well and Prosperous!

Sparks – Out..... :)

“Twenty years from now you will be more disappointed by the things that you didn’t do than by the ones you did do. So throw off the bowlines. Sail away from the safe harbor. Catch the trade winds in your sails. Explore. Dream. Discover.” **Mark Twain**

Thomas Sparks

Facility Manager (Retired)
Kennesaw Mountain NBP

Run up to the Civil War January 1861

- Jan 2 South Carolina troops seize old Fort Johnson in Charleston Harbor
- Jan 3 Georgia state troops seize Fort Pulaski - photo Nathan Jones



- Jan 4 Alabama state troops seize the U.S. Arsenal at Mount Vernon, Alabama
- Jan 5 U.S. Senators from seven southern states meet in Washington D.C. to discuss secession
- Jan 6 Florida takes over the Apalachicola Arsenal
- Jan 7 Mississippi and Alabama State Conventions meet to discuss secession
- Jan 8 Jacob Thompson of Mississippi, Sec. of Interior & last Southerner in Cabinet, resigns
- Jan 9 Star of the West fails to relieve Fort Sumter
Mississippi secedes from the Union
- Jan 10 Florida secedes from the Union
- Jan 11 Alabama secedes from the Union
- Jan 14 US troops occupy Fort Taylor at Key West to prevent seizure by state forces
- Jan 16 Crittenden Compromise killed in the U.S. Senate. An unsuccessful proposal introduced by Kentucky Senator John J. Crittenden on December 18, 1860, it aimed to resolve the U.S. secession crisis of 1860–1861 by addressing the grievances that led the slave states of the United States to contemplate secession from the United States. The compromise proposed six constitutional amendments and four Congressional resolutions. It guaranteed the permanent existence of slavery in the slave states and addressed Southern demands in regard to fugitive slaves and slavery in the District of Columbia. It proposed extending the Missouri Compromise line to the west, with slavery prohibited north of the 36° 30' parallel and guaranteed south of it. The compromise included a clause that it could not be repealed or amended.
The compromise was popular among Southern members of the Senate, but it was generally unacceptable to the Republicans, who opposed the expansion of slavery beyond the states where it already existed into the territories. The opposition of their party's leader, President-elect Abraham Lincoln, was crucial.
- Jan 19 Georgia secedes from the Union
- Jan 20 Mississippi state troops take over Ship Island in the Gulf off Mississippi
- Jan 24 Georgia state troops take over the U.S. Arsenal at Augusta
- Jan 26 Louisiana secedes from the Union

Watch Out For The... Cactus?



For the May 9th workday we worked on the non-native invasive plants near the Pigeon Hill trail and earthworks. Two crew leaders and 4 great volunteers were able to cut Chinese privet, autumn olive, a couple of princess trees, and Japanese honeysuckle. Much of the plants were cut by loppers, but the plants over 2" in diameter had to be cut with reciprocating saws. Once cut, the stumps were sprayed with herbicide to keep them from regrowing. The princess trees were 8-10" in diameter

and were controlled by a hack-and-squirt method where cuts were made with a hatchet around the trunk and then the cuts sprayed. The hack-and-squirt method allows the tree to remain standing and gradually decay over time providing woodpeckers with potential habitat.

The blooming privet and honeysuckle smelled great and their beauty showed one of the reasons they were brought to this country in the first place. However, this beauty also helps to mask the aggressive habits of these plants. Don't forget that these invasive plants are bullies and just because these plants smell or look good does not mean we need to leave them alone. These plants out-compete the native plants and they disrupt the native environment.

The rocky outcrops of Pigeon Hill are a neat environment and fairly hostile area for plants to grow with little soil and moisture. The area has relatively small trees and in some areas there are native Eastern Prickly Pear cacti growing. Some of the cacti have long sharp spines, but one of the biggest threats is harder to see. The plants have small brown areas across the fleshy pads and around each brown area is small barbed bristles. They might look like fuzzy hairs, but if you touch them they might stick in your skin and are tough to remove.

Nature can certainly be beautiful, but sometimes plants have their own defense systems. Even poison ivy is a GA native and has its place in nature.

Danny Leigh
Plants Director



Contact List - Updated 11/4/14

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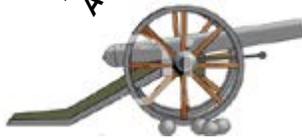
The annual celebration of America's 200,000 miles of trails!

Saturday June 13, 2015

Registration will be open
around 8:15 AM - please arrive
early, so that we may begin
introductions promptly at 8:30
AM! Saturday promises to be
a "WARM" day!

**** 8:30 AM Registration ****

**Burnt Hickory Road Parking Lot
1.3 miles south of Barrett Parkway
Near 1520 Burnt Hickory Road
Marietta, GA 30064**



Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park
has 2900 acres with 20+ miles of trails.
The Kennesaw Mountain Trail Club
volunteers to maintain the park trails.



**Pre-Registration for groups over 10 by email:
membership@KennesawMountainTrailClub.org**

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Artillery Demonstrations

Multiple Days: 06/14/2015, 06/27/2015, 06/28/2015, 08/16/2015, 09/06/2015, 09/07/2015, 10/04/2015, 10/18/2015, 11/08/2015

Location: In the Visitor Center front field unless otherwise stated.

Time: 11:00 AM, 12:00 PM, 2:00 PM, 3:00 PM

Fee Information: No Fee

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Artillery Demonstrations at Kennesaw Mountain

Artillery (cannon) demonstrations show visitors the steps taken to fire cannons during the American Civil War. Each program lasts approximately 30-40 minutes and includes an explanation of the role of artillery during the Atlanta Campaign and at the Battle of Kennesaw Mountain. Artillerists explain the steps of firing a cannon, explaining the role of each person working the cannon. Afterwards, the process is performed in real time and the cannon is fired. The program is free and open to the public. Visitors are encouraged to maintain close control of their pets during firing, as it can be loud, and please prepare small children for the sudden burst of sound.

All demonstrations take place in the front field with the following exceptions:

August 16 - Cheatham Hill location;

October 18 - Top of Kennesaw Mountain



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Artful Fridays

Artful Fridays is a monthly art program for children ages three and up (parents are encouraged to participate, too!). Each Artful Friday program has a different theme and participants leave with their very own creation. All supplies are provided (unless otherwise indicated), but pre-registration is required. From 10 am - 11:30 am.

To pre-register, please email us at kemo_education@nps.gov with the number of participants and children's ages. Please place "Artful Fridays" in the subject line.

June 26 - It's A Yarn!

July 17 - Paper Bags and Faces

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FIND YOUR PARK

Got your phone or tablet on you?

Then take a selfie here at Kennesaw Mountain with what you love about this site.



The National Park Service turns 100 in August 2016 and wants to celebrate by encouraging all visitors to “Find Your Park” - find what you love about America’s open spaces and historic, natural, and cultural places. Kennesaw Mountain wants to celebrate you, too, by showing you off!

Here’s how it works:

1. Take selfies posing with a “Found It!” sheet. The sheets are in the Visitor Center vestibule and at the front desk. Have fun with your photo but, above all, be sure the photo reflects your enjoyment of Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park.
2. Photos should be a minimum resolution of 2048 x 1536.
3. Post your photo to your Instagram, Twitter, or Facebook page. Be sure to use the hashtag, #KennesawBattlefieldSelfie.
4. Follow the rules - Please don’t take images that show violations of Battlefield policy (off designated trails, recreation in non-designated areas, outside of opening/closing times, drinking alcoholic beverages, etc.), or performing illegal activities (relic hunting, poaching, removing plant life), vulgar/disrespectful behavior, or pets off leash. These images should be family friendly!

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Spring/Summer 2015 Events Schedule

Tours/Talks

Cheatham Hill Tours -

- May 26 - 11 am & 1 pm (Berkowitz)
- May 31 - 12 pm (Berkowitz) June 7 - 1:30 pm (Quinlin)
- June 9 - 11 am & 1 pm (Berkowitz)
- June 21 - 11 am & 1 pm (Whiteman)
- June 23 - 11 am & 1 pm (Berkowitz)
- July 5 - 12 pm (Berkowitz)
- July 12 - 11 am & 1 pm (Whiteman)
- July 14 - 11 am & 1 pm (Berkowitz)
- August 2 - 1:30 pm (Quinlin)
- August 16 - 1 pm (Berkowitz)
- August 25 - 11 am & 1 pm (Berkowitz)
- September 8 - 11 am & 1 pm (Berkowitz)



Saturday Lecture Series

- May 30 - "The 66th Georgia Infantry" presented by author/historian Dan Cone; 2 pm; Visitor Center Education Room
- July 25 - "Bonnie Blue Briana" Civil War Music presented by Briana Warren; 2 pm; Visitor Center Education Room
- August 29 - "Sherman's Carolinas Campaign" presented by historian Mike Shaffer; 2 pm; Visitor Center Education Room

Museum Tours

- May 19 - 11 am & 1 pm
- June 16 - 11 am & 1 pm
- June 23 - 11 am & 1 pm
- July 7 - 11 am & 1 pm
- July 21 - 11 am & 1 pm
- August 4 - 11 am & 1 pm
- August 18 - 11 am & 1 pm

Civil War Veterans' Program

- May 23 - historian John Tolbert presents a first-person Civil War veteran's perspective of the Battle of Kennesaw Mountain battlefield in the modern world

Exhibits

- May 21 - May 25 - Veterans' Uniform Display presented by Ken Myers; 9:30 am - 4 pm; Visitor Center

Spring/Summer Events...

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Child/Family Friendly

- June 3 - Summer Science! Make a Fossil, Take a Fossil; 10 am; Visitor Center Education Room; for ages 5 - 10; sign up @ kemo_education@nps.gov
- June 9 - Toddlercise Tuesdays: Things That Go Squish; 10 am; Visitor Center Education Room; pre-registration required, sign up @ kemo_education@nps.gov
- June 10 - Summer Science! Bird Bingo; 10 am; Visitor Center Education Room; for ages 5-10; sign up @ kemo_education@nps.gov
- June 18 - "A Teddy Bear Picnic" International Picnic Day; BYOB&B - bring your own blanket & bear. Have lunch and learn about the history of the teddy bear, Theodore Roosevelt, and preservation of national parks; 12:30 pm
- June 26 - Artful Friday: "It's a Yarn!"; crafting with yarn creatively; 10 am; Visitor Center Education Room; pre-registration required; sign up @ kemo_education@nps.gov
- July 10 - Summer Science! Make a Cannon, Take a Cannon; 10 am; Visitor Center Education Room; for ages 8 - 12; sign up @ kemo_education@nps.gov
- July 14 - Toddlercise Tuesdays: Monkeys On a Bed!; 10 am; Visitor Center Education Room; pre-registration required, sign up @ kemo_education@nps.gov
- July 17 - Artful Friday: "Paper Bags and Faces"; 10 am; Visitor Center Education Room; pre-registration required, sign up @ kemo_education@nps.gov
- July 24 - Summer Science! Learning Whether the Weather Can Change History; 10 am; Visitor Center Education Room; for ages 8-12; sign up @ kemo_education@nps.gov
- August 5 - Summer Science! The Science of Photography; 10 am; Visitor Center Education Room; for ages 10-14; sign up @ kemo_education@nps.gov
- August 11 - Toddlercise Tuesdays: Tissue Paper Dance; 10 am; Visitor Center Education Room; pre-registration required, sign up @ kemo_education@nps.gov
- August 21 - Artful Friday: "Rolling Dough!"; 10 am; Visitor Center Education Room; pre-registration required, sign up @ kemo_education@nps.gov

Living History

Infantry Demonstrations - 11, 12, 2 & 3 o'clock; Visitor Center front field

- June 20 & 21 - Georgia Division
July 11 & 12 - Hardee Guard Battalion
August 1 & 2 - 4th Kentucky

Artillery Demonstrations - 11, 12, 2 & 3 o'clock

- May 24 & 25 - Kennesaw Mountain Gun Crew; Visitor Center front field
June 14 - Kennesaw Mountain Gun Crew; Visitor Center front field
June 27 & 28 - 151st Battle Anniversary; program to be announced August 16
- Kennesaw Mountain Gun Crew; Cheatham Hill battlefield area
September 6 & 7 - Kennesaw Mountain Gun Crew; Visitor Center front field
October 4 - Kennesaw Mountain Gun Crew; Visitor Center front field
October 18 - Kennesaw Mountain Gun Crew; Kennesaw Mountain top
November 8 - Kennesaw Mountain Gun Crew; Visitor Center front field

Battle Anniversary

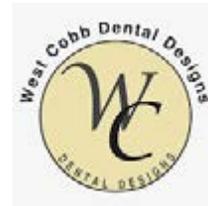
June 27 & 28 - 151st Battle Anniversary includes a variety of living history events, including artillery and infantry demonstrations and civilian history programs.

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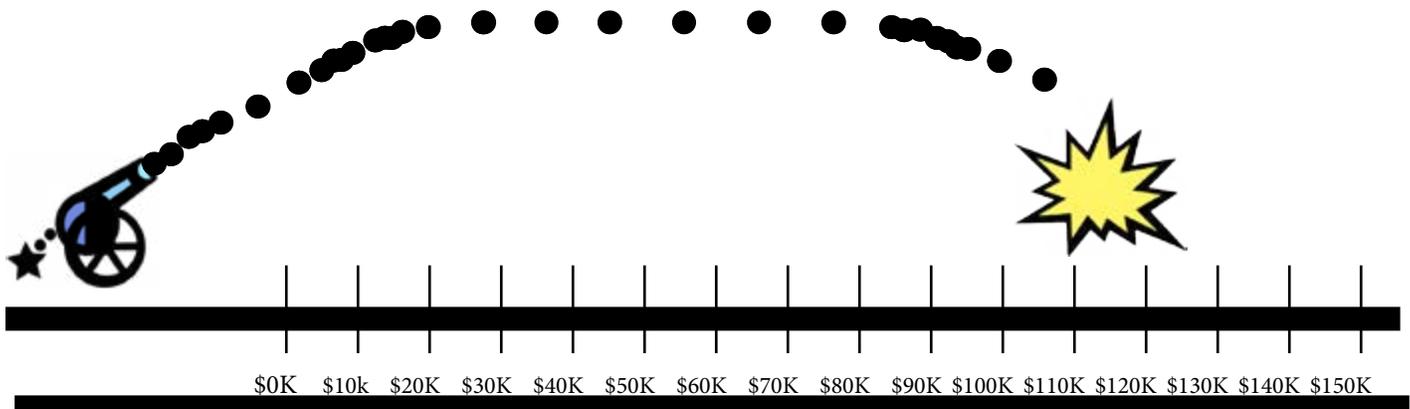
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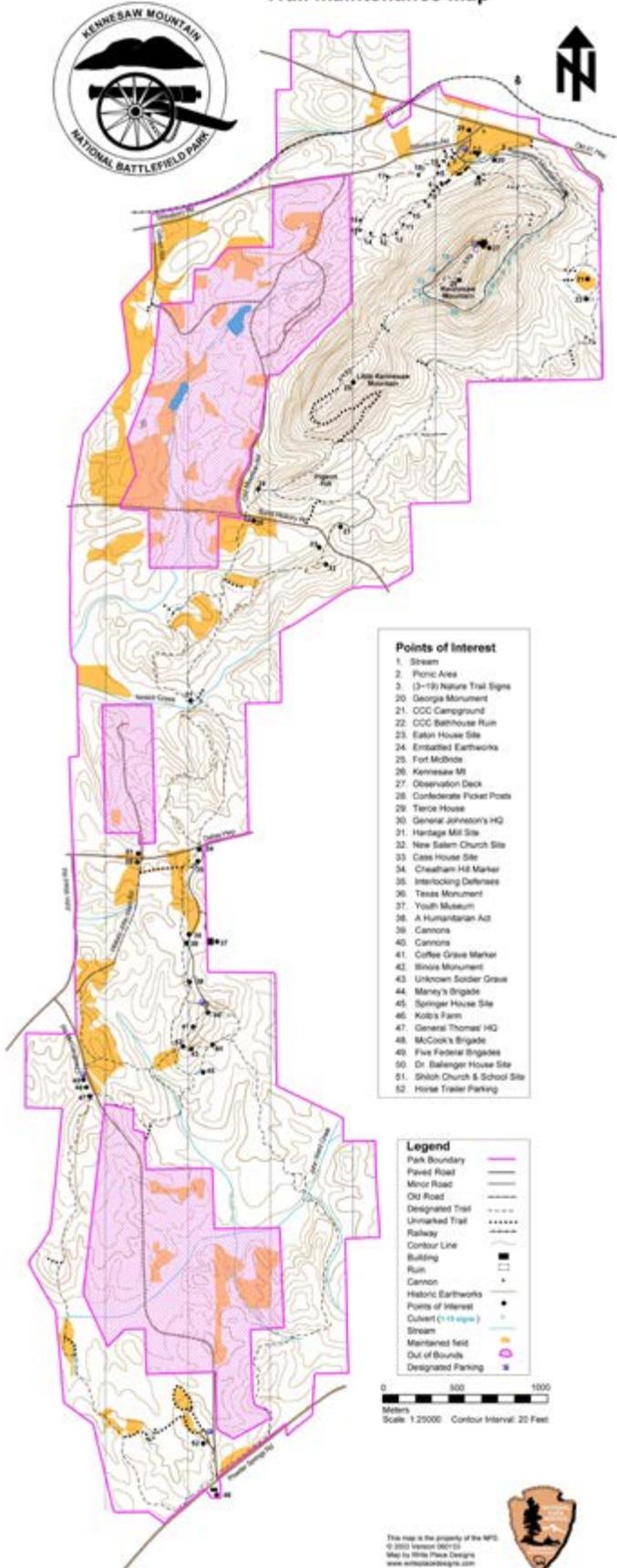


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Trail Maintenance Map



July Newsletter Deadline

If you wish to have an article published in the March Newsletter, please submit it to Fred Feltmann at faf1948@bellsouth.net no later than June 20th!