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Work Day Video!

Some of you might have noticed Micah Goldberg moving around our work group with a camera at our February Work Day. Micah is one of our Trail Ambassadors and volunteered to help us start making some videos about our work that we can use to show our friends and future volunteers.

The video is posted at: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gaspNesJ3c> - see other videos following this one as well!

Thank you, Micah, for creating this.

Scott Mackay

KMTC Trails Director

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Keep Cobb Beautiful Tree Planting In Conjunction With March Work Day

*Meet at Cheatham Hill Rd. Parking Lot - this month Only!!! **Be sure to bring a shovel suitable for digging!***

Part of our March Work Day event will partner with Keep Cobb Beautiful's annual tree planting event. So you'll have several options to work on in March!

We will be participating in a joint project with Keep Cobb Beautiful to plant trees in a field on the Kolb Farm Loop trail. About 500 trees have been donated and we are expecting as many as 200 people to show up and help plant. Our role will be to also help plant. **For this event we will be meeting at the newly rebuilt Cheatham Hill Road parking lot at 8:30 am for sign in and going immediately to work.**

If all goes well, later in the morning we will start another project across from the parking lot to remove privet and open up the view to the fields from the road. If we have enough volunteers we will also perform some trail work in that same area.

Trail Closure For Bridge Construction - Noses Creek

Because of bridge rehabilitation, portions of the fire road trail between Burnt Hickory road and Dallas highway will be closed beginning on March 2, 2011.

During bridge construction, the parallel hiking trail will remain open as a detour, that begins and ends at the same destination as the fire road trail.

The hiking trail is noted on the [Kennesaw Mountain Trail Club Map](#) with a green line that diverts from the main red line trail. Click the link above to view the map or to access the maps page [click here](#).

The trail will be reopened during the month of April while the concrete for the bridge "cures" but will be closed again for further construction at the beginning of May 2011.

If you have any questions contact the visitor center at 770-427-4686 x0.

Encouraging Young Civil War Historians

Nine National Parks in the southeast are offering children ages 6 and older a chance to become Junior Civil War Historians as they visit the battlefields, including four Georgia locations, where the Civil War unfolded 150 years ago.



The National Parks Service is encouraging youngsters to explore how the war impacted the lives of those living during the war and how the changes have affected life for Americans today and to earn their special Junior Civil War Historian patch. They can either visit three participating Parks, complete an activity card or program booklet and get signed by a ranger, or visit two participating Parks and do one on-line activity.

Participating Parks in Georgia include Andersonville National Historic Site, Andersonville; Chickamauga and Chattanooga National Military Park, Fort Oglethorpe; Fort Pulaski National Monument, Savannah; and Kennesaw National Battlefield Park, Kennesaw.

For more on the program, see www.nps.gov/stri/forkids/jcwonline, or contact Georgia's participating sites.

Troop 277 Service Project

On Saturday, Feb 26th, we had a work day with Boy Scout Troop 277. The goal was to go into the bamboo infestation and cut out about a 5 foot radius around each of the native trees so that they have a better chance of survival until we get a big crew out on Earth Day to remove all of the bamboo. The crew worked for 4 hours to clear out around many of the trees near the trail and open up some access to areas deeper in the stand. By noon they had filled a trailer with stalk sections and created several "habitant" piles for wildlife to live in using the leafy tops. The stalk sections that they hauled away will be recycled into other scout uses. See page 3 for photos of project. Will be added in final.

Crew Leader Class Summary

We had 6 regular volunteers attend this year's crew leader class. The class was held jointly with Chattahoochee NRA using their education center. Our immediate graduates are:

Sarah Ackerman
Harry Carpenter
Jimmy Camp
Julia Glaser
Doug Tasse

Jennifer Murphy has one more class to attend later this month and she will then graduate. Please welcome our new crew leaders.

To make this class work also required several of our experienced crew leaders to support the field activities. Also, two of our ditch witches were hauled over and back so we could rough in the new trail that was used for crew leader training. Special thanks go to Jim Moylan, Randy Whiten, Richard Angeli, Scott Mackay and Jerry Givans for helping to make this year's crew leader class a success.



KMTC Visits REI, Kennesaw Store

The KMTC had a booth at this month's Scratch and Dent sales at the REI Kennesaw store to introduce the customers to a great volunteering opportunity.



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Additional Volunteers needed! Call today!

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

Troop 277 Bamboo Removal Project, 2/26/11



February 12 Work Day

Summary

We had multiple projects going on our February work day. The main goal was to improve the Unknown Soldier trail with good water control and adding good tread material. About a truckload of dirt was carried by wheelbarrows and placed on the trail. Grade dips were carved in about every 10 feet to divert water. Feedback from visitors over the next week said we did a great job.

Another project was to add a 1/2 truckfull of dirt onto the Cease Fire Trail near the cannon display and access gate. The ditch witch was employed to spread the dirt out and a crew with McLeods tamped and finished it. Several equestrian visitors commented that they liked us using the dirt there because it made a good surface for their horses. On the next morning several runners commented that they also liked the new trail surface we had put down at that spot.

Farther north on the Cease Fire trail we widened an area that has chronically been closing in with pricker laden plants. The ditch witch helped with the initial widening and a crew with many other tools cut and pruned back vegetation and spread out and tamped the trail surface.

Over on the Kolb Farm Loop Connector a crew added several grade dips for water control and filled in trenches that were eroding in the trail. That same crew later helped to reset the fences and hide a trail that visitors were establishing over the union earthworks located at the top of the field below the Illinois Monument.

This work day was also used to give our six crew leader trainees some experience working as “apprentice” crew leaders.

Scott Mackay
Trails Supervisor
&

Anne Strand
Membership Director



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

2ND SATURDAY WORKDAY MARCH 12, 2011

PARK SERVICE AREA

TIME: 8:30 AM – 1:30 PM

Will be working on

Projects depending on the number of volunteers available

Tree planting in conjunction with Keep Cobb Beautiful

Be sure to bring your shovel!!!

APRIL 2, 2011 - NATIONAL PARK DAY

PARK SERVICE AREA

TIME: 9 AM – 1:30 PM

We will join with the Park and the Civil War Trust to perform trail maintenance around the park - see the flyer on page 14.

Note: *You must register for this event - see the flyer for details!!!!*

2ND SATURDAY WORKDAY APRIL 9, 2011

PARK SERVICE AREA

TIME: 8:30 AM – 1:30 PM

The Great Garlic Mustard Pull, Part I

We will be going after some of the invasive plants along the trails.

Other Projects TBD

APRIL 23, 2011 - EARTH DAY - THE GREAT GARLIC MUSTARD PULL, PART II (AND OTHER INVASIVE PLANT ATTACK!)

We will be going after some of the invasive plants along the trails.

The Annual Great Garlic Mustard Pull!!!

The Annual Great Garlic Mustard Pull may occur on multiple weekends this year - there is plenty to go around! The weekends are April 9th (depending on growth) and 23th.



Mark Your Calendars!

Upcoming Work Day Schedule:

March Workday - 3/12/2011

Tool Inventory (Crew Leaders only) - 3/26/11

National Park Day 4/2/11

April Workday - 4/9/11

Earth Day - 4/23/11

May Workday - 5/14/11

June Workday - National Trails Day - 6/11/11

July Workday - 7/9/11

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 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. 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 a 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!

Help Make it Happen!!

The new Development Committee has had a very productive initial meeting with Dr. Bond. Products of that meeting were:

- Draft of the fund raising agreement between the Park and the Club for review at NPS Region.
- Formal NPS training of Trail Club volunteers in NPS appropriate fund raising techniques.
- Comprehensive list of projects that could require additional funding, based on a project list provided by our Trail Boss, Scott Mackay.
- Discussion of the “Big Idea” concept to be used to focus overall development efforts.

The efforts of this committee leverage volunteer work by using hours as a match.

Get in on the ground floor as the Trail Club moves from a pure “sweat equity” organization to a balanced operation capable of funding large projects like:

- Pedestrian/equestrian over/under passes to address safety issues and ease use of the trail system at Dallas Highway, Burnt Hickory and Cheatham Hill Road crossings.
- Pigeon Hill boardwalk to preserve earthworks.
- Project with the Kennesaw Mountain Historical Society to construct a “demonstration trench”.
- Outreach to Park neighbors.
- And many more.

There is much to be done to bring this aggressive concept to life. Hey, this is really great paperwork. We need you!

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Littering At Its Worst!

Littering in the Park is bad in and of itself, but what really frosts everyone on the trail is the unthinking individuals who, rightly pick up after their dog - but then leave the bag either right next to the trail, or in the middle of the trail, as noted last Friday (3/4/11)! It would be really nice if they would take their bags of XXX with them and drop it in the proper receptacle when they complete their hike!

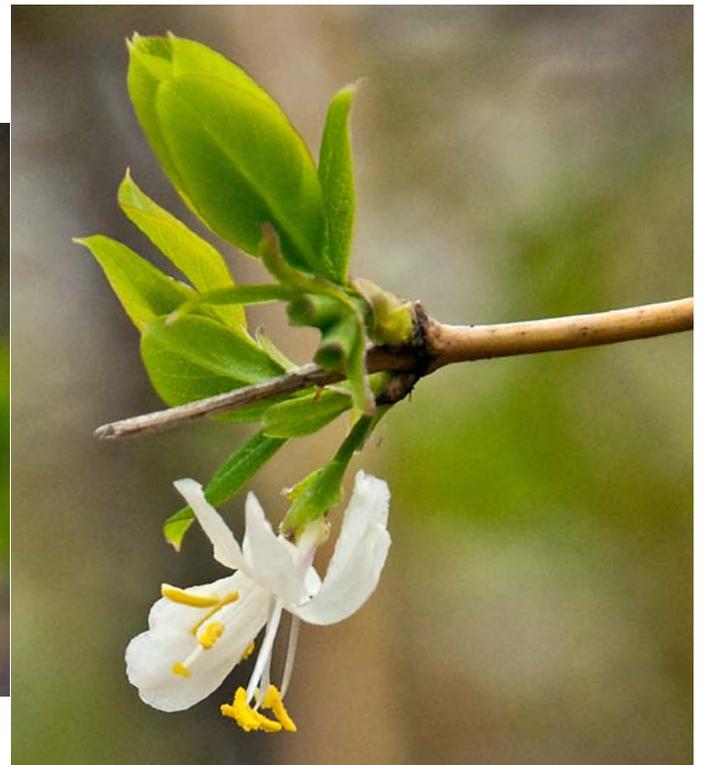


The KMTC at REI, Kennesaw Store on 3/1/11

From left to right, Jim Camp, a new crew leader; Jerry Givan, President; Scott Mackay, Trails Supervisor; and Jay Dement, Outreach Director.



Spring is “Springing!”



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) 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 McCleod.

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. The Yellow shirt is available at a special price of \$15.00 during Trail Maintenance on the second Saturday of the month.

Reporting Your Hours - An Important Aspect of Volunteering!

"TIME = Money for the Park - Each Volunteer is currently worth more than \$20.00/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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The Center for the Study of the Civil War Era and Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park
 present the
 8th Annual Symposium on New Interpretations of the Civil War
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 March 25-26, 2011



FREE AND OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Opening Reception Friday, March 25, 2011 6:00pm-8:30pm
 WORLD REKNOWNED GEORGIA SPIRITUAL ENSEMBLE
 Old Zion Baptist Church, 165 Lemon Street, Marietta, Georgia 30060

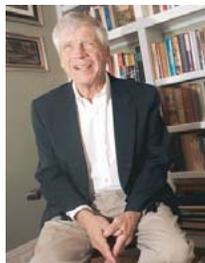
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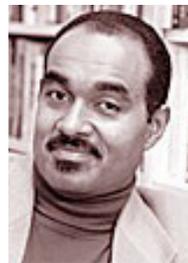
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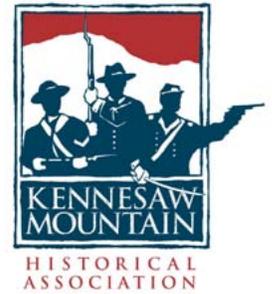
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3rd ANNUAL KENNESAW MOUNTAIN HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION GOLF TOURNAMENT

We invite you to join us for the second annual Kennesaw Mountain Historical Association golf tournament, Friday, April 8, 2011, at the Golf Club at Bradshaw Farm. Registration will be from 11–11:30 a.m., shotgun start 12 noon. The tournament will be a four-man “Lauderdale” or scramble. The cost of \$100 per golfer, or \$360 for a foursome, includes 18 holes of golf, range balls, and a hamburger/hotdog lunch. Prizes will be awarded to low finishers as well as a long drive and closest to the pin contest. Each golfer will receive a complimentary bag of gifts, worth over \$100, on the day of the event. There will also be a raffle with many more excellent prizes. All proceeds will go to support the Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park. Register at the park or the link below. Payment due at time of registration, please register by March 20, 2011.

The Kennesaw Mountain Historical Association is a private non-profit organization that works in cooperation with the National Park Service. KMHA assists the Park staff with educational programs, informational services and preservation initiatives at Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park.

Golf Club at Bradshaw Farm - 3030 Bradshaw Club Drive, Woodstock, GA 30188

You can register yourself or your team at this link:

[Golf Registration](#)

For more information call Clay or Mike, at 770-422-3696 or send an e-mail to info@kmha.org.

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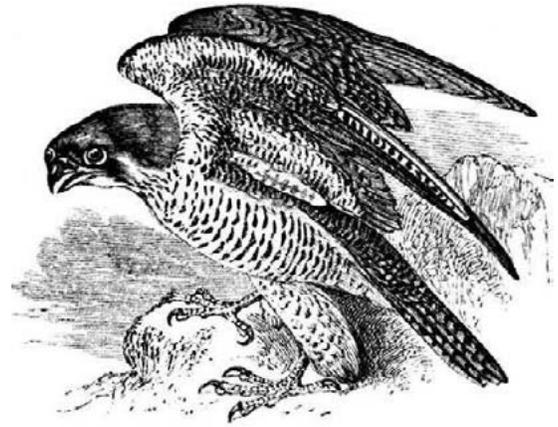


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2011 Spring Guided Birdwalks Schedule

This year's birdwalks will take place on Saturday, April 16; Wednesday, April 20; Saturday, April 23; and Wednesday, April 27, 2011.

Each walk begins at the Battlefield's Visitor Center parking lot at 7:30 a.m., rain or shine. The walk is approximately 2.5 miles in distance and takes about 3 hours.



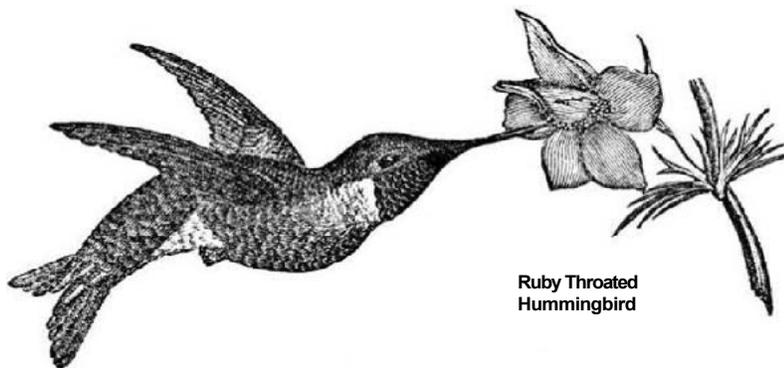
PEREGRINE FALCON.

The walks are guided by Mr. Giff Beaton or Mr. Chuck Saleey. Mr. Beaton is the author of *Birding Georgia, A Guide to Finding Birds in Georgia*. He also periodically writes articles for various birding publications and has made over 800 birding trips through the trails of Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield.

There is a free bird checklist specifically for the Park available upon request in the Visitor Center. For more information, please call 770 - 427 - 4686 x 0 between 8:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. or visit our website at www.nps.gov/kemo.



Brown Thrasher - Georgia state bird



Ruby Throated Hummingbird



Dark-Eyed Junco

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Spring 2011 Wildflower Walks

Plant lovers rejoice!

Three free guided wildflower walks are scheduled for 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., Wednesday, March 30; Saturday, April 2; and Saturday, April 9, 2011. The walks will start from the hiking trail at Burnt Hickory Road and proceed toward the Dallas Highway.



Birdfoot Violet

This trail is considered moderate. Please meet at the gate at Burnt Hickory Road. Parking is limited, so please carpool if possible. The program is free and open to the public.



Bloodroot

Dr. Mary Meyer will lead these walks and share her 40 years of accumulated discoveries regarding wildflowers, mushrooms, and wood-lore. She is also a nature writer and photographer, having created the photographic CD "Wildflowers of Kennesaw Mountain and North Georgia." Her interesting walks impart knowledge of plants, fungi, animals and other living things. For more information, please call 770-427-4686 x0 between 8:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.

This program is rated: Kid friendly

Appropriate for the entire family

Not good for those with limited physical movement



Jack-in-the-Pulpit

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Leave No Trace **A w a r e n e s s W o r k s h o p**

Presented by the Kennesaw Mountain Trail Club

Thursday, March 10, 2011

REI Kennesaw

This workshop introduces the seven Leave No Trace principles to help those who use the outdoors. In addition, methods to prevent and minimize impact on the back-country and front-country will be covered.

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.



- 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

Date: Thursday, March 10, 2011

Time: 6:30pm

Place: REI Kennesaw

(740 Barrett Parkway)

www.rei.com/stores/125

Presented by:

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the Park?

Want to Keep it Looking Pretty?

HERE'S YOUR CHANCE TO HELP.

Please volunteer for Park Day.

On Saturday, April 2, 2011, from 9 am - noon, volunteers are needed to help clean the Park's picnic area and do light building on a new amphitheater. Volunteers need only bring gloves; tools are provided. We suggest that volunteers be no younger than 10 years old. Those interested should sign up by sending an email to Benita Duling at Benita_Duling@nps.gov Volunteers only need to bring gloves if they are so inclined. Free t-shirts are given to all participants.

Park Day, a volunteer effort to maintain Civil War sites in conjunction with the Civil War Preservation Trust and History (formerly the History Channel), is held annually at state and federal sites across the country. For more information, please call 770-427-4686 xo between 8:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. or visit <http://www.civilwar.org/aboutus/events/park-day/>.



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<http://americanhiking.org>



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BARRETT PARKWAY AND TOWN CENTER AT COBB



Daily Grind



April Newsletter Deadline

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

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Trail Maintenance Map

