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National Trails Day - We Need Your Assistance! Registration Problem!

Because of a glitch on our website, all registration forms completed between March 1st, and May 8th were lost! Please go to the website and resubmit your registration as soon as possible! Thanks for your support!

National Trails Day - June 5, 2010

Join KMTC for our 6th annual National Trails Day event. Signing up is quick & easy with our online registration form at http://www.kennesawmountaintrailclub.org/National_Trails_Day_Registration_Form.html. SIGN UP EARLY & tell us how many people are in your group. We'll have a variety of projects throughout the park giving you the opportunity to work in your favorite section.

The North section (between Burnt Hickory & the Visitor Center); the Middle section (between Burnt Hickory & Dallas Highway); and the South section (between Dallas Highway

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& Powder Springs Rd.). Five crews will be working on Big Kennesaw mountain; 2 crews will be on Little Kennesaw; 3 crews will be around Noses Creek & the West Trail; and 2 crews will be in the Powder Springs & Cheatham Hill Rd. areas collecting litter. If you're participating in trail work projects, please do not wear open-toed shoes and long pants are recommended to avoid scrapes & scratches (and poison ivy!). Bring your own water bottle, if possible, but water will be provided at the park.

We'll also need volunteers to help with registration, staffing information booths, and directing traffic on the day of the event and the on-line registration form lets you pick these additional areas where you can volunteer your time. If you have any questions about the event or how your company or club can be involved, please contact **Fred Feltmann** at 770-516-9120 or e-mail at faf1948@bellsouth.net or **Jim Moylan** at 404-290-9318 or e-mail at jmail@happyhippiegames.com.

Remember to pre-register on-line as soon as possible! Local merchants have donated door prizes to be given away at the event. Be sure to register by May 31st!

REI has donated several door prizes! Thank you, REI, for your support!!!!

Jim Moylan

KMTC Near-Term Goals

- Start a Frequent Volunteer program to provide more volunteer opportunities to those who want it
- Start an Adopt-a-Section program for Crew Leaders to focus on sections they frequent the most
- Start an Adopt-a-Trail program for Crew Leaders to get every trail monitored and patrolled at least once per season
- Start an "Eyes & Ears" program for people who frequent the park and want to stay informed about our park activities and can submit reports to our website for any trail problems they see
- Expand the Trail Ambassador program
- Upgrade the trail from the summit of Little Kennesaw to Burnt Hickory Road to allow two way traffic along most places

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

NATIONAL TRAILS DAY, JUNE 5, 2010

PARK SERVICE AREA - LOOK FOR REGISTRATION TENTS!

Time: 8:00 AM - 1:30 PM

PROJECTS - MULTIPLE AREAS/PROJECTS

PRE-REGISTRATION REQUIRED TO DETERMINE NUMBER/LOCATION OF PROJECTS - [HTTP://WWW.KENNESAWMOUNTAINTRAILCLUB.ORG/NATIONAL_TRAILS_DAY_REGISTRATION_FORM.HTML](http://www.kennesawmountaintrailclub.org/NATIONAL_TRAILS_DAY_REGISTRATION_FORM.HTML)

2ND SATURDAY WORKDAY, JULY, 10, 2010

PARK SERVICE AREA

Time: 8:30 AM - 1:30 PM

PROJECTS:-- Stone Steps on the backside of Little Kennesaw
Problem spots on the backside of Little Kennesaw

2ND SATURDAY WORKDAY, AUGUST 14, 2010

PARK SERVICE AREA

Time: 8:30 AM - 1:30 PM

PROJECTS:-- TBD

Mark Your 2010 Calendars!

Remaining 2010 Work Day Schedule

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

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Additional Volunteers needed! Call today!

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

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

Why do they call them Loppers?

Loppers are a pruning tool with long handles to allow cutting of larger branches and roots with less force. They are more formally known as Lopping Shears. The name is derived from the verb "to lop", meaning to cut away branches or twigs which in turn, derives from the 14th century middle English noun "loppe" which is material cut away from a tree; especially parts discarded in lumbering. Interestingly, like we do for "scissors" we will often say "loppers" in the plural even though we are referring to a singular tool.

We use Loppers to clear away brush from the trail corridor, prune branches that are encroaching on the trail and to cut out roots in the trail tread. For safety, always carry loppers with the cutting end facing down and away from you and with one hand around both handles.



This Land

*Fred Feltmann
10/15/04*

*Lands of Hill and Plain.
Mountains and Volcanoes
Lands of cattle ranges and farms,
Of Forest and Desert
Cities and Towns.
Streams and Lakes.*

*Our Heritage.
Lands of our ancestors.
Lands that our children will inherit.
Given to us by our God
And earned by the sweat of our forefathers --
Be they Englishman, Comanche,
Cherokee, German, Italian or
Irish, Arapaho, Anistassi,
Nigerian, or Kenyan, or any
of millions of others who
came before us.*

*Given to us to admire, experience and protect.
To use for our good and the good of all.
This planet we call Earth.*

Memorial Day

*Fred Feltmann
4/16/04*

*Many have served.
Many died in battle as they served.
Some had volunteered to serve.
Some were called.*

*And we honored them - most of them.
For there was a time that we did not.
But now we must.*

*And there are others who served.
And then continued on to live their lives.
They have been honored;
And forgotten.*

*But now their time is at hand.
Our parents, uncles and aunts.
Their time is rapidly drawing to an end.*

*For their sacrifice and suffering,
For their example and strength,
For their understanding and patience with us.
We need to and must remember them.*

*For without their and their comrades' sacrifices,
We would not be free today.*

Free to go about our lives in freedom.

*But we must also remember,
That we must continue to be on guard
As they were.*

*The struggle is not over.
There are others who would not want us to be free.*

KMTC Near-Term Goals - Continued from Page 1

- Relocate trail to accommodate widening of Cheatham Hill Rd
- Start a trail to 24-gun earthworks (expansion of Union Lines Trail)

KMTC Mission Statement

The mission of the Kennesaw Mountain Trail Club is to work in sync and in partnership with the National Park Service (NPS) to:

- Develop a sustainable organization capable of managing the volunteer and development activities of the trail club
 - Maintain hiking, running, and equestrian trails that maximize access to the historic and recreational value of the park and are:
 - Environmentally friendly
 - Sustainable with minimal future upkeep
 - Protective of the historic features the park was created to preserve
 - Recruit volunteers to help maintain the trails and enhance the visitor experience of the park
 - Train members about sustainable trail maintenance and crew leadership
 - Educate visitors and neighbors about the trails and the history within the park
 - Raise funds to support personnel and to obtain additional land or other resources for the park
 - Under the direction of the NPS, assist in the creation of development and maintenance plans that maximize the historic and recreational value of the park
 - Work with government and community groups to gain their support for this mission
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May 8, 2010 Work Day Party On The Backside of Little Kennesaw.



Before!



Thanks to ALL of the volunteers who came out this weekend to "Play in the Dirt" and help us make these trails better!

After!



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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JUNIOR RANGER SUMMER DAY CAMP

The Junior Ranger Summer Day Camp is an opportunity for children to learn about American and environmental history in a fun, innovative way!

During the week, kids will be immersed in social and environmental history. Through hands-on activities, campers will learn what it was like to be Civil War soldiers and artillerymen and drill, march and learn weapon safety just as soldiers did 146 years ago! Kids will also experience civilian life through activities teaching about clothing, etiquette, food and outdoor cooking techniques of Victorian America.

When does this happen?

The camp takes place at Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park for two Monday - Friday sessions:

- June 7-11 and June 14-18, 2010, 9 am - 4 pm daily.
- Children must be between ages 9 – 12 at the time of camp enrollment.

What Will this cost me??

- The camp is free and registration sheets may be found on the park's website, www.nps.gov/kemo.
- Space is limited and children will be accepted in order of receipt of registration sheets.

Registration begins April 1st.



Campers will learn about their local environment as well.

On guided hikes led by botany experts, campers will discover (and taste!) the site's edible landscape by exploring the Battlefield's nearly 3,000 acres of fields and woods. Additional archeology and "Leave No Trace" classes allow kids to understand their role in protecting precious landscapes.

Off-site programs include visits to other local national parks where site rangers will conduct special activities just for Kennesaw "Mountaineers." Through this unique combination of physical activity, hands-on creativity and a diverse yet cohesive subject matter, kids WILL grow to appreciate the story of their past and the natural world around them. At the end of our camp kids will not just be Junior Rangers...but Junior Ranger Mountaineers!

Kennesaw Mountain Trail Club



in conjunction with
**Kennesaw Mountain
National Battlefield Park**
and the
American Hiking Society
present



National Trails Day

17th annual celebration of America's 200,000 miles of trails!

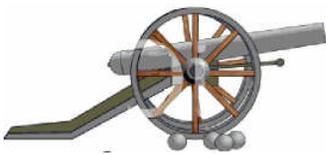
Saturday, June 5, 2010

**** 8 AM Registration ** Trail projects finish at 1:30 PM**

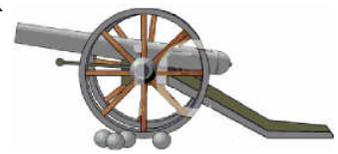
Kennesaw Mountain NBP has over 2,900 acres with over 20 miles of trails

Choose your favorite area in the park & PRE-REGISTER for the event at:

www.KennesawMountainTrailClub.org



Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park
was established in 1933 to
commemorate the **Battle of Kennesaw
Mountain** fought in **June & July 1864**



The Kennesaw Mountain Trail Club is an all-volunteer group meeting once a month to provide critically needed services maintaining 20+ miles of trails, installing signs, & building bridges in the park.

Pre-Registration required for all!

Door prizes provided by RE!!!

****Please register by May 31, 2010 ****

For more information please [email:](mailto:KMTCtrails@KennesawMountainTrailClub.org)

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Sponsors/Partners Corner

Many thanks to our Sponsors and Partners for their support!

<http://americanhiking.org>



BARRETT PARKWAY AND TOWN CENTER AT COBB



June Newsletter Deadline

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

KENNESAW MOUNTAIN NATIONAL BATTLEFIELD PARK

Trail Maintenance Map

