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National Trails Day

Join in the 20th annual nationwide celebration of trails.

On June 9, 2012, the Kennesaw Mountain Trail Club will sponsor a National Trails Day event at Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park from 8:30 am to 1:00 pm. There will be trail maintenance on some of the 20 miles of multi-use (hiking, running, equestrian, dog-walking) park trails. The trails provide access to Civil War battlefields and they border historic entrenchments. Information tents will be set up at trailheads and manned by uniformed Trail Ambassadors to provide hiking maps, trail information and interpretive materials. There will be litter pick-ups on the trails and

adjacent roads in the national park. Tools and supplies will be provided as well as water and trail bars. Volunteers should wear sturdy, close-toed shoes and they may bring their own work gloves.

National Park Service Registration forms (with parental signature for youth under 18) are required and available at the club website: <http://www.kennesawmountaintrailclub.org>. Large groups (10+ volunteers) planning to attend are requested to notify the club by e-mail to membership@kennesawmountaintrailclub.org.

Parking and Registration will be at 8:30 am at the Parking Lot on Old Hwy. 41. The Old Hwy 41 parking lot is 2/10 mile north of the park Visitor Center. The visitor center address is 900 Kennesaw Mountain Drive; Kennesaw, Georgia 30152.

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Helping Other Organizations

April was a busy month for the Trail Club. We, along with Trail Ambassadors, also were involved in several additional activities at the park.

On April 21, in conjunction with “**Youth Service Day**”, Ranger Amanda Corman worked with Hands on Atlanta and the local Kiwanis organization to host some 30 local youths and adult volunteers to perform cleaning/maintenance at the Cheatham Hill picnic area. The Trail Club, along with the park, assisted in getting tools from Hands on Atlanta and then delivering the tools to the work site and also delivering water for everyone, gathering and returning tools to downtown Atlanta. Since the actual work did not take too long, Trail Ambassador Jay Haney, took initiative to take the large group on a history hike to Illinois Monument.

The day started out a little rainy but we all worked together and made it an educational and worth-while event. Amanda came out and talked to all about the importance of volunteering to help our park and graciously thanked everyone. Jay was a standout of leadership in marshaling the group and making them feel the presence of historical land they were working with.

On April 28th, a group of 5 crew leaders hosted a group of 12 from **Life University** which had been arranged through **ServeCobb** to take part in a community service day.

“**Serve Cobb**” actually had various other groups of

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volunteers going to different locations.

We were most fortunate to have our group, because it seemed like there were actually several dozen people for the amount of work that was performed. A widening of some 1/4 mile of lower Kolb Farm west side trail was completed. We have since received numerous compliments on the terrific job that was done. This great group of volunteers experienced a renewed appreciation for the park, which many had used in the past but never really knew the work it takes to keep it in good shape.

Also, on April 28th the Trail Ambassadors gave assistance in crowd control, directions and information during the, "**Trains, Trains, Trains,**" youth program at the park. Notably Larry and Sherry brought their horses and coral out to wow the crowd and display our "Trail Club" banner passing the word about our organization.

This was a real display of cooperation with the park. Ranger Benita Duling could not stop thanking everyone for a great day and her only regret was that kids were crying because they couldn't stay!

These are examples of how the Trail Club and Trail Ambassadors are able to contribute to the overall well-being of Kennesaw Mountain. We're anxious to assist because we are the park's premier volunteer organization. If there is a group or even individual that is in need of our assistance please feel free to call upon us. The Club is expanding and we'll be looking forward to thanking more volunteers in the future.

Doug Jasse

Volunteer! (& Outreach Director)

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, 2013. You should contact Scott Mackay at 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!)

Mid-Week Crew Gets The Dirt Down

There was a truck load of dirt on the Illinois Monument Trail that was left over from the April 14 work day. On Tuesday with a crew of four, Larry, Cindy, Harry and I were able to, with the use of two ditch witches, in a time of some 3 hours, get the dirt put down on the trail. This finished a project that was started on the last work day.

Thankfully we were able to accomplish the job because this was an easier section and we had use of both machines, hand tools and fewer interruptions from people on the trail. In all I believe that we did a good job because the dedicated runners that did come through thanked us for improving this heavily used portion of the trail.

After a lunch break, Cindy, Harry and I took the skid steer up the mountain to Richard's project and used it along with combined rock straps to snatch several large size rocks for a distance off the trail and put in the construction area.

These area examples of work that is frequently performed by club members between our work day. We have fun and like doing things to help keep projects moving along.

Please feel free to join us by contacting the Trail Club and be a "**Trail Helper**".

Thanks,

Doug Jasse - Crew Leader (& Outreach Director)

Trail Club Presentation at KSU Earth Day Event

The Trail Club was asked by organizer Monika Dominici to have a display table on April 23, 2012 at KSU on Earth Day Event. Monika has actually volunteered with us on several occasions, so we were more than happy to accept the invitation. We have participated in this event in the past.

The day of the event, we were greeted by Mother Earth having a '**bad hair day**'! It was nice and sunny, but cool and awfully windy - and that is no exaggeration. True to the Trail Club's goal of building and maintaining trails, we had the only "Sustainable" table there.

In fact, there were some 28 organizations with displays there and things were blowing all over the place. Everyone there stayed true to the spirit of Earth Day: appreciate the environment and don't allow things to be destroyed (least of all our perseverance).

We had a wonderful display: tools like Mcleods, Pulaskis, loppers and rock bars kept our signs and literature anchored. Also in our display of work day provisions were water bottles, t-shirts and work gloves (some of which ended up being worn by shivering neighbors at other displays), Beth, Fred and I answered questions and completely enjoyed our interaction

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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
ATLANTA AUDUBON SOCIETY



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
ROBOTICS TEAM, McEACHERN HIGH SCHOOL
TROOP 405, McEACHERN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
TROOP 147, MOBILE, AL
TROOP 1, SMYRNA, GA
KENNESAW MOUNTAIN HIGH SCHOOL NAVY ROTC GROUP
LIFE UNIVERSITY
SERVECOBB
HANDS ON ATLANTA

Again, thank you for all of your support!

Trail Club Presentation at KSU Earth Day Event

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with the KSU students. The event was very well attended and we had 79 students sign up to be contacted about our work days.

The band, "*I am Copius Jones*," kept us rockin' to stay warm and we had a "*Hot Yoga*" studio set up next to us. They kept us focused on watching them get blown over when they got into a yoga position. In all, it was an enjoyable event and we all hope that the KSU students will remember us when they want to do volunteer work.

The Trail Club greatly appreciated the invitation and we look forward to continued support from Kennesaw State University.

Doug Jasse
Outreach Director

Loyal & Brave

At a recent Civil War Round Table program, the lecturer used the term "*Loyal & Brave*." He was referring to the citizens of a certain community. The term struck me as being applicable to our Trail Club volunteers.

As we are an all-volunteer organization, we depend on the loyalty of our volunteers who attend our work days. Come once and we hope you'll become a loyal participant. Come twice and we feel that you are developing into a loyal volunteer. It isn't difficult to become involved in our program once you've experienced the dedication of our crews as they help maintain the history and usefulness of Kennesaw Mountain.

Brave may be a word that one doesn't think of in conjunction with the Trail Club. I see people being brave every work day. It takes a brave person to go out on the trails and be confident enough to tackle a project. Our crew leaders are always sure to cover "*the circle of death*" in our safety presentations! After hearing about that, one has to be brave to go on with the work (or at least avoid any people using tools). And think about it, how much courage does it take to help move a "large" rock or cut into a patch of prickly vines or poison ivy? It takes an awful lot, I believe.

Thankfully we have "Loyal & Brave" volunteers. The Trail Club is here to serve, so please continue to be loyal and brave. Come help us help Kennesaw Mountain.

Thanks,

Doug Jasse - Outreach Director

Combined Park & Trail Day

April 14, 2012

This was a big day for work @ Kennesaw Mountain; there were numerous projects that took planning and preparation work well in advance of the day. There were requests from the park staff for projects to be performed and we also had trail work that was needed. Early in the week several of us started getting materials together and moving to sites.

Mid-week a group got together to survey a major project to be started and then on Friday we moved more material and "busted rocks" to fit in a certain area. All in all it was coordinating sourcing material and getting it delivered, moving material from park to work sites deciding what to do and last but not least figuring out who would do the work (also hoping that volunteers would come out).

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Kennesaw Mountain Trail Club Calendar for 2012

Date	Time	Location	Event
<u>MAY</u>			
5/12	8:30-1:00	Old Hwy 41 parking lot	Trail Work Day
<u>JUNE</u>			
6/2	5:00-7:30	Visitor Center	Picnic for KMTC Board, Trail Ambassadors & Crew Leaders & spouses
6/9	8:30-1:00	Old Hwy 41 parking lot	National Trails Day
<u>JULY</u>			
7/14	8:30-1:00	Old Hwy 41 parking lot	Trail Work Day
<i>Bold/Italic - Trail Work Days!!!</i>			

Saturday, May 12th, Workday Projects

1. Jim's project on the old mountain trail is nearing the end; it is on the top of the list for the month. A ditch witch will be on site.
2. Richard's Steps at the end of the Fire Road on Big K. is another important Project because of the high number of visitors that use this trail. Rocks will be staged on site before work day. See photo, below.
3. Doug and Harry will be chipping and cutting Privet across from the Cheatham Hill Parking lot. This project will draw the largest work crew because of it size. I was at the site this week and there are many stacks of cuttings ready to chip. Also we must pay attention to the sections already cleared and not allow them to grow back.
4. There is some clean up left at the picnic area at the visitor center lets finish this up a leader will be assigned the morning of the work day.
5. The trees planted need some 10-10-10 and weed removal. Again at the Cheatham hill parking lot.
6. If the project at the Texas Memorial is not finished a crew will be sent there to finish and also to do trail work down and around the Illinois Monument.
7. If Dennis and Susan are working at the Visitor Center, we will support them.

Projects in Red are the key projects for the month.

Also we may have one to two Eagle projects going.

We need all the crew leaders that can come plus lots of volunteers. As usual, we'll meet/register at the Old Highway 41 Parking Lot and disburse from there. See map, below.



Photo by Richard Angeli

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 25,000 volunteer hours to Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park.

We hope to see you at a work day soon!

Eagle Project being done by Daniel Schmidt of Troop 277 1st United Methodist Church. He will be back next Saturday, morning, May 12, and finish waterproofing the fence and tamping the poles to make sure they are set well.



Photos by Fred Feltmann



Latest set of KMTC Volunteers



Book Report – “THE CAMPAIGN FOR ATLANTA”

By Bill Gurry

The book I reviewed last month was over 600 pages with the notes and bibliography. If you want to read a shorter, excellent account of the campaign, this month I have good news and bad news.

The good news is that in July 1964, Civil War Times Illustrated issued an excellent issue solely on the Atlanta campaign, cleverly entitled “*The Campaign for Atlanta!*” This publication only runs 50 pages, and is nearly half maps, drawings, and includes many of the famous George Barnard contemporary photographs, including an 1864 photo taken in Atlanta of the very gun that now sits in the Kennesaw Mountain Visitor Center museum. But there’s a lot of information squeezed into the narratives - the font size is very small. The articles are written mostly by well-known local historians – Dr. Bell Wiley, Franklin Garrett, Wilber Kurtz, and Col. Allen Julian. Col. Wilbur S. Nye, another well-known historian of the day, adds a fifth article on the cavalry operations. Two of the maps cover two pages each and are in color.

The bad news is that this magazine is hard to find. If you can find an old copy on the internet, it’s well worth your effort. The magazine was reprinted (in black and white and tan) in the early 1980’s by the Eastern Acorn Press and used to be carried at Civil War parks, but not today. Today the book store in the Visitor Center carries a similar magazine with the original title “The Campaign for Atlanta” by Albert Castel that runs 56 pages. This magazine is one of the National Park Service Civil War Series. I have only leafed through this one so I can’t say much about it.

Another old Civil War Times issue from January 1970 included a 16-page article by well-known Atlanta campaign expert Richard M. McMurry about the June 27, 1864 battle of Kennesaw Mountain. This article runs 16 pages. The best part of this magazine is the centerfold – my favorite map of the battle that I always carry in my pack when at the park. It was prepared in 1938 by historian C. W. Yates of the NPS and published by the Infantry School at Fort Benning. The map is a topographic map showing troop positions (trenches) and the attacks. The front and back cover unfolds to show the painting “The Battle of Kennesaw Mountain” by the Swedish-born Civil War artist Thure de Thulstrup, who died in 1930.

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Thankfully we had great weather, Anne Strand had the Trail Ambassadors out early to do the check in. Even earlier than that several senior crew leaders led by Richard were already heading up the mountain to get an early start. Tools were being massed and taken to work areas. The volunteers and crew leaders were showing up and thankfully there was a sizable turn out.

Crews were selected and crew leaders proceeded to take over and brief everyone with concerns for safety and the importance of their service to our park.

Harry headed up a crew for Park Day assignment; they worked on the environmental trail off the picnic area, a little over 1 mile loop. Trees that had fallen were cut and placed along trail edge; also aged posts, that had long ago lost their purpose, had to be jacked out of the ground and the hole filled and then posts taken to disposal site. A good bit of labor. This “Park Day” project was completed: Great job!

Beth & Michael headed up work around the picnic and amphitheater area. The grounds were cleaned up by cutting vegetation; spreading wood chips; also, cleared out water channel and cleaned out the creek bed and put reinforcement rocks in place by the amphitheater bridge. Also, had parts of Cub Scout Pack 702 assist in this area, with cleaning up the cooking grills. The area now looks fresh and friendly; I think park visitors were using the area almost as soon as work was completed. Glad that we got this project completed: It’s a gem of the park and the park day volunteers did a fantastic job.

Donald, Randy & Bill worked with volunteers at Visitor Center entrance area. Along with Cub Scout and Trail volunteers they were able to get leaves and debris raked up, & wood chips spread. A rock water diversion border was trenched into place and rocks stacked along walkways. This job took a lot of different skills to be accomplished. Happy to report that this has already show a benefit to the park; where water had previously run over the area and washed out the ground cover; now it doesn’t (was big rain storm next day). Thanks for this.

Dennis & Susan used their skills to lead volunteers to fill in a large area around the mighty oak tree at the viewing area steps of the Visitor Center. They used fill dirt, top soil, organic mulch and wood chips to cover the area, then made a large contour stacked rock border and installed a period style stacked fence to highlight the area. Awesome job that we can all appreciate.

Cindy, Allison and Larry performed work with their team at the Texas Monument portion of trail by Dallas Highway. They were able to complete restoration on some 130 yards of

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trail. They filled in worn tread and worked in water diversions for a sustainable trail. Their crew used diesel ditch witch and hand tools, special thanks to Joseph and Larry for getting the equipment on site. It rained several times since this work was performed, and it's been reported, "So Far So Good", 'nuff said I say! Thanks.

Heavy work was performed on the mountain; Jim's crew along with Rodney and ditch witch assistance from Jerry; moved some mighty big rocks to crib wall area at intersection of old trail going up mountain and fire road. This has been an ongoing project. Engineering skills are being used and learned by everyone associated with this site. It's amazing to see the heavy rocks being jigsawed into place (and not rolling down the mountain!). Thanks to all for the effort and moving the dirt to fill in. I've checked the area after rain storm and happy to say the crib is steady (ain't rockin'). Hard work paid off here.

Richard, Geoff, Curt and Jerry have taken on the big job of correcting the rock steps at trail from fire road (level) going up mountain. This is a site we surveyed and have now gone to work on. Work here was difficult because there was constant traffic of hikers in the tight area. Only one path around work is open. Big rocks had to be taken out and bigger rocks used to replace them. All will have to be installed with precision and a newly designed layout used. Also, the team worked on trail above the work site to divert water and small rocks off the trail. Checked after recent rain storm and their grade dips and nicks are functioning correct; no wash out. This will be a continued project; thankfully we have a terrific start.

Thanks to all the volunteer participants, all the 2012 crew leader class came out, our founding members were there and other crew leaders participated. Trail ambassadors helped with directions and refreshments and keeping our work areas monitored. Thanks to everyone for making a beautiful day, great!

Doug Jasse

Acting Trails Supervisor: April 2012



Cactus bloom on top of Little Kennesaw Mtn.

*5/5/12
by Fred Feltmann*

Still a Threat: the Civil War, a US President and Today



Poison Ivy



Poison Oak

"Twenty-five years after the fighting at Kennesaw, Colonel Benjamin Harrison, 70th Indiana, became the nation's 23rd president. A native of Ohio, Harrison was promoted to brigade command later in the Atlanta Campaign, but not before suffering from the effects of poison ivy. While recuperating at a division hospital in late June 1864, he was succeeded in command of the 70th by LTC Samuel Merrill." from "***Kennesaw Mountain June 1864***" by Richard A. Baumgartner

As a brigadier general with Sherman's campaign near Atlanta, Harrison developed some type of irritation on the skin of his hands, requiring him to wear gloves at all times. John R. Bumgarner, writing in "***The Health of Presidents***," believes it may have been contact dermatitis.

The susceptibility became life long and ultimately became a political liability: while campaigning for governor of Indiana in 1870, he became known as "***Kid gloves Harrison.***"

President Harrison's reaction to poison ivy is an extreme case but it behooves us all to be able to identify and avoid the poison ivy and poison oak that is prevalent throughout the battlefield park.

Jay Haney, Historian

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 MacCloud.

If you would like to have one or more shirts at this price, e-mail **Jay Dement** at 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.



*Big people aren't the only ones who hike Little Kennesaw Mtn! These two were out for the morning with their respective dads having a great time on the Mountain.
Photos by Fred Feltmann*



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150 years ago in the Civil War

May	5	Battle of Williamsburg, VA. <u>Peninsular Campaign</u> . Holding action by CSA Gen Longstreet allowed Gen Johnston to withdraw his heavy supply trains safely.
May	7	Engagement at West Point (Eltham's Landing), VA. <u>Peninsular Campaign</u> . McClellan's amphibious envelopment was anticipated by Johnston and was thwarted by poor Union execution.
May	8	Battle of McDowell, VA. <u>Valley Campaign</u> . CSA Gen Jackson held the high ground successfully against a Union attack.
May	9	Confederates evacuated Norfolk, VA. <u>Naval Campaign</u> . Union pressure forced the Confederates to evacuate this important port.
May	9	Bombardment of Pensacola, FL. <u>Naval Campaign</u> . Union navy put pressure on another important Confederate port.
May	10	Naval engagement at Plum Bend, AK. <u>Naval Campaign</u> . Confederates defeated the Union navy in one of only two Civil War gunboat fleet engagements on the Mississippi River, ramming and sinking two Union ironclads, Cincinnati and Mound City.
May	15	Battle of Drewrys Bluff, VA. <u>Naval Campaign</u> . Confederate works withstood Union naval bombardment and prevented the Union navy from attacking Richmond.
May	20	Lincoln signed the Homestead Act, designed to encourage Western settlement by giving 160 acres to those who would live on the land.
May	23	Engagement at Front Royal, VA. <u>Valley Campaign</u> . CSA victory.
May	25	Battle of First Winchester, VA. <u>Valley Campaign</u> . CSA victory.
May	26	Skirmish at Calico Rock, AK
May	30	Confederates evacuate Corinth, MS. <u>Naval Campaign</u> .
May	31	Battle of Fair Oaks (Seven Pines), VA. <u>Peninsular Campaign</u> . Gen Longstreet missed an opportunity to defeat McClellan's forces in detail. Gen Johnston is wounded. He is replaced by Gen Robert E. Lee on June 1.



Photo by Scott Mackay - April 14th Work day Project

500 Dog Kits Ready To Give Away

from May 12 through the 148th Battlefield Anniversary Weekend on June 22-23.

During the six (6) week campaign, the dog kits will be distributed according to these priorities:

1) For the first two (2)-three (3) weeks, we will give dog bags to owners with dogs off leash.

2) Later, we will give them to dog walkers who have the very long reel-in leashes, exceeding the required 6 foot length. Using the long leashes does not give them good control of their dog.

3) If we still have some dog kits remaining, we will give them away as a “**thank you**” to

dog walkers who have their dogs under control on a leash.

It is hoped that this campaign will inform and persuade dog owners to be responsible dog walkers at the Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park.

David Strand

Trail Ambassador



Emerson First Baptist Sunday School filling up dog bags with Trail Ambassador Kerry Sustak

Thanks also to the other Trail Ambassadors who helped to fill the bags: Paul Eubanks & the McEachern Robotics team; Sherry & Larry Shogren; Jay & Anne Page Haney; Thomas Bartol; Regina Dunn. The kits all look great! They include a specially lettered 6 foot green nylon dog leash, doggy treats, park trail map and the “Canines in the Civil War” park bulletin. Printed on the front of the bag are the principles of a “**Responsible Dog Walker**”.

- Use a dog poop bag to pick up your dog waste & place it in trash
- Always follow the trails to preserve park lands and history
- Always use a leash to protect your dog from getting lost or injured
- Your dog on a leash will not harm other park visitors or animals
- Failure to leash your dog is against the law & may result in a fine!

This project was undertaken at the request of Park Superintendent Nancy Walther. Trail Ambassadors will carry the dog kits and distribute them as part of the “**Responsible Dog Walker**” campaign. The campaign will last six (6) weeks,

Lost Dog



**TIKA SAYS: "I AM NOT A LOST DOG!
MY OWNER KEEPS ME ON A LEASH
AT THE KENNESAW MOUNTAIN NATIONAL PARK"**

**KEEP YOUR DOG ON A 6 FOOT LEASH-SO SHE CAN
RETURN HOME SAFELY, TOO!!**

Post Work day photos - 4/14/12



Photos by Scott Mackay

April 28th - special Work day!



Newsletter 12

<http://kennesawmountaintrailclub.org>

2012 Activities at Kennesaw Mountain Battlefield

May:

May 14: Monday Night Program | Lecture- Brain S. Wills, Union General George Thomas

May 15: Trail Club work day | 8:30 am - 1 pm meet @ Old Hwy 41 Parking Lot.

May 24-28: Veterans' Uniform Display | Historian Ken Myers presents veterans' uniforms and memorabilia from World War I through Operation Iraqi Freedom. The display is at the KEMO Visitor Center and is available from 9 am – 4 pm.

May 26: 11 am, 1 pm Cheatham Hill Talk about Cheatham Hill battle, Phillip Whiteman

May 27 -28: Artillery Demonstration @ Visitor Center | 11 am, 12 pm, 2 pm, 3 pm.

June:

June 1 – July 27: Fun-at-the-Mountain Fridays | Each Friday children can have fun with the rangers, participating in various nature and history centered activities that encourage hands-on involvement. Programs last approximately one hour, beginning at 1 pm each Friday.

June 9: National Trails Day | 8:30 am - 1 pm meet @ Old Hwy 41 Parking Lot.

June 10: Artillery Demonstration @ Visitor Center | 11 am, 12 pm, 2 pm, 3 pm.

June 17: 11, 1 Cheatham Hill Talk about Cheatham Hill battle, Phillip Whiteman

June 23-24: 148th Battle Anniversary | Various events commemorating the anniversary of the Battle of Kennesaw Mountain. Artillery and infantry demonstrations presented, along with civilian and military life encampments.

July:

July 8: Artillery Demonstration @ Visitor Center | 11 am, 12 pm, 2 pm, 3 pm.

July 14: 8:30-1:00 Old Hwy 41 parking lot Trail Work Day
11 am, 1 pm Cheatham Hill Talk about Cheatham Hill battle, Phillip Whiteman

July 22: Artillery Demonstration @ Visitor Center | 11 am, 12 pm, 2 pm, 3 pm.

August:

August 5: Artillery Demonstration @ Visitor Center | 11 am, 12 pm, 2 pm, 3 pm.
11 am, 1 pm Cheatham Hill Talk about Cheatham Hill battle, Phillip Whiteman

August 11: 8:30-1:00 Old Hwy 41 parking lot August Trail Work Day

August 13: Monday Night Program | These programs cover a variety of historical and culturally relevant topics delivered by subject experts. Speakers are to be announced; please check back later for more details.

August 19: Artillery Demonstration @ Cheatham Hill | 11 am, 12 pm, 2 pm, 3 pm.

September:

September 2 - 3: Artillery Demonstration @ Visitor Center | 11 am, 12 pm, 2 pm, 3 pm.

September 10: Monday Night Program | These programs cover a variety of historical and culturally relevant topics delivered by subject experts. Speakers are to be announced; please check back later for more details.

September 30 : Artillery Demonstration @ Visitor Center | 11 am, 12 pm, 2 pm, 3 pm.

October:

October 14: Artillery Demonstration @ Visitor Center | 11 am, 12 pm, 2 pm, 3 pm.

October 15: Monday Night Program | These programs cover a variety of historical and culturally relevant topics delivered by subject experts. Speakers are to be announced; please check back later for more details.

October 28: Artillery Demonstration @ Mountain Top | 11 am, 12 pm, 2 pm, 3 pm.

November:

November 11: Artillery Demonstration @ Visitor Center | 11 am, 12 pm, 2 pm, 3 pm

December:

*The KMTC at Kennesaw State University
Photo by Fred Feltmann*



NATIONAL TRAILS DAY

Join in the 20th annual nationwide celebration of trails



June 9, 2012

Trail Work Day 8:30 - 1:00

Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park

Meet at Parking Lot on Old Hwy. 41

(.2 miles north of the Visitor Center)



Information available at

<http://www.kennesawmountaintrailclub.org>

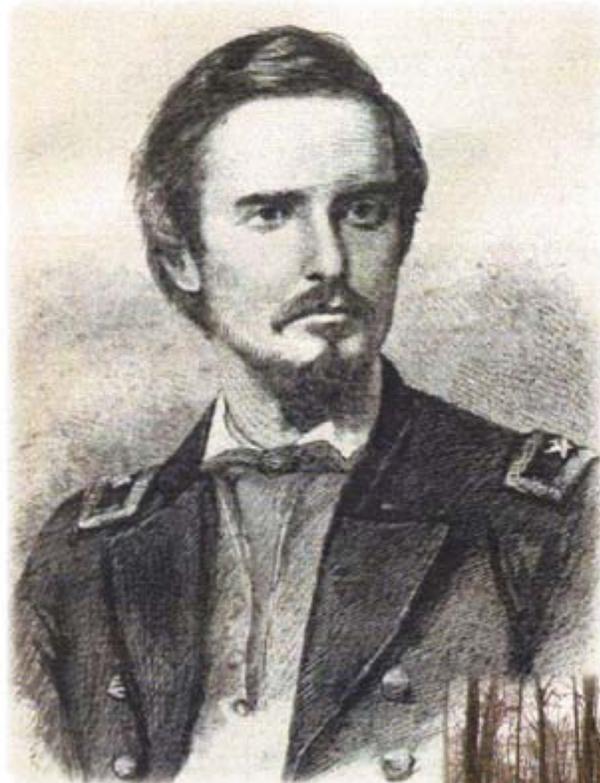


Cheatham Hill Battlefield Guided History Walks

You are invited to join historian Phillip Whiteman on guided history walks of the Cheatham Hill battlefield area!

The walks take place on:

May 26
June 17
July 14
August 5



Col. Dan McCook

Walks are at 11:00 AM and 1:00 PM on each date. No advance registration is required and the walks are free of charge.

For questions on this or any other program offered, please call us at 770-427-4686 x 0 between 8:30 AM and 5:00 PM.



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An "Honor Our Veterans" Event: 2012 Memorial Day Commemorative Activities

- **Veterans' Uniform Display** - Thursday, May 24, through Monday, May 28, 2012, a veterans' uniform display will be available, free and open to the public from 9 AM – 4 PM in the Battlefield's Visitor Center.

Included are numerous uniforms and other memorabilia from World War I through Operation Iraqi Freedom. All of the uniforms and other items are identified with the veteran's name, branch of service, and when the veteran served; photographs of the veterans are included with most uniforms. Mr. Ken Myers is the owner/presenter of the display and has provided U.S. military displays in the Atlanta area for the past thirteen years. He will be present to answer any questions.

- **Artillery Demonstrations** - Monday, May 27-28, at 11:00 AM, 12, 2 and 3:00 PM at the Visitor Center front battlefield area.

- **Kennesaw Mountain High School's NJROTC drill team performing at 1 PM in the Visitor Center front field.**

- **Project Poppy** - Visitors will also be able to purchase poppies in honor of a veteran for \$1. The poppies are the handwork of local school children. All proceeds go to "Wreaths Across America," a nonprofit organization working to remember and honor fallen heroes who served through wreath laying ceremonies at national cemeteries.



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Have You Thanked a Veteran Lately?

Kennesaw Mountain proudly announces “Project Poppy,” an effort to return Memorial Day to what it was meant to be: a time to honor brave American veterans who gave the last full measure.

It's more than the start of summer;
More than the launch of barbecue season.
It's about thanks and remembrance.

The kindergarteners of Powder Springs Elementary have made poppies to help place wreaths on the headstones of veterans at the Marietta National Cemetery through the “Wreaths Across America” program. Their poppies are available for sale through the Kennesaw Mountain Historical Association for one dollar now through May 31.

You may dedicate your poppy in honor of a veteran; each poppy bought will be displayed along with the name of the honored vet Memorial Day weekend.



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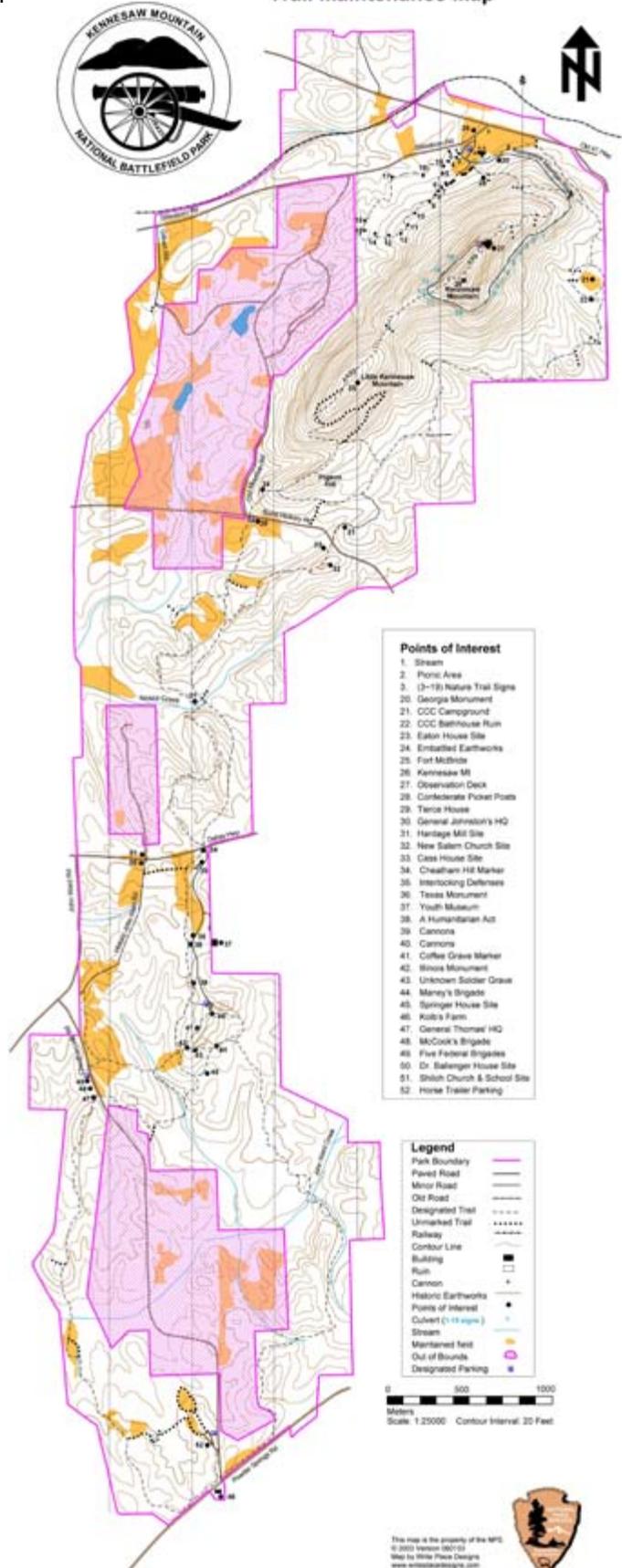


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KENNESAW MOUNTAIN NATIONAL BATTLEFIELD PARK

Trail Maintenance Map



June Newsletter Deadline

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