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Volunteer Of The Year -

Doug Tasse!

Congratulations, Doug Tasse! Doug was selected by the NPS staff at Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park as the Park's Volunteer of the Year.



November 14, 2015

Trail Work Day Plan

8:30 AM - 1:00 PM

Volunteers will assemble at the Cheatham Hill Road Parking Lot.

Extra parking will be available on the grass field across the road.

Please be at the lot and get signed in at our Trail Ambassador's Table by

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8:15 AM.

Refer to our website and use Volunteer Spot for preregistration; then print and complete the Check-in and Release Form.

During our continuing work on the East Kolb Farm Trail, we will be finishing up construction of our newest 14' trail bridge by adding dirt and rock fill to the ramps and improving adjacent area as needed for horse and hiker safety.

We will also be filling in a major washout in the middle of the trail, trenching the sides for better drainage; de-berming trail edges & removing invasive plants, brush & debris along the trail sides.

Crew Leaders will provide guidance, safety lectures, tools, equipment, construction materials, water & snacks.

Please dress for November outdoor work - layered clothing is best; no sandals or flip flops!

We have gloves (used) available or bring your own.

Note: Main Registration is at the Cheatham Hill Road Parking Lot (not the road to the Illinois Monument).

Trail Ambassadors will also be @ the Old 41 Parking Lot to refer volunteers to the Trail Day location.

Thanks!!

Ken Hale

Trail Director

Kennesaw Mountain Trail Club

Please "Like" us on FACEBOOK!

VIP Award Recipients - 2015

Congratulations to all of the volunteers who made this another great year for the visitors to Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park, especially the following Volunteer In The Park (VIP) 2015 Award recipients:

Doug Tasse - Volunteer of the Year

Phillip Whiteman - Living History Volunteer of the Year

Robert McMillan - Front Desk Volunteer of the Year

Cam Graham - Trail Club Volunteer of the Year

Anne Strand/Fred Feltmann - Presidential Award (for 4000 career volunteer service hours.)



Anthony Winegar, Amanda Corman & Front Desk Volunteer of the Year, Phillip Whiteman



Anthony Winegar, Amanda Corman & Volunteer of the Year, Doug Tasse



Anthony Winegar, Amanda Corman & Living History Volunteer of the Year, Phillip Whiteman



Amanda Corman, Anthony Winegar & Trail Club Volunteer of the Year, Phillip Whiteman



Kennesaw Mountain Trail Club - George & Helen Hartzog National Volunteer Group Recipient - 2014; Scott Mackay, outgoing President, receiving the Award on behalf of the Trail Club.

Need a Bridge: Oct 10, 2015 Rain

Out

October 9-10 was a long night; rain started late evening, rained hard @3:45 am, it was still raining 6:30 am – the call had to be made: We canceled Trail Day. Thanks to our social networks appropriate postings were



Photo by Jay Haney

made. As was earlier disclosed to our Crew Leaders they were going to assemble and wait out the rain so that some work could be performed. Crew Leaders were at the Cheatham Hill Rd. parking lot by 8:30 am. Also, to our surprise, were 25+ volunteers, who showed up as well. Due to trail conditions after the rain, this was a good size group to do work. There was still a misting of rain but by 9:15 am the rain had stopped.

We had the removal of the culvert on the East Kolb Farm Trail planned for many months and it was deteriorating more as time passed. October was our target month and all material was on site. The Park purchased the supplies and material; we had some delivered and we picked up the rest. Now with the assembled group we went to work.

Also, this Trail Day was the first one as Trail Director for Ken Hale. He had trail work planned and with a dedicated crew and an experienced Crew Leader, they went to work performing repairs to the East Kolb Farm Trail east of Cheatham Hill Road. Of course the breadth of the trail work was scaled way back, but all the work was done just as needed. Good trail maintenance.

Everyone else went to work at the culvert area. Prior to Trail Day we had done demolition of the rock walls at the inlet and exit of the culvert. It was now a messy/muddy and dirty job of digging around the old culvert, a lot of dirt had to be removed.

Meanwhile people were building up the ramp to the new bridge and setting base rocks. We had water flowing around the 4 sections of the concrete culvert and figured they were so clogged and embedded that they'd have to just be left in place and built over.



Photo by Jay Haney

We called it a day at 1 pm as we had another volunteer group coming Sunday to continue the bridge work.

Sunday morning was beautiful, no weather problem in sight. We had arranged to have a Navy Reserve contingent group from Dobbins perform trail work. Working on the bridge project was perfect for them.

Your newly elected Club Pres waited with the lead Officer from the group for everyone to check in.

It was a delayed process due to some military obligations (hey, take care of those – no problem). Our new Trail Director and some crew leaders were already at the work site. It was necessary to send the volunteers to the

site as they showed up. Well by the time we all got down there, miraculously, the old cement culvert (4 sections) was out of the creek and rolled to the side. I really didn't think that it could be done, but there they were. They had used a come-along with cable to pull each upright, scooped out the silt and rolled them out of the creek – Thank You All. After that we all moved like a bunch of 'Sea Bees', constructing and moving rocks and dirt as fast as possible. The far side of the foundation was set, beams put in place, tread attached, side rocks set and the ramp fill added.

This job was completed in a short time (probably 8 hours over 2 days); however a whole bunch of prep work was done. Also, since construction Donald Olds had a group of Scouts working on an Eagle Scout Project dress up the area and do repair work at a soggy section at foot of the bridge.

For the November Trail Day we'll work there again to finish up the project. The area is usable now but we'll make it even better.

Thanks to everyone who helped get this project going and who worked on it. It was a good surprise to see volunteers show up on a rainy Saturday morning; please don't be disappointed if you heeded the work day cancelation. It was an overall safety concern and more volunteers could have presented a problem with our work. So please attend another Trail Day. Also, special Thanks to the Navy

Reservists who took the elective to volunteer with us; they certainly met and more so their physical training and community service obligations, we hope that you'll return.

Come see the new bridge and enjoy the trails; we look forward to seeing our members and new volunteers; see Facebook and newsletter for details pertaining to our Trail Day and/or special events.

Thanks,

Doug Jasse
President KMTTC

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Need a Bridge...

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PS: Congratulations to our new Trail Director, Ken Hale for the safe work days. Special thanks to Cindy Witt ,Danny Leigh, Scott Mackay and Larry Shogren for all the prep work and hauling of materials. We sure did a lot to help others. And a special thank you to Harry for getting the team together that wouldn't give up and got those culvert pieces out of there!



Yes WE Can!

Need A Bridge...Epilogue

The original plan was over Saturday and Sunday to remove the culverts and replace with a bridge. However, an attempt on Saturday to lift a culvert section with a Ditch Witch was unsuccessful. The culverts would have to remain, at least until later. Ken Hale had observed that the culvert sections could probably be pulled from their position with a come-a-long.

On Sunday , I brought a come-a-long hoping to at least establish that the sections could be moved from underneath the bridge site, even if we would have to complete the removal after the bridge was completed.

As we began to prepare to move the first culvert section, it became very obvious that the general consensus among those present was the culverts needed to be removed now, rather than later. Most of us were Crew Leaders, but we already had two volunteers present. This was to become a true team effort. (And a fantastic opportunity it was to build teamwork - and find out what a successful team feels like when the job is accomplished!)

The plan was to pull each culvert section downstream , tip the section up and remove the silt. Removing the silt would greatly ease any further handling.

We would want to be pulling nearly in line with the length of the culvert. To tip the section up we would want to be pulling up on the far end of the section. A large enough tree was located on a low bank far enough downstream that the come-a-long and chains would form a small angle to the top and length of the culvert section.

Since we were concerned about dragging the heavy sections thru the silt in the stream bed, we would put two digging bars on the stream bed with their ends underneath the end of the section before we began to pull each section.

I was aware of the tremendous mechanical advantage of a come-a-long, the handle moves a large distance to pull the cable a small distance. But, I was still surprised by the ease of pulling the sections with the come-a-long.

Because of the team work, we were pulling that last section as Doug and the remaining volunteers arrived. As we pulled a section, others were preparing the next section and rolling the prior sections out of the stream bed.

The team work as displayed on this project is what makes working with the Kennesaw Mountain Trail Club fun!

(See more photos on page 11.)

Harry Carpenter
Crew Leader

'Cindy's Rock' Now In Place

Or

You Can Bank On Bank Of America!

Cindy, a Crew Leader & equipment operator, had recently discovered a large rock which was below the maintenance area parking lot. She said that it needed to be relocated to a special place. I knew the exact place for the rock and after work with KSU Acct group we dropped the rock roadside at the steps area across from

Little K concrete steps. Friday, 10/23, Harry, Larry, Geoff, Robert and I hosted 6 employees from Bank of America office for their Environmental Volunteer program. Working together we hoisted that large (700 lb) rock and installed it close to top of the stairs (at wood beam), then added additional rocks to make a platform and step area where there had been a large obstruction. It worked! The team also did evasive plant trimming in the area. It was a good day as confirmed by a note from the group leader.

It really wasn't something that the volunteers expected, but they enjoyed the change from pruning, weeding and trash pickup. Thank you for making it so interesting and giving us the opportunity for some service hours.

- Jerry T

This is not Bank Of America's first appearance - they have provided us many hours of support over the years - Thanks for all of your help! Hope to see you all again on future work days. It is great to see a returning group of volunteers. (Fred Feltmann)

Thanks to all who helped 'our park' get the rock placed in this special spot.

Doug Jasse
KMTTC President



Photo by Fred Feltmann - Cindy's Rock

Amazon-Smile Update

Thanks to all who have used the Amazon/Smile website to date. We are getting your donations to this website when you purchase items via this website from Amazon.

For those who wish to also contribute through your purchases at Amazon, Amazon has provided us an additional link - www.Smile.Amazon.com. Use of this site does not increase your cost to purchase whatever you would normally buy on Amazon.com. Rather, Amazon.com donates a percentage of your purchase to the Trail Club. When you enter the website, they will ask you to designate a charity - we are identified as "Kemotrails Corp," our 501c(3) filing name.

New Park Staff!

With the new year, comes new NPS Staff members - replacing those who retired or moved on to other jobs. Please welcome them, when you come to the Park.

Administrative Officer- Sharon Gondron - on duty In Administration bldg.

Park Guide- Jake Boling - on duty in Visitor Center (Thur. - Sun.)

Facilities Manager- David "Chip" Bradley - on duty in Maintenance

Park Ranger (temporary assignment) - Jessica Healy - coming in mid-November



*Wonder! "The Volunteers" Concert
Photo by Fred Feltmann*

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Additional Volunteers needed! Call today!

KSU Accounting Class 4600 KMTC Service Day - October 17, 2015

On Saturday, October 17, 2015, KSU Accounting Class 4600 made a return visit to Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park. Jay Haney, Cam Graham and David Strand (registration support) provided the students with an overview of the history of the Park and an introduction as to how the National Park Service accounts for and tracks mission critical assets. The wide range of topics included everything from General Hood's march down Powder Springs Road to how the Park establishes asset maintenance priorities.

The second half of the day was spent at the Civilian Conservation Corps Camp Brumby site assisting with invasive plant control. Students under the guidance of Ken Hale, Cindy Witt, Harry Carpenter, David Hernandez, and Spencer McAllister (Crew Leader Candidate), made great headway towards privet removal around the camp's assembly field.

In March 2015, KSU Accounting made their first appearance at Kennesaw Mountain. Comments from these students included:

- *"Not only did we learn about asset allocation within the department of the interior, but we also grew closer as a group of young accountants. This experience will allow us to have greater networking opportunities in the future ... I really enjoyed working with and getting to know my classmates a little bit better through this experience. It appears we are all on similar journeys in life at the moment and because of that it makes attending this class that much more enjoyable."* – Jesse A.
- *"The first thing that struck me was when one of the workers had mentioned each of our hours were rated to be worth \$25 an hour. There were nearly thirty of us out there on Saturday and we each worked four hours. As a group our work is valued at \$3,000. Since there were so many people in the class helping we cut down everything in the area in a really short time. A person by himself would take all day to accomplish what we did as a group in only a few hours."* –Reno B.
- *"The activity provided a great sense of accomplishment that helped to improve the camaraderie between students in the class. It showed us how easily we could form one big team to tackle the task at hand. And according to the staff at the Kennesaw Mountain Trail Club, we did more than tackle it. They raved about us stating that we were the only service project group that actually finished the task that was given, and we did it ahead of schedule. This added to the sense of accomplishment and left a great feeling of self-worth ... I think we worked with was seemed like a model Nonprofit organization that does a great job providing a*

service for the local community and excels in maintaining the historic aspect of such a significant piece of Georgia history." – Chris H.

- *"I believe that the most important pro of a service learning project is that it allows the class to meet outside of the classroom setting. The contacts one makes in college seem to be the most important asset that will transfer with the student into the workforce. Other pros include fostering a sense of personal responsibility in the community and building relationships with established local GNPs."* – Joshua K.

KMTC volunteers assisting with the first visit included Rachel Desmond, Melanie Markman, Danny Leigh, Harry Carpenter, Bruce Rugg and Cam Graham.

This project is in partnership with KSU -

Benedikt Quosigk, Ph.D.

Assistant Professor of Accounting, School of Accountancy
Coles College of Business
Kennesaw State University



Kennesaw State University Accounting 4600 class celebrating our Service Day March 7, 2015.

Photos by Ashley Quosigk.



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 2015 (October 2014- September 2015) and Fiscal 2016 (October 2015 - Present):

FY 2015

ALLATOONA HIGH SCHOOL BETA CLUB
ALLATOONA HIGH SCHOOL- NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY
ALLATOONA HIGH SCHOOL NJROTC
AMERICORPS
ARRIS INTERNS
APTEAN ACARE
BOY SCOUTS TROOP 29
BOY SCOUT TROOP 75
BOY SCOUT TROOP 89
BOY SCOUT TROOP 144
BOY SCOUTS TROOP 204
BOY SCOUT TROOP 252
BOY SCOUT TROOP 277
BOY SCOUT TROOP 455, ATLANTA
BOY SCOUT TROOP 540
BOY SCOUT TROOP 703
BOY SCOUT TROOP 773
CHASTAIN ENCLAVE SUBDIVISION
CUB SCOUT PACK 405
CUB SCOUT PACK 702
DELTA CHI FROM GA TECH
DEMOLAY
INTERNATIONAL ACADEMY OF SMYRNA BETA CLUB
E. PAULDING AFJROTC
FRESENIUS MEDICAL CARE
GIRL SCOUT TROOP 2040
HANDS ON ATLANTA
HILLGROVE HIGH SCHOOL FBLA
HILLGROVE HIGH SCHOOL NJROTC
HILLGROVE NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY
HISTORY CLUB OF AUSTIN MIDDLE SCHOOL, PAULDING COUNTY
HOLDER CONSTRUCTION
KAPPA SIGMA FRATERNITY, KSU
KAPPA SIGMA- SPSU
KENNESAW CRUSADERS
KENNESAW MOUNTAIN HIGH SCHOOL NJROTC
KSU ACCOUNTING CLASS
KSU- ONLINE ACCOUNTING CLASS



KSU GREEK DAY OF SERVICE
LAMBDA Upsilon LAMBDA, GEORGIA STATE UNIVERSITY
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
PHOBIO, INC.
RAINBOW GIRLS
SOGETI
STUDENT CONSERVATION ASSOCIATION
TAP MIDDLE SCHOOL BETA CLUB
TEENS HELP OTHER PEOPLE
THE NORTH FACE STORE
THETA CHI- IOTA RHO, SOUTHERN POLYTECH
TRUST, KSU
U. S. NAVY CHIEF SELECTS
VENTURING CREW 75
VENTURING CREW 1011
WALKER HIGH SCHOOL
WALKER HIGH SCHOOL SOPHOMORE CLASS
WHEELER HS HELPING HANDS CLUB
WOODSTOCK HS NJROTC

FY 2016

The following Groups participated in our October Work Days:

McEACHERN HS ROBOTICS TEAM
U.S. NAVY RESERVISTS (OCTOBER 11 TH)
BOY SCOUT TROOP 4 EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT, KENNESAW, GA
HILLGROVE HS NJROTC
KSU ACCOUNTING CLASS 4600 (OCTOBER 17 TH)
BANK OF AMERICA (OCTOBER 23 RD)



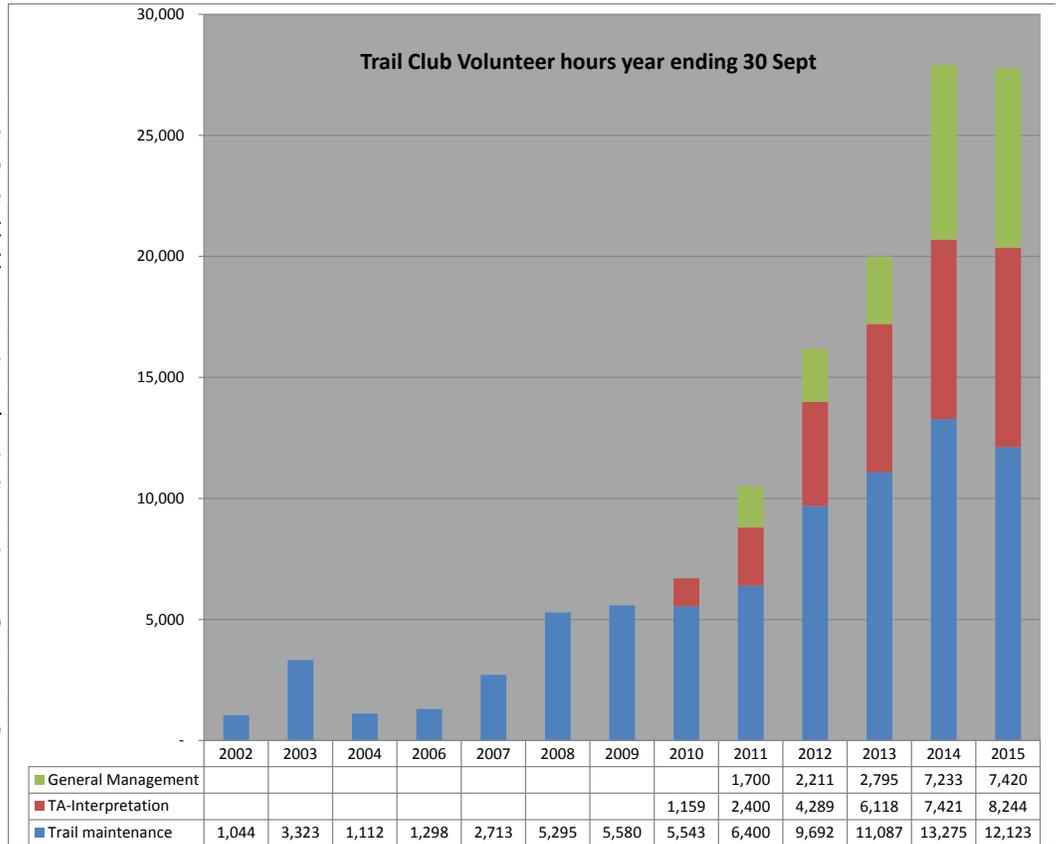
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You're Hours Count!

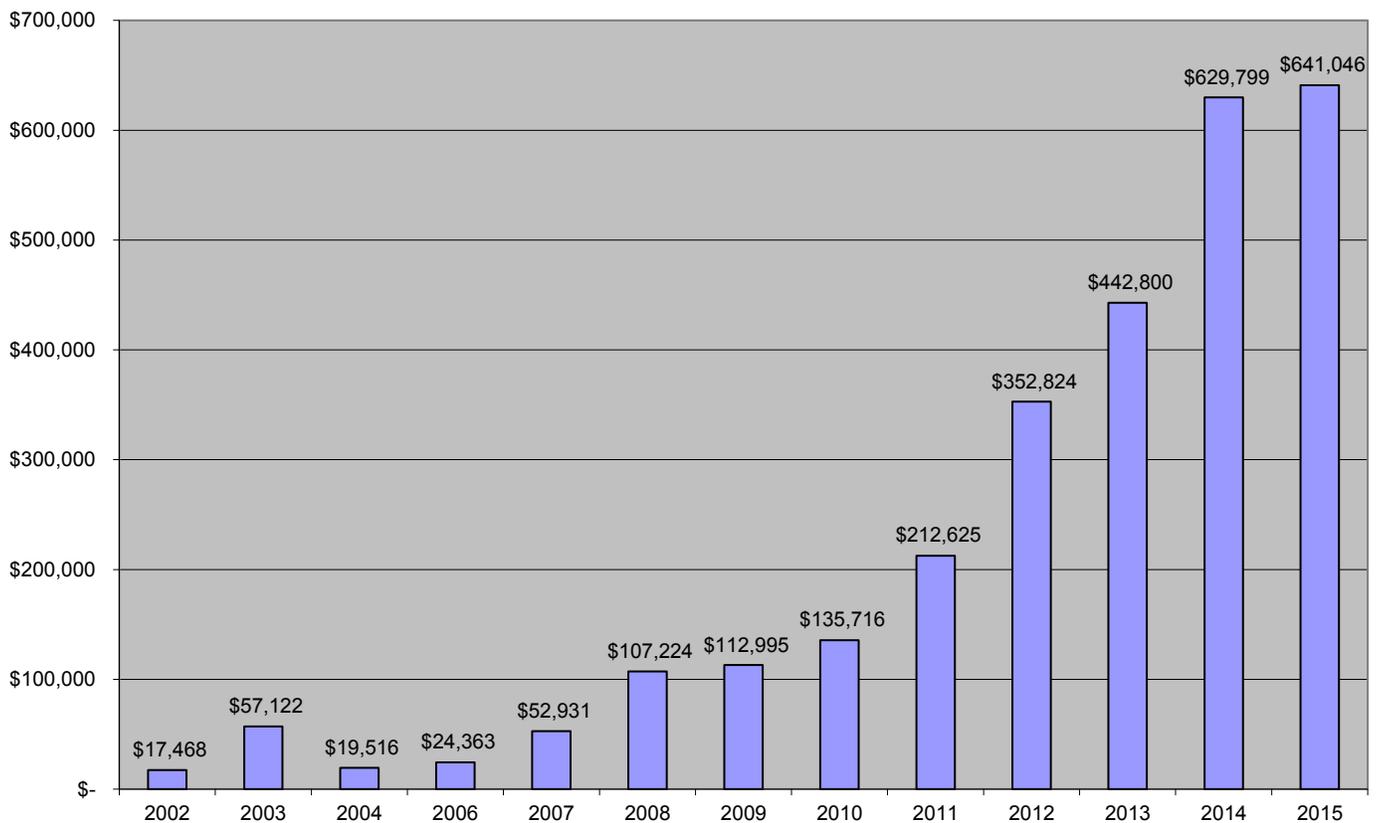
Each and every hour you serve as a volunteer for the Kennesaw Mountain Trail Club and the National Park Service counts! For FY 2015, we spent over 31,700 hours working at Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park serving the public and making the visitor's experience better. We earn approximately \$23 per hour for each hour of service. As noted in the graph below, the service we, as volunteers, provided this past year was worth over \$641,000!

Thanks to everyone who worked with us this past year!

Thanks for a job well done!
We look forward to your help this coming year.



Kennesaw Mountain Trail Club-Value of volunteer hours



Kennesaw Mountain Trail Club Calendar

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Event</u>
November, 2015			
11/8	See Event	Visitor Center Front Field	Artillery Demonstrations - 11 am, 12 noon, 2 pm & 3 pm
11/14	8:30 am - 1 pm	Cheatham Hill Rd. Field (Across from the Cheatham Hill Rd. Parking Lot)	Trail Work Day
December 12, 2015			
11/14	11:30 am - 4 pm	TBD	Trail Work Day (<i>Note Winter work day time change!</i>)
January, 2016			
1/9	11:30 am - 4 pm	TBD	Trail Work Day (<i>Note Winter work day time change!</i>)

Leave No Trace AWARENESS COURSE

Where: REI, Kennesaw GA

When: Thursday, January 28, 2016
6:00 to 8:00



Jay Dement, Master Educator, will conduct this informative session on the principles of Leave No Trace for Outdoor Ethics. Participants who enjoy the outdoors will be informed and educated those about the effect of their recreational impacts. Tools will be presented so we can become better stewards of the backcountry environment. All KMTC members who attend the course will receive a Leave No Trace patch.

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 this month at 8:30 am at the Cheatham Hill Parking Lot 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!

10/10/15 Work Day

Photos by Fred Feltmann



10/11/15 Work Day - Naval Reservists & Crew Leaders

Photos by Scott Mackay



10/14/15 - Ethan Brooks' Troop 4 Eagle Scout Project

Photos by Fred Feltmann



"Before" Photo.



"After" Photo

The Volunteers Concert - 10/22/15

Photos by Fred Feltmann



10/23/15 - Bank Of America Work Day

Photos by Fred Feltmann



Critter Page

Photos by Fred Feltmann, except as noted.



Photo by Ken Hale - An Earth worm?

A Rainy Day In Georgia

Fred Feltmann - 10/11/15

It was a raining morning in GA, that day....

And who should come a-calling in the parking lot, looking for a snack....

"If I don't look at him, he'll go away, or at least not take my photo.

Drenched I am! What a place to look for food - only a duck would do this!

Wait, I'm not a duck...and I'm perched on this sign....

Where's lunch?

They don't come out in the rain?????"

Ah, a rainy day in GA.



**GRAND
PRIZE**
2015 Photo Contest



*Grand Prize: "A foggy evening at Chancellorsville,"
Chancellorsville, VA, by Theresa Rasmussen*

The 2015 Civil War Trust Photo Contest

The Civil War Trust was honored by more entries than ever to our 2015 Annual Photo Contest. Thank you to all of our entrants for sharing your photographs, as well as your passion for Civil War history and preservation; we wish we could highlight all of your photos.

Our Grand Prize this year goes to Theresa Rasmussen of Fredericksburg, Virginia, whose stunning photo of Chancellorsville captivated the judges' attention with its recognition of the beauty and thought-provoking nature of America's hallowed battlefields.

You can enjoy these photos year-round, while supporting battlefield preservation, with our **2016 Civil War Trust Calendar**, which is [now available for pre-order here](#).

Even though this year's contest has drawn to a close, please continue to share your Civil War photos with us year round. Our American Civil War Battlefields photo group on Flickr remain open 24 x 7. We are always excited to see your latest photos — and once the contest opens again, you can be ready to start tagging your photos right away. [Share your photos »](#)

Want to see more Civil War related photos? [Check out our new Photo Collection page for all our photography features »](#)

More photo winners can be found at http://www.civilwar.org/photos/annual-photo-contest/2015-photo-contest-winners/?utm_source=email&utm_medium=email_update&utm_campaign=photocontest101315.

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[Share your photos on Flickr »](#)

Past Contest Winners

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[2008 Winners »](#)

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*1865 Battlefields - First Place:
"Appomattox 150th Luminaries,"
Appomattox, VA, by Buddy Secor*

Civil War 150 Years Ago August 1861

Aug 2 First national income tax passed by the United States Congress

Aug 3 Balloon ascension by John LaMountain at Hampton Roads, Virginia

Aug 10 Battle of Wilson's Creek (Oak Hill), Missouri. The first major Civil War battle fought west of the Mississippi River, and the site of the death of Nathaniel Lyon, the first Union general killed in action. The costly Southern victory on August 10, 1861, focused national attention on the war in Missouri. Wilson's Creek NB commemorates and interprets the battle within the context of the war in the Trans-Mississippi West.



The Battle of Wilson's Creek

Aug 12 Confederates ambushed by Mescalero Apaches in Big Bend country south of Ft. Davis TX

Aug 14 Soldiers of the 79th New York mutiny near Washington, D.C.

Aug 28 Capture of Forts Hatteras and Clark, North Carolina

Aug 30 John Charles Fremont issues unofficial Emancipation Proclamation in Missouri

Civil War Roundtable meeting 1 October 2015

By Jay Haney

At this month's meeting, I sat next to Charles Lee and talked to Robert McMillan (who is VP of the CWRTCC). Both are Trail Club members. A nice crowd of around 100 gathered at the Hilton Marietta Hotel and Conference Center.

After a brief business meeting the speaker was introduced by Mike Schaffer, Instructor at College of Continuing and Professional Education at KSU.

Historian Dr. Timothy B. Smith, a former NPS ranger at Shiloh currently teaches history at the University of Tennessee at Martin. He is the author of numerous books including Corinth 1862: Siege, Battle, Occupation published by the University Press of Kansas.

Dr. Smith's topic was "Difficult and Broken Ground: the Terrain Factor at Shiloh."

Dr. Smith felt that two factors determined the outcome of the battle as a Union victory:

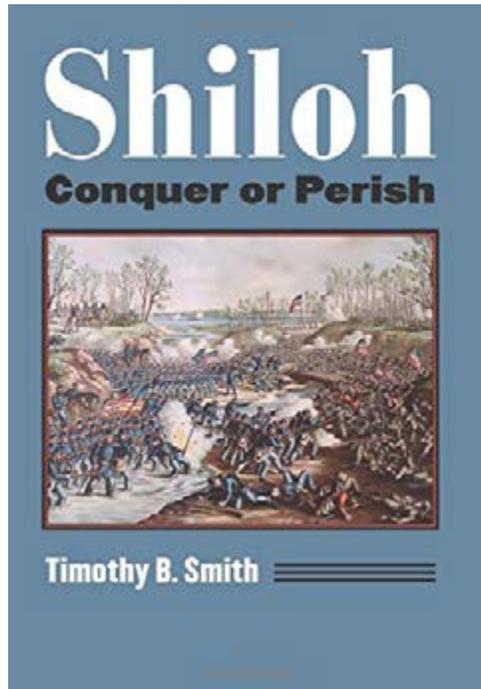
1. U.S. Grant's determination after the first day of the battle. "The famous Grant historian Bruce Catton described a meeting between generals:
 - o Late that night though Sherman came to see him. Sherman had found himself, in the heat of the enemy's fire that day, but now he was licked; as far as he could see, the important next step was "to put the river between us and the enemy, and recuperate," and he hunted up Grant to see when and how the retreat could be arranged. He came on Grant, at last, at midnight or later, standing under the tree in the heavy rain, hat slouched down over his face, coat-collar up around his ears, a dimly-glowing lantern in his hand, cigar clenched between his teeth. Sherman looked at him; then, "moved," as he put it later, "by some wise and sudden instinct" not to talk about retreat, he said: "Well, Grant, we've had the devil's own day, haven't we?"
 - o Grant said "Yes," and his cigar glowed in the darkness as he gave a quick, hard puff at it, "Yes. Lick 'em tomorrow, though."
 - o And that they did. The regrouped Union Army pushed forward on April 7th and successfully regained the ground they had lost the day before and turned near certain defeat into victory. Grant's determination had proven to be a critical element. Source: NPS
2. The terrain of the battlefield:
 - o It was bounded and cut by rivers and creeks forming an hour glass shaped area where the battle was fought.
 - o "The battlefield's diverse and challenging terrain also comes in for new scrutiny. Through detailed attention to the terrain's major features—most still visible at the Shiloh National Military

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Park—Smith is able to track their specific and considerable influence on the actions, and their consequences, over those forty-eight hours. The experience of the soldiers finally finds its place here too, as Smith lets us hear, as never before, the voices of the common man, whether combatant or local civilian, caught up in a historic battle for their lives, their land, their honor, and their homes.” Source: Goodreads review

His talk was based on his research for his new book:



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Book Review and Trail of Tears

Speaker

by AP Mosby

Jacksonland: President Andrew Jackson, Cherokee Chief John Ross, and A Great American Land Grab, by Steve Inskeep, Penguin Press, 2015.

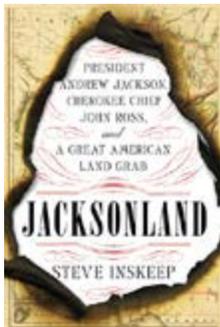
Journalist Steve Inskeep has written a fascinating history of the struggles between two former military comrades who became bitter rivals during the formative years of this nation's democracy. They were Andrew Jackson and John Ross. Many of their conflicts related to the territory and trails that include Kennesaw Mountain Battlefield Park just a few decades before the more well-known actions of the Civil War. Trails that were used in the war were those thought to have been formed by large grazing animals like buffalo, and then used for centuries by Indians to connect their villages, to trade, and to move on the warpath.



Andrew Jackson was viewed as a hero of the wars against Indians in the southeastern United States before he was elected president in 1828. In conquering the lands of the Five Civilized Tribes (Cherokee, Chickasaw, Choctaw, Creek and Seminole who had adopted many of the ways of white settlers), and gradually removing them to new homes across the Mississippi River, Jackson benefited personally from seizures of millions of acres. One of the most notorious removals was the Trail of Tears, the forced migration of Cherokees from the Appalachian Piedmont to Oklahoma in 1838-39.

John Ross, a mixed-race Cherokee leader, fought for his tribe's interests as Principal Chief in the halls of Washington D.C. He worked within the political and legal systems to stop the seizure of Cherokee lands in the area where Georgia, Alabama and Tennessee come together. He had the support of many who wanted the United States to abide by promises of past treaties, including Chief Justice John Marshall, Davy Crockett, Senator Henry Clay and a lesser-known sister of author Harriet Beecher Stowe, Catharine Beecher, who was an activist against Indian removal.

This is a well-researched, excellent recounting of a very important event in our national—and—local history. It is recommended for all readers.



November 7, 2015 Presentation.

An event related to the story of the Cherokees in our area is the presentation on November 7, "Trail of Tears," presented by Leslie Thomas, President of the Georgia Chapter of the Trail of Tears Association. It will begin at 10:30 am in the Education Room of the Visitors Center. She will describe some of the research they do to locate relevant Trail of Tears sites, provide signs, and perform other historic, archaeological and cultural investigations.



Additional information regarding the Trail of Tears may be found at the following National Park Service Website - <http://www.nps.gov/trte/index.htm>

Correction.

Concerning a related article in the October, 2015 newsletter, "**Cherokee Indians and the Civil War**," there is an error about Cherokee negotiations with the U.S. government. The third paragraph should begin:

Thirty-plus years after the US Senate had ratified the Treaty of New Echota in 1836 (by a margin of one vote), American Indians who had formerly lived in the southern Appalachian piedmont and mountains were settled in the Indian Territory, now known as Oklahoma.

Artillery Demonstrations

Date: 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

Contact Name: Amanda Corman

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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:

October 18 - Top of Kennesaw Mountain

Lance Corporal "Skip" Wells, at the #1 position. Photo by Fred Feltmann, at the 151st Anniversary of the Battle Of Kennesaw Mtn.





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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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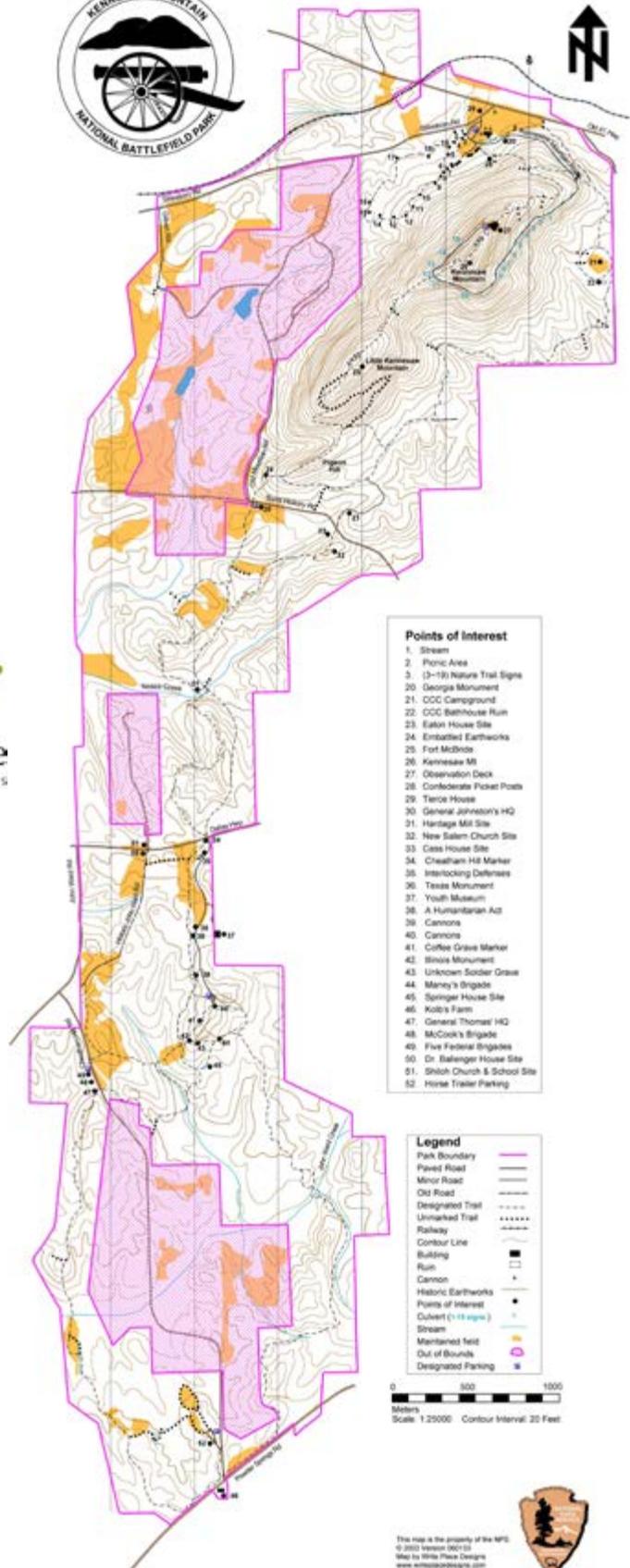


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December Newsletter Deadline

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