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September 8 Trail Day Report

Thanks to everyone who came to work on our September Trail Day. It certainly was a wonderful workday! We had a good number of volunteers and were able to staff enough crews for all the planned projects.

The day began a little late due to the delayed arrival of a group coming by chartered bus, but after a short delay, we split up crews and headed up the mountain in various vehicles. One group even hiked up!

The "Steps" project at the fire road got a big boost from the Kennesaw Mountain High NJROTC. Along with additional volunteers, they worked with the large rocks and digging

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Little Things Matter

I'm sure that we all grew up hearing that an elephant is afraid of a mouse (well at least I did). I'm not sure whether that's true, but it makes the point that little things matter. Our trail club projects have grown in size, but that doesn't mean we don't notice the smaller improvements that are needed and think they are important.

We pay attention to the small stuff like pesky vines that may trip us up, like scraping out a nick on the trail for better drainage or repositioning a piece of stacked fencing. We're aware that these seemingly "little things" do matter both for the safe enjoyment of the trails by runners, hikers, walkers, horses and those bird watchers, picnickers, history buffs and others who enjoy the outdoors and historical features of Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park.

Just the other day, several of us were working to clear away some really heavy brush, and, with the help of one little (heavy duty) clip, we were able to hook up a chain and tow the materials away. It was almost an after thought to use it, but it made a tremendous difference; a real time and energy saver. It was just a little thing that mattered.

We consistently find that little things are important. For instance, easy check-in, knowing work locations, having tools on site before crews arrive, bringing water & snacks for our volunteers - these are all the little things that matter in making a successful trail work day.

Don't feel that just because something is as big as an elephant, a little mouse won't matter. If a little mouse can move an elephant, come on out and join us and make that little bit of effort. We'll move big things and make a positive difference in maintaining the trails and making them more enjoyable and attractive.

Thanks,

Doug Jasse

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. 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!



Fred Feltmann(right) presenting Jim Moylan a plaque thanking him for efforts and dedication as the Trail Director in 2009 and his continued dedication since then - photo by Jay Dement.

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at the site of the steps. There also was a large amount of trail work performed by skilled operation of the Bladed Ditch Witch. The area is stable and being used by hikers. Hopefully only one more work session is needed to complete the re-do of the steps.

The remainder of the work was performed on the top of the mountain. We had volunteers using power clippers to trim away and cut back heavy overgrowth and invasive plants and do general cleanup of the area. Walton Community Group certainly contributed to the success of this project. We also had major participation from Georgia Tech Trailblazers and Georgia State University Resident Assistants. Both groups worked on adding dirt and building water runoff grades to the sides of a paved trail and along a dirt trail going down from the top. Crew leaders also had volunteers moving and repairing stacked fencing and improving drainage nicks and grades along the trail at Little Kennesaw. And, a rough rock section that was in a tight turn was corrected to be a sustainable trail.

Thankfully, we were able to get all the projects completed just as the rain started! The weather was favorable for our work but, with the heavy humidity, we passed out lots of water to keep everyone hydrated.

Of course, we're glad that several organizations came to help, but we are also extremely thankful there were a good number of walk up and return individual volunteers. Everyone is important to the successful completion of our projects. We all helped the park and helped ourselves feel good by doing it!

Thanks,

Doug Jasse
Trails Director

*Happy 10th Anniversary,
Kennesaw Mountain Trail
Club!!*

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Additional Volunteers needed! Call today!

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

TEENS, TRAILS AND TRENCHES

This program, which is sponsored by a grant from the National Parks Foundation and Coca Cola, introduces high school kids to the healthy benefits of hiking and trail work. Students from the South Cobb High School under the direction of Andy Cole, teacher and member of Kennesaw Mountain Historical Association, are involved in this program.

On September 6th, David and Anne Strand, ranger Amanda Corman and I met the kids at South Cobb High School where the program was discussed. Many parents and siblings were on hand for dinner and a presentation on the scope of the project.

On Saturday, Sept. 15 the kids came to the Park. We started at the top of the mountain for a history talk by Jay Haney, the club historian. This was followed by a walk down the mountain to the visitor's center where the kids saw the movie and visited the museum.

Next was lunch in the picnic area where Chief Ranger Anthony welcomed the kids to the park and wished them well on this project. Then the "goodie bags" were distributed which included T-shirts, gloves, a pedometer and other items.

The first of three works days was Saturday, September 29, where we started building a turnpike on the north side of the bridge on John Ward Creek. Trail directors Beth McGuire and Rodney Morton are leading the work. The other two work days are Oct. 20 and Nov. 3.

There will be a closing dinner with awards at the Marietta Museum on December 1.

Jay Dement
Vice-President



Students from South Cobb High School and various volunteers from the Kennesaw Mountain Trail Club - photos by Jay Dement



Photos - South Cobb High School At Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park



Photos by Jay Dement

*South Cobb High School Students
getting ready.*

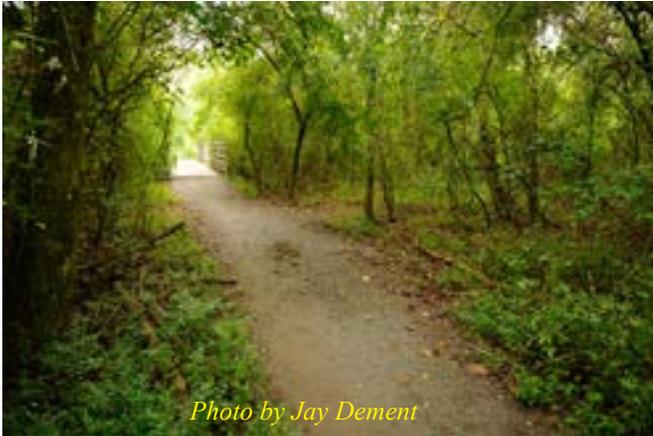


Photo by Jay Dement



*Far Left, left
and Lower
left - Trail as it
currently looks
- photo by Jim
Moylan*



*Left - phase
one of the
Project -
photo by Jim
Moylan*



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) and Fiscal 2012 (October 2011 - Present):

FY 2011

ATLANTA AUDUBON SOCIETY
BANK OF AMERICA
HANDS ON ATLANTA
LOCKHEED MARTIN MARIETTA
KENNESAW STATE UNIVERSITY
OMEGA ACADEMY
PEBBLEBROOK NHS
U.S. NAVY
VARIOUS SCOUT TROOPS/PACKS
WALKER SCHOOL
WALMART

FY 2012

AESTHETICS
ATLANTA AREA COUNCIL PHILMONT CONTINGENT (TWO CREWS)
BACK COUNTRY HORSEMEN OF NW GA (BCHNWG)
BANK OF AMERICA
CHATTAHOOCHEE NRP
THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER-DAY SAINTS
CUB SCOUT PACK 702, MARIETTA
CUB SCOUT PACK 1954, ATLANTA
DEVEREUX GEORGIA, KENNESAW
GE (GENERAL ELECTRIC COMPANY)
GEORGIA STATE UNIVERSITY (GSU)
GEORGIA TECH TRAILBLAZERS
GIRL SCOUT TROOP 22613, MARIETTA, GA
GREEN YOUTH GROUP
HANDS ON ATLANTA
KENNESAW MOUNTAIN HIGH SCHOOL NAVY ROTC GROUP
LIFE UNIVERSITY
REI, KENNESAW STORE
ROBOTICS TEAM, McEACHERN HIGH SCHOOL
SADDLE UP COBB (SUC)
STARBUCKS
SERVECOBB
TROOP 1, SMYRNA, GA, EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT
TROOP 89, POWDER SPRINGS, EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT
TROOP 147, MOBILE, AL, SERVICE PROJECT



TROOP 277, MARIETTA, GA, 2 EAGLE SCOUT PROJECTS
TROOP 321, DALLAS, GA, EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT
TROOP 405, McEACHERN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
TROOP 700, KENNESAW, GA, EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT
TROOP 741, MARIETTA, GA, EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT
UPPER IOWA UNIVERSITY
WALTON TEEN SERVICE CORPS
WEST GA MOUNTED SEARCH AND RESCUE WGMSAR)

The following Groups participated this past month:

GEORGIA STATE UNIVERSITY (GSU)
KENNESAW MOUNTAIN HIGH SCHOOL NAVY ROTC GROUP
SOUTH COBB HIGH SCHOOL
TROOP 321, DALLAS, GA, EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT
WALTON TEEN SERVICE CORPS

A Grateful Thanks!

The KMTC Board thanks all of the Volunteers who have made these past 10 years successful! Without your help we couldn't have done it - and continue to do it! Thank you all for all of the effort and dedication to make this a successful endeavor!

Fred Feltmann

NATIONAL TRAILS DAY

June 9, 2012

OUR SPONSORS:

- CHICK FIL-A (BARRETT PKY)
- PUBLIX (LOST MOUNTAIN ROAD)
- COSTCO (BARRETT PKY)
- KENNESAW MOUNTAIN HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION (VISITOR CENTER)

THANKS!!



<http://www.kennesawmountaintrailclub.org>

Election of KMTC Officers

September 15, 2012

The Board members present at the Annual Board meeting on September 15, 2012 elected the following slate of officers for the Kennesaw Mountain Trail Club for 2012-2013.

<u>Nominee</u>	<u>Position</u>
• Scott Mackay	<i>President</i>
• Jay Dement	<i>Vice-President</i>
• Anne Strand	<i>Secretary</i>
• Tom Okerberg	<i>Treasurer</i>
• Doug Tasse	<i>Trails Director</i>
• David Strand	<i>Trail Ambassador Director</i>
• Randy Whiten	<i>Youth/Special Groups Coordinator</i>
• Jay Haney	<i>Historian</i>
• Fred Feltmann	<i>Communications Director</i>
• Cindy Witt	<i>Outreach Director/Social Media</i>
• Anne Strand	<i>Membership Director</i>
• Jim Moylan	<i>Information Technology Director</i>
• Jerry Givan	<i>Training Director</i>

Two new positions were added to the Board this year; Jerry Givan as Training Director to oversee training of new and existing crew leaders and Cindy Witt as Social Media Director to aid us in developing Twitter, Facebook, etc.

Kennesaw Mountain Trail Club Calendar for 2012

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Event</u>
OCTOBER			
10/4	7:00 pm	KSU Center	CW Roundtable; Richard Croker, speaker
10/13	8:30 - 1:00	Old Hwy 41 parking lot	October Trail Work Day
10/14	11, 12, 2, 3	Visitor Center	Artillery Demonstrations (cannon firing)
10/15	7:00 Pm	Visitor Center	Monday Night History Program
10/28	11, 12, 2, 3	Mountain Top	Artillery Demonstrations (cannon firing)
NOVEMBER			
11/1	7:00 pm	KSU Center	CW Roundtable; Russell Blount, speaker
11/10	8:30 - 1:00	Old Hwy 41 parking lot	November Trail Work Day
10/11	11,12,2,3	Visitor Center	Artillery Demonstrations (cannon firing)

Walking & Trolley Tour

Local historian, genealogist, researcher, author and tour guide Brad Quinlin will be leading a "walking and trolley tour" of Kennesaw Mountain on October 6. I highly recommend Brad's historical tours - they are full of interesting human interest stories that bring life to the history. (Just don't ask him about Notre Dame - it can ruin your day.) To reserve a space, call **Brad** at **(404)-610-9922** or 21stohio@charter.net. The tour costs \$30.00 and will benefit the Kennesaw Mountain Historical Association.



Walton Teen Service Corps helped us out at our Work Day on September 8, 2012 - photo by Fred Feltmann

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!

BOOK REPORT - ATLANTA CAMPAIGN - BLUE AND GRAY MAGAZINE

Reviewed by Bill Gurry

Each issue of the popular **Blue & Gray** magazine (published six times a year) includes a feature article concerning one topic of interest in the Civil War. In 1989 (Volume 6), the magazine published a series of three consecutive issues devoted to the Atlanta Campaign. Each issue has an article by a well-known local expert, "sidebar" articles on related topics, maps, period photos, modern photos of the sites, and a tour map showing modern roads.

The April 1989 issue covered "**The Battles of May, 1864**" by Dr. Richard M. McMurry (with an article on the battle of Pickett's Mill by Jeff Dean) and includes descriptions of actions and movements from Rocky Face Ridge near Dalton through the battles of Resaca, New Hope Church, Pickett's Mill and Dallas.

The June 1989 issue covered "**Actions from June 10 to July 9, 1864**" (mostly about the battles at Kennesaw Mountain) by former Kennesaw Mountain Historian Dennis Kelly. This issue covers the action from the Brush Mountain-Pine Mountain-Lost Mountain Line to the Federal crossing of the Chattahoochee River.

The August 1989 issue covered "**Actions from July 10 to September 2, 1864**" by Dr. Stephen A. Davis. This third issue covers the "battles around Atlanta" through the Battle of Jonesboro and the fall of Atlanta.

Each article is about 40 pages, so taken together, the features are about 120 pages or so including maps and both period and modern photos.

All three issues are very well done. If 120 pages is as much as you want to read, these three magazines taken together would be a good source. These magazines are not listed in the **Blue & Gray** back issues web page, so your best bet is to root around on the internet to find them for sale.

**Happy 10th
Anniversary
Kennesaw
Mountain
Trail Club!!**

KMTC at the SEFTC

The Kennesaw Mountain Trail Club was very visible at the September 20- 23 Southeast Foot Trails Coalition conference at Fall Creek Falls State Park in Tennessee. The conference was attended by Jay & Debbie Dement, Jay & Anne Page Haney and David & Anne Strand. On Friday, 9/21, Jay Dement joined Marianne Skeen of the Georgia Appalachian Trail Conservancy to discuss "**Leave No Child Inside.**" Marianne told the story of the work that she (and Jay) are doing to introduce teens from both Atlanta and rural North Georgia to hiking opportunities. Jay then told about the Teens, Trails & Trenches project now underway involving South Cobb High School students hiking and working with the KMTC at the Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park. During the social hours, Jay Dement had a display on Leave No Trace education and the KMTC display featured both the trail work and Trail Ambassador activities of the Trail Club. On Saturday morning, all six (6) Trail Ambassadors appeared in uniform to support David & Anne Strand who were on a panel discussion with Appalachian Trail Ridge Runners and Wilderness Rangers.

The KMTC was also involved in hosting Asher and his father Paul Molyneaux who hiked the entire Appalachian Trail in 2010 when Asher was eight (8) years old. Asher was a keynote speaker who had an excellent presentation on his AT journey. Their book, **A Child's Walk in the Wilderness**, will be published soon. The Trail Club provided transportation to and from the Atlanta airport for their round trip plane ride to Portland, Maine and to and from the Tennessee conference site. After leaving the conference on Sunday, Asher and Paul saw the "General" at the museum in Kennesaw, visited the Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park Visitor Center and hiked Kennesaw Mountain. They had a great time and sent an email saying, "Having 'ya'll" as our hosts was the best, your generosity and good humor really made the conference a pleasure for us."

Anne Strand



KMTC Volunteers at the SEFTC Conference - 9/20 - 23/12.

Civil War 150 years ago, October, 1862

Summary: Following Lee's withdrawal from Maryland the Eastern Armies needed to recover from their heavy losses at Antietam. The action shifted to the Western Theater. Key action was the Union victory at the Battle of Perryville that secured Kentucky for the Union.

Oct 1 Skirmish near Sharpsburg, Maryland

Oct 3 Battle of Corinth, Mississippi

Oct 4 Newly appointed Post Master General William Denison joins cabinet

Oct 8 Battle of Perryville (Chaplin Hills), Kentucky

Oct 10 Davis asked Virginia to draft 4,500 blacks to complete fortifications at Richmond

Fighting at Harrodsburg and Danville Cross Roads, Kentucky

Oct 11 Skirmish near Helena, Arkansas

Oct 15 Skirmish at Neely's Bend on the Cumberland River in Tennessee

Oct 18 Garrison captured at Lexington, Kentucky in Morgan's Raid

Oct 22 Skirmish at Fort Wayne, Indian Territory (now Oklahoma)

Oct 24 Union Maj. Gen. William Rosecrans replaces Maj. Gen. Buell as commander of Army of OH

Oct 29 Skirmish at Island Mound, MO--first time U.S. Colored Troops fight as organized unit



*19 Georgia State students came for a second straight month to help us out at our September Work Day
- photo by Fred Feltmann*

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.



Kennesaw Mountain High School Navy ROTC group came out in September to help us - photos by Fred Feltmann.



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Facebook Page		http://www.facebook.com/#!/kmtcsocial

2012 Activities at Kennesaw Mountain Battlefield

October:

October 13 8:30-1:00 Old Hwy 41 parking lot October Trail Work Day

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:



September 8th Work Day

Working at Kennesaw Mountain can be a "Moving" experience - Photos by Fred Feltmann



Annual Board Meeting - September 15, 2012 - photos by Fred Feltmann



Jay Haney presents Randy Whiten with a plaque thanking him for his service and dedication as Trail Director for the Kennesaw Mountain Trail Club



South Cobb High School Students receive the "Tool Talk" before working "The Project!!!" - photo by Jay Dement

Volunteer Appreciation Dinner - 9/29/12



The Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park Staff present the Trail Club with a Certificate of Appreciation for 10 years of Service to the Park and its visitors.



Superintendent Nancy Walther presents Dennis and Susan Cook with the Award for Volunteer(s) of the Year for Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park - for their service and dedication to improving the grounds around the Visitor Center. Both are members of the Kennesaw Mountain Trail Club.

Photos by Fred Feltmann

Teens, Trails and Trenches



South Cobb High School



2012

Coca-Cola

www.KennesawMountainTrailClub.org

This program engages 40 students from South Cobb High School to demonstrate the healthy benefits of outdoor activities. The students will record their progress with photos and videos, and we hope this encourages them to become active park users.

The project will be building a “turnpike” on the north side of the John Ward Creek on the following dates:

Sept 29, Oct 20 and Nov 3, 2012

The healthy benefits of hiking help insure a longer life and you can start anytime!

The benefits of hiking are:

- Better Health
- Increased Stamina
- Flexibility
- Stronger Bones and Legs
- Reduced Stress
- Weight loss

Improved health, strength and fitness can be achieved by a program that includes regular hiking.

Hiking is a great family activity that all members can enjoy.

Help contribute to a better environment, as hiking does not leave a carbon footprint.



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Sponsors/Partners Corner

Many thanks to our Sponsors and Partners for their support!

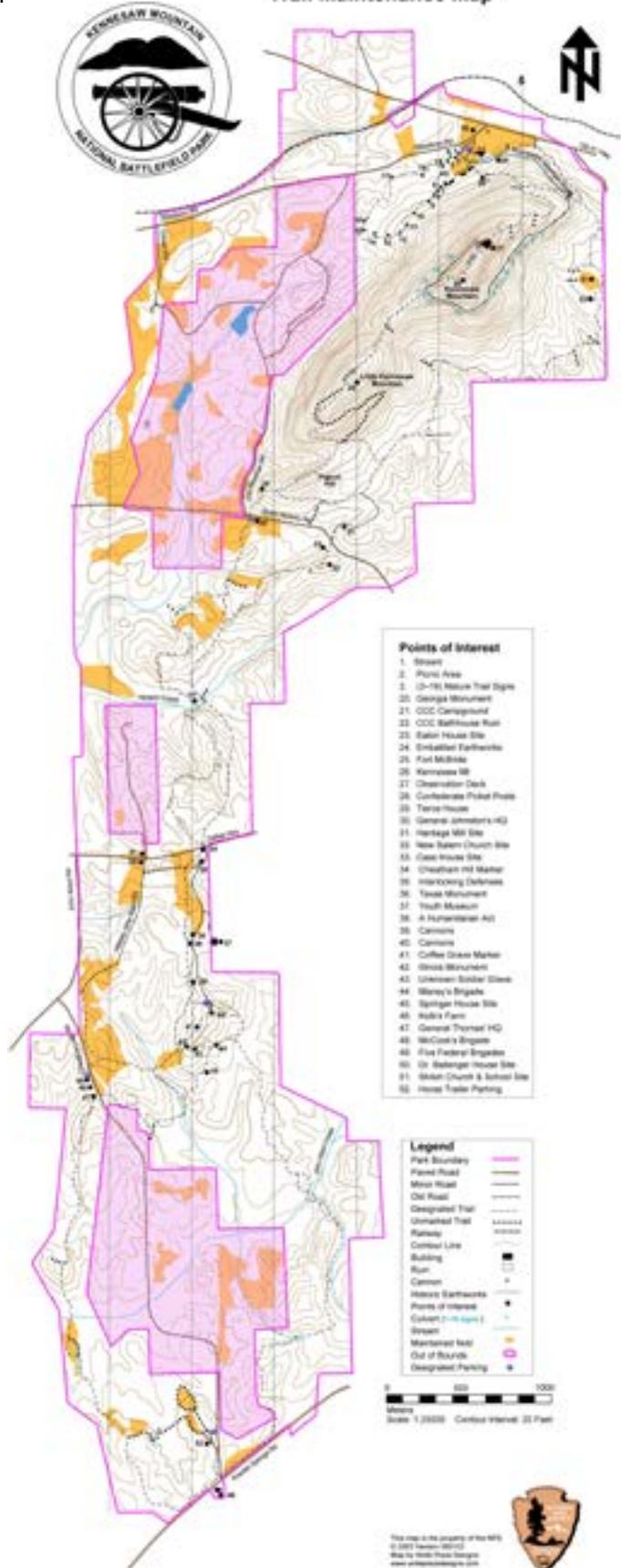


<http://americanhiking.org>



KENNESAW MOUNTAIN NATIONAL BATTLEFIELD PARK

Trail Maintenance Map



November 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 October 20th!