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## February 11, 2017 Trail Day:

### Surprise – Not Really

Wow! What a Trail Day. For those who were there, you know what we mean. There was a little confusion remaining about our start time. We hope that won't happen in the future because we'll now ALWAYS have the START TIME AT 8:30 AM.

We expected a fairly large number of volunteers and - no surprise there. At the Illinois Monument site, when it was time for our greeting, I was handed the count: 98 volunteers. We had the greeting and then a group of about 40 students from Paulding County's Austin Middle School arrived. Not too much of a surprise, except that we only had a couple of days notice that so many would be coming. (A Special 'Thank You' to Crew Leader & past club Pres. Scott MacKay for leading this group).

Our Trail Ambassadors did a marvelous job getting everyone parked and directed to registration. This part of our Trail Day program is very IMPORTANT BECAUSE the number of volunteers and hours they work are **reported to the NPS Staff** and when they **report those figures it affects the aid that the park receives**. That may be a surprise to some, but we give true figures and we and you work hard to get them.

With a good work plan, we were ready for the larger number and expanded it to provide a special program for Austin Middle Schoolers. Our work took place along the Cease Fire Trail and Unknown Soldier Trail. Before going to work, Rusty Bradley, the club historian, gave a brief description and perspective of the area where we'd be working. We knew we were working to preserve this area so visitors can safely observe and understand this very important battle site. We also wanted our volunteers to realize the good that they are doing and the value they are adding to the park.

It was no surprise that the crew leaders, after only a short briefing, were quickly able to assemble teams and get to work. This part of our operation is amazing and that's no surprise! After the work was completed, we hope that you all noticed the changes that were made. It was just trail maintenance, but it is periodically needed and will last for years and be safely enjoyed by many.

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## Arbor Day Tree Planting

The National Arbor day is not until the last Friday in April but for Georgia that's past the ideal time to be planting trees. The 3rd Friday of February is Georgia's Arbor Day which fell on February 17 this year and was a perfect day to be planting trees. The trail club partnered with Keep Cobb Beautiful to plant a sound and sight barrier between the picnic area near the visitor center and Stilesboro Rd. We had over 35 volunteers help plant evergreen holly trees and a couple of red cedars. The trees were watered in and wood chips were put around the trees to help keep moisture in the ground. Once we finished at the picnic area we moved our operations across Stilesboro Road to the fallow field. In the old field we planted redbud trees 10-15' off the fence. Hopefully in a few years we will start to see their purple flowers lining the side of the road. We also planted a mixture of oak and maple trees scattered throughout the old field.

Thanks to corporate sponsor, Randstaad, for providing the funding for the trees as well as volunteering to plant the trees. Also, thanks goes to the other volunteers, Keep Cobb Beautiful, and the trail club crew leaders and ambassadors for taking their time on a Friday to help plant for the future of the park on Georgia's 2017 Arbor Day.

*Danny Leigh*  
Plants Director

## March 11, 2017 Trail Work Day Plan

Our March 11, 2017 Trail Day registration is at Old 41 overflow parking lot, Please plan to register at a time early enough to be at the Park Amphitheater (visitor center picnic area) by 8:30 am; start time.

The work planned is to perform trail maintenance on the mountain trail section from the rock stairs @ mid mountain fire road to the concrete steps leading to the mountain top parking lot. We plan to have a variety of work including; large rock placements, trail grooming, fence repair, social trail closure, rock step construction, pruning and possible garlic mustard plant pull.

Please dress for work, bring work gloves (we have used work gloves for day use) and be prepared a hike to and from the work site.

Please see information regarding registration on Page 6. We'll plan to secure work by 12:30 pm.

## February 11, 2017 Trail Day.... Continued from Page 1

While we had many at the Illinois Monument site, there was also a team of some 30 volunteers working on the removal of invasive plants near Old 41 overflow parking area. This has been an ongoing project for several Trail Days now. If you're visiting the park, you should not be surprised that you'll surely, at some time, be using that parking lot (remember how many people visit the park). Be sure to notice the tremendous difference that has been made to the landscape by the removal of those invasive plants.

We sincerely hope that everyone enjoyed Trail Day. We're thankful that we have the loyal support of our Trail Ambassadors and Crew Leaders because it takes a lot to run a program with no surprises. We also appreciate the Park Staff and their assistance in allowing us all to enjoy a wonderful community service experience.

Thanks,

*Doug Jasse*

President – Kennesaw Mountain Trail Club

PS: **With support staff , 185 Volunteers! Surprise!**

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**Additional Volunteers needed! Call today!**

## Could It Be Lost?

The NPS Centennial (100<sup>th</sup> year 2016) had a theme of “Find Your Park.com” and #FindYourPark. What they were hoping for was for people, especially youth, to discover the National Parks. I don't know why but that theme of “Find” made me think that something had been lost. And I started thinking about losing things.

2016 was indeed a banner year for Kennesaw Mountain NBP. Our club had a remarkable number of volunteers and youth programs that we supported which brought many, many youngsters to the park; the Superintendent of the National Park System attended the Junior Ranger Event (yea! He found our park). We even hosted several hikes and exercise programs for local senior citizens; only to find out that some of them had been coming out to the southern half of the park and that they thought that the trails were nice to walk on but actually didn't know that they were in a National Park! So you see we did help a lot of people find the “Park.”

Back to my original thought about losing something; at our recent Board Meeting it was brought up that a number of us had a year where we did loose a family member, friends, club members, made moves and just plain lost some things. New Yorker Magazine author Kathryn Schulz recently wrote about “Losing Streak;” a number of things were pointed out, which pointed out some psychological and physical reasons why we lose things. In fact, she wrote that “Over a lifetime, we will lose some 200,000 items apiece, plus money, relationships, elections, loved ones.” It's actually a quick way to breakdown in so many words that we all lose things and we all feel so much better when we “find.” However some things go to that place where we don't find them again; a good example of that is the young lady that was in charge of the SCA Team that worked with us last summer, she lost her cell phone while working on the Mountain; we all knew the area where it was lost and we searched for a good while. I'm sure that many of us would be devastated by losing a phone, she just shrugged it off and said that she'd get a new one and if someone needed her they'd call and even though she lost all the numbers, she'd just make new contacts and friends.

About the National Parks, it was June 30, 1864 when President Lincoln signed the ‘Yosemite Grant Act’ to preserve tens of thousands of acres of wilderness as written about by author Terry Tempest Williams on Yahoo, President Lincoln never saw the land which he preserved. One hundred years ago, 1916, President Wilson signed to create the National Park System; the article is “Why America Needs Its National Parks Now More Than Ever.” So why is that? Because when one comes to a National Park they can see the natural beauty, not someplace that has been lost to buildings and the whole number of things changing around us. Perhaps one experiences a national park and gets the feeling of ‘found it!’

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## February 11, 2017 Plant Eradication Program

Report for Pope High School Second Saturday Work Day, February 11, 2017:

- Twenty Five Pope High School National Honor Society volunteers, two Crew Leaders, one Trail Ambassador and one Crew Leader in Training for a total of 145 volunteer hours.
- Volunteers cut, pulled and stacked privet plants. Crew leaders applied herbicide to all cut trunks.
- Work area: Activity Field 1 - Area closest to the Visitor Center near the railroad tracks and along the lower center section of the field.
- Work accomplished: Cleared area approximately 200 feet long and 25 feet wide
- Estimated number of plants controlled: 3,000 including many pulled small plants
- Work remaining: A few small Privet plants remain to be pulled and will be removed during our next work day. Work will continue on the Western side of the field during March and April.
- See attached photos: "Before, during and after."

- KMTC Certificate of Appreciation for 125 volunteer hours issued to Pope High School chapter of the National Honor Society

NPS Ranger Jake Boling took time out from his busy schedule to welcome volunteers and to thank them for their interest in preserving our natural resources. Jake also described the Pathway program for college student internships. He encouraged interested students to check out the opportunities listed for all Federal Agencies at [www.volunteer.gov](http://www.volunteer.gov).

A special thank you to Karen Petrella, Bob Brier and Danny Leigh. Karen provided Trail Ambassador support, as well as, expert plant removal including many pulled plants. Bob cut and stacked many plants. He also assisted with work area oversight and safety management. Danny made sure we had plenty of water and other logistic support. And most important, Danny's expert chain saw skills made sure we safely controlled the largest plants.

Heath Aston, National Honor Society chapter President stated, "We had a great day. We are planning on returning in both March and April."

Regards,

Cam Graham

## Could It Be Lost... Continued from Page 2

Now we'll look forward to more milestones, maybe 105 years, 125 years and so on, it's nice to know that we don't have to go too far to 'Find our Park.' And if you lose something, look on the bright side maybe you'll find it. And if you've not been to Kennesaw Mountain and you do find it you'll be happy to know that there are Trail Ambassadors that prevent visitors from becoming lost and if you volunteer to work with our Crew Leaders you'll be too busy to get lost. Just come and find us.

Enjoy our National Parks,

*Doug Jasse*

President – Kennesaw Mountain Trail Club



*Photos by Cam Graham. Pope High School Honor Society. Plant eradication Project.*





Above/below: Left photos are "before; right photos are "after."

*Photo - bottom right- The yellow berries the girls are holding are Chinaberry fruit from two 25' trees that were cut down. Lots of old home sites in south GA had them planted in the yard and the old home site at the corner of Old 41 and Ridenour probably had them planted in the yard as well. Luckily the berries are too big for most birds to eat and move too far, but new trees will propagate from the falling fruit.*

*All photos on this page are by Danny Leigh.*



**February  
11, 2017  
Trail  
Work  
Day  
Photos**



## 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 2016 (October 2015- September 2016) and Fiscal 2017 (October 2016 - Present):

### FY 2016

20'S AND 30'S HIKERS  
ALLATOONA HS BETA CLUB  
ALLATOONA HS NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY  
ALLATOONA HS NJROTC  
ATLANTA OUTDOOR CLUB  
BANK OF AMERICA  
BOY SCOUT TROOP 4 EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT, KENNESAW, GA  
BOY SCOUT TROOP 29  
BOY SCOUT TROOP 75  
BOY SCOUT TROOP 75, EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT  
BOY SCOUT TROOP 252, EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT  
BOY SCOUT TROOP 422  
BOY SCOUT TROOP 479 - EAGLE  
SCOUT PROJECT  
CUB SCOUT PACK 353  
CUB SCOUT PACK 405  
CUB SCOUT PACK 1714  
BANK OF AMERICA  
BOY SCOUT TROOP 75, EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT  
BOY SCOUT TROOP 565, EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT  
BOY SCOUT TROOP 795, EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT  
BOY SCOUT TROOP 1011, EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT  
BOY SCOUT TROOP 1776  
COMMUNITY FIRST SERVICE DAY (FROM NEW ZEALAND)  
CUB SCOUT PACK 995  
EAST PAULDING HIGH SCHOOL AFJROTC  
FLIGHT WORKS  
FRESENIUS MEDICAL CARE GROUP  
HILLGROVE HS NJROTC  
JR. CIVITAN INTERNATIONAL GROUP (200 PARTICIPANTS)  
KENNESAW MOUNTAIN HS KEY CLUB  
KENNESAW MOUNTAIN HS NJROTC  
KSU ACCOUNTING CLASS 4600  
KENNESAW STATE UNIVERSITY - GREEK DAY  
KENNESAW STATE UNIVERSITY - VOLUNTEER KSU  
KENNESAW STATE UNIVERSITY - OMEGA PHI ALPHA FRATERNITY  
KENNESAW STATE UNIVERSITY - KSUZTA SORORITY  
KENNESAW STATE UNIVERSITY



MARIETTA HS NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY  
MARIETTA HS SKILLS USA  
MARTHA STEWART BULLOCH SOCIETY CHILDREN OF THE AMERICAN  
REVOLUTION  
MOUNTAIN ROAD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL BETA CLUB  
MCGLESKY YMCA  
MCEACHERN HS BETA CLUB  
MCEACHERN HS ROBOTICS TEAM  
NORTHWEST ATLANTA YMCA  
PHOBIO  
POPE HIGH SCHOOL NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY  
REI  
U.S. NAVY RESERVISTS  
VENTURING CREW 1011  
WOODSTOCK HS NJROTC

### FY 2017

BOY SCOUT TROOP 252  
BOY SCOUT TROOP 540 - EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT  
CAMPBELL HS BETA CLUB  
CUB SCOUT PACK 11  
CUB SCOUT PACK 405  
CAMPBELL HIGH SCHOOL BETA CLUB  
HILLGROVE HIGH SCHOOL NJROTC  
KENNESAW MTN HS NJROTC  
KENNESAW MOUNTAIN HS KEY CLUB  
KSU  
KSU HONORS BETA CLUB  
MCEACHERN HS BETA CLUB  
WOODSTOCK HIGH SCHOOL NJROTC

The following groups participated during February the February Work Day. (Except as noted) There were over 100 Volunteers, Crew Leaders and Trail Ambassadors at the February Work Day.

HILLGROVE HS NJROTC  
KENNESAW MOUNTAIN HS KEY CLUB  
POPE HS HONOR SOCIETY  
RANSTAAD TEMPORARY STAFFING - 2/17/17  
KEEP COBB BEAUTIFUL - 2/17/17  
AUSTIN MIDDLE SCHOOL  
ATLANTA OUTDOOR CLUB  
VOLUNTEER KSU  
KENNESAW MOUNTAIN HS NJROTC  
WOODSTOCK HS JROTC



# Kennesaw Mountain Trail Club Calendar

| <u>Date</u>        | <u>Time</u>    | <u>Location</u>                   | <u>Event</u>                                    |
|--------------------|----------------|-----------------------------------|---|
| <b>March, 2017</b> |                |                                   |   |
| 3/11               | 8:30 am - 1 pm | Amphitheater, Near Visitor Center | March Work Day (Park in Old Hwy 41 Parking lot) |
| 3/26               | 2 pm -         | Visitor Center                    | Trail Ambassador Orientation - (see Page 6.)    |
| <b>April, 2017</b> |                |                                   |   |
| 4/1                | 8:30 am - 1 pm | Visitor Center                    | Park Day  |
| 4/8                | 8:30 am - 1 pm | TBD                               | April Work Day                                  |
| 4/29               | 8:30 am - 1 pm | Visitor Center                    |   |
| <b>May, 2017</b>   |                |                                   |   |
| 5/13               | 8:30 am - 1 pm | TBD                               | May Work Day                                    |

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## Register for Our Work Days!

Be sure to register online for our Work Days at <http://vols.pt/ePEkfb>. By registering, we can be better prepared with the amount of tools, bottled water, gloves, etc. on hand.

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## 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.

Registration for March 11th, 2017, will be at the Parking lot on Old Highway 41, near the Visitor Center. It will open around 8:00 am and we will assemble and begin at 8:30 am and usually are finished by 1:00 p.m. It is a 5 - 10 minute walk from the parking lot to the Visitor Center. 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.

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 there's a high

we'll post an announcement on the front page of the KMTTC website at: [www.kennesawmountaintrailclub.org](http://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](mailto: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!

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## Think Fifteen (15) for Kennesaw Mountain Trail Club

Please pay attention, or as I like to say: **LISTEN UP! (Read this....please)**

For almost the last four years, I've served as the Trail Director. While performing as a volunteer, along with several thousand others over the years, we've made significant improvements to Kennesaw Mountain NBP. I believe that we'll all agree that we enjoy aiding the park.

While many of our projects are funded by the park, there is frequently a need to supplement with additional money to complete our work. I'm sure that you, like me, enjoy showing off all the work volunteers have done. The funds from the Park do help with the upkeep, but without our volunteer labor, the park simply would not be as it is today and what it will be in the future.

We need money for our uncommitted funds; this money is used to cover additional expenses for our projects, the purchase and maintenance of both tools and equipment, gloves, water, snacks and other associated expenses. Also, we have corporation and insurance costs to cover. Please keep in mind that we are an all-volunteer organization, no paid staff or board members. **All donations to the Trail Club support our work at the park, and are tax deductible.**

We are a nationally recognized club - having been presented the highest award in the National Park Service in 2014, "The Hartzog Award for Volunteer Group."

I appreciate everyone who worked with me on the trails. **Now, as club president, I still need your help.** To everyone who comes and works, thank you. To everyone that supports our club, thank you too. **We need everyone to donate.**

**As we approach our fifteenth year, I ask you to please think '15', like \$15.. \$30.. \$45..... \$150... \$1500. Get the idea? Together we've done good work and had a good time but now we need your help to continue!!! Please send your tax deductible contribution to:**

Kennesaw Mountain Trail Club\*  
Attn: Tom Okerberg  
Whitlock Accounting Services  
739 Kennesaw Avenue NW  
Marietta, Ga. 30060

Donate Online: by using Guidestar on the Trail Club website

<http://www.kennesawmountaintrailclub.org>

\* Corporate name is KEMO Trail Corps, Inc., a 501(c)(3) organization.

ALSO: Please check with employers about matching donations.

***Think Fifteen (\$)***

Thank you,

***Doug Tasse***  
KMTCC President



## Becoming a Trail Ambassador

The Kennesaw Mountain Trail Club started the Trail Ambassador program in November 2009 as an option for members to support the Park by performing safety patrols on the trails. A member could put on the Volunteer in the Park uniform and while hiking/running/walking the trails, greet visitors, answer questions, remind people of Park rules and regulations and report unsafe trail conditions/activities to the Park staff. Using time spent in personal exercise to provide a much needed service to the community and to an understaffed Park benefited all involved. Over the years as the Park received more grant monies to increase community outreach programs and as the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Battle of Kennesaw Mountain approached, requests for Trail Ambassador support significantly expanded our role.

To better prepare people to meet the wide variety of duties the increased opportunities presented, the requirements to become a Trail Ambassador had to change. When an individual contacts me to become a Trail Ambassador, I send them the requirements listed below which they are asked to complete.

**1** Sign the volunteer service agreement. **Must be signed before participating in any volunteer events.**

**2** Complete the online course "Causes of the Civil War. **This is a park requirement.** Part of the park's mission is to "educate the public about the Civil War's causes and outcomes, including the importance that slavery, emancipation and the ongoing civil rights movement have had in forming the character of the United States."

**3** Volunteer for 3 events, one should be a club trail work day. Trail Ambassador support to monthly club trail work days is critical and cannot be over emphasized. Club trail work day provides an opportunity to learn proper registration, to direct traffic and parking, enforce safety protocols, perform safety patrols, greet park visitors, and remind visitors of Park rules and regulations as required. If a candidate is unable to support a trail club work day, I work with our club president to offer alternatives such as assisting club members with trail maintenance during the week, participating in a Ranger led hike, helping with one of the scout projects, best suited to the individual.

**4** Take a Hike with an experienced TA. This can be combined with another event.

**5** Attend orientation – **this is a National Park Service requirement.**

**6** View the movie on the Battle of Kennesaw Mountain.

The requirements do not need to be completed in any particular order nor is there a time limit on how long the candidate takes to fulfill the tasks. After completion of

the requirements the candidate is a fully fledged Trail Ambassador. Ranger Amanda Corman gives them a shirt, hat, first aid kit and volunteer parking pass. I give them a hearty welcome to the Club and the assurance I will keep them up to date on all volunteer requests from the Park staff and training opportunities.

For those interested in being a Trail Ambassador, we will have an Orientation Class on March 26, 2017, at 2 pm in the Visitor Center.

*Janie Brier*

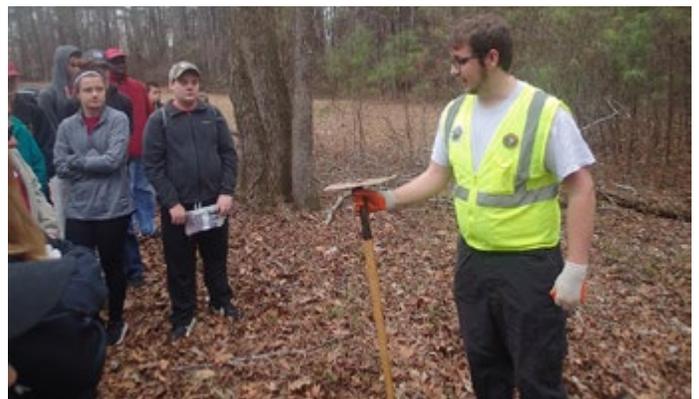
Director, Trail Ambassadors



*Harry Carpenter is doing well and is anxious to get back to working on the plant eradication team. Photo by Doug Tasse.*

## 2/11/17 Trail Work Day Photos

Photos by Scott Mackay (left side and bottom, right) and Donald Olds (right side).

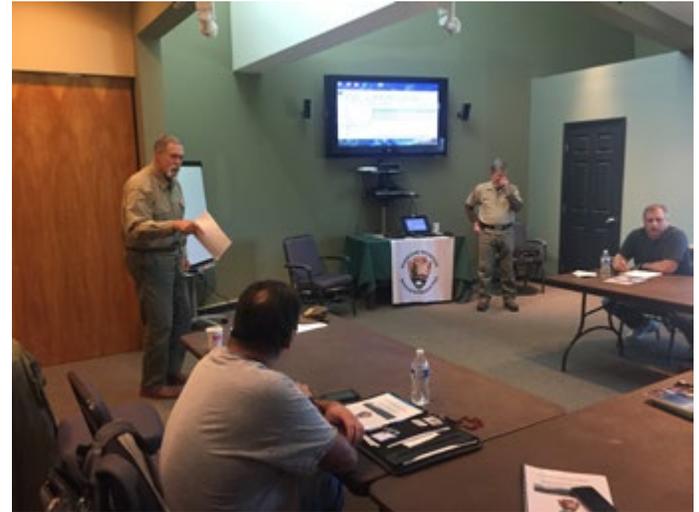


## New Crew Leaders!

A Crew Leader Training Class was held on February 25th at the Visitor Center. The class was conducted by Jerry Givan and Scott Mackay. Congratulations to our new Crew Leaders:

Eric Sawyer  
 Peter Stell (already a Trail Ambassador)  
 Janie Brier (already a Trail Ambassador)  
 Bob Brier  
 Cole Eubanks  
 Marty Verdi

*Photos by Scott Mackay.*



## Contact List - Updated 1/24/2017

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| Facebook Page                   |               | <a href="http://www.facebook.com/kmtcsocial">http://www.facebook.com/kmtcsocial</a>                              |
| Volunteer Sign-up website*      |               | <a href="http://vols.pt/ePEkfb">http://vols.pt/ePEkfb</a>  |

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## Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park

### Upcoming Interpretive Programs

\*\*All park programming is free and open to the public. No registration required. Programs start at Visitor Center except when noted otherwise.

**Everyday @ 1:00 pm**

#### **Ranger Led Museum Tour**

Join a Kennesaw Mountain Park Ranger for an in-depth exploration of our museum chronicling the events surrounding the Battle of Kennesaw Mountain.

#### March

#### **March 4, 26 @ 11:30 am - 12:00 pm 'Civil War Artillery Talk'**

This 30 minute Ranger led program discusses the differences between Civil War artillery pieces and how these differences changed warfare during the American Civil War

#### **March 5 @ 11:30 am - 12:00 pm 'Guided Mountaintop Hike'**

Join us for a ranger hike to the top of Big Kennesaw Mountain. The hike will focus on the local and Civil War history, as well some of the ecology of the area. This is an outdoor program, so please prepare accordingly. Length of the hike will be approximately 2 miles, strenuous, and will be weather dependent.

#### **March 11 @ 11:30 am - 12:00 pm 'Life of the Common Soldier'**

Life for the common infantry soldier during the Atlanta Campaign was less than ideal. Come out and enjoy an interactive Ranger presentation that will utilize various reproduced props and personal items to illustrate how soldiers lived and fought on the campaign trail in 1864.

#### **March 12 @ 11:30 am - 12:00 pm 'Welcome to Kennesaw Mountain'**

Come out and enjoy a Ranger led presentation on the Battle of Kennesaw Mountain, the Atlanta Campaign, and how these events shaped our history and the park as it is today. This presentation will utilize various maps and artifacts to illustrate this portion of history.

#### **March 18 @ 11:30 am - 12:00 pm 'Commonalities Amongst The Common Soldiers of the Union and Confederacy'**

This interactive Ranger led program compares and contrasts the lives of Union and Confederate soldiers during the Atlanta Campaign and shows that these American soldiers were not so different.

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**March 19 @ 11:30 am- 12:00 pm 'Atlanta Campaign Map Talk'**

This 30 minute Ranger led program focuses on the 1864 Atlanta Campaign and how the Union and Confederate forces moved through the north Georgia countryside to the city of Atlanta. This program will also utilize the various interpretive maps and signs of the Visitor Center.

**March 25 @ 11:30 am- 12:00 pm 'Freaky Funky Furs'**

Come out and enjoy a Ranger-led program on different animal species found here at Kennesaw Mountain. The program will utilize pelts from different animals found at our park to help teach visitors more about the diverse habitat here and the animals that call the park 'home'!

**March 25 @ 2:00 pm- 3:00 pm 'Kennesaw Mountain: Beyond the War'**

You may have already heard stories about the role Kennesaw Mountain played during the Civil War. On Saturday, March 25th at 2 pm at the Visitor Center our very own 11 year old volunteer junior historian, Andrew Bramlett, will share "Kennesaw Mountain: Beyond the War". Come hear stories of events that took place, and some that were planned and never took place, both before and after the war.

*\*\* Outdoor programs (Living History programs and hikes) may be cancelled in the occurrence of inclement weather).*

*\*\*\* For more program details, please contact Visitor Center at 770-427-4686, ext. 0, or visit our website at [www.nps.gov/kemo](http://www.nps.gov/kemo)*

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# Tree Planting - 2/17/17

Photos by Fred Feltmann



## Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park Plants

Ever wonder what those flowering plants are around the Visitor Center?

Well, your wish is our command! Here's a listing of them! Thanks, Danny Leigh! F - Flowers; B - Berries

| Kennesaw Mountain Battlefield plants of interest |                         | Jan                       | Feb                  | Mar | Apr | May | Jun | Jul | Aug | Sep | Oct | Nov |
|--|-------------------------|---------------------------|----------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| Type   | Plant                   | Flowers or berries        | Location             |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |
| P  | Blue-eyed grass         | blue - small flowers      | near VC door         |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |
| P  | Flag iris               | blue flowers              | mid parking sidewalk |     |     | F   |     |     |     |     |     |     |
| P  | Blue mistflower         | blue flowers              | mid parking sidewalk |     |     | F   |     |     | F   | F   |     | F   |
| P  | Spiderwort (grass-like) | blue, purple or pink      | various locations    |     |     | F   | F   |     |     |     |     |     |
| P  | Bearded iris            | light blue flowers        | steps near flagpole  |     |     | F   |     |     |     |     |     |     |
| P  | Lantana                 | orange and yellow         | butterfly garden     |     |     |     | F   | F   | F   | F   | F   |     |
| P  | Butterfly milkweed      | orange flowers            | Bed near flagpole    |     |     | F   |     |     |     |     |     |     |
| A  | Mexican sunflower       | orange flowers            | butterfly garden     |     |     |     | F   | F   | F   | F   | F   |     |
| P  | Passionflower vine      | purple flowers            | butterfly garden     |     |     |     | F   | F   | F   | F   |     |     |
| P  | Coneflower              | purple flowers            | steps near flagpole  |     |     |     | F   | F   | F   |     |     |     |
| P  | Iron weed               | purple flowers/tall plant | butterfly garden     |     |     |     | F   | F   |     |     |     |     |
| P  | Cardinal flower         | red flowers               | mid parking sidewalk |     |     |     | F   | F   | F   |     |     |     |
| A  | Salvia                  | red flowers               | near bus             |     |     |     | F   | F   | F   | F   |     |     |
| P  | Indian Pink             | red with yellow tip       | steps near flagpole  |     |     | F   |     |     |     |     |     |     |
| P  | Swamp milkweed          | reddish flowers           | mid parking sidewalk |     |     |     |     | F   | F   | F   |     |     |
| P  | Boneset                 | white flowers             | Bed near flagpole    |     |     |     |     | F   | F   | F   |     |     |
| P  | Hyssop                  | white pale flowers        | butterfly garden     |     |     |     |     | F   | F   | F   |     |     |
| P  | False indigo (baptisia) | white, yellow or blue     | steps near flagpole  |     |     |     |     | F   |     |     |     |     |
| A  | Korean viburnum         | white/light pink flowers  | steps near flagpole  |     |     | F   | F   |     |     |     |     |     |
| P  | Green and gold          | yellow flowers            | mid parking sidewalk |     |     | F   | F   |     |     |     |     |     |
| P  | Wood poppy              | yellow flowers            | near cannon          |     |     | F   | F   | F   |     |     |     |     |
| P  | Yarrow                  | yellow flowers            | steps near flagpole  |     |     | F   | F   |     |     |     |     |     |
| P  | Goldenrod               | yellow flowers            | various locations    |     |     |     |     |     | F   | F   |     |     |
| P  | Swamp sunflower         | yellow flowers/tall plant | mid parking sidewalk |     |     |     |     |     | F   | F   | F   |     |
| P  | Black-eyed Susan        | yellow with black center  | several locations    |     |     |     | F   | F   | F   | F   |     |     |
| S  | Butterfly bush          | purple flowers            | butterfly garden     |     |     |     |     | F   | F   | F   |     |     |
| S  | Gargenia                | white flowers             | near cannon          |     |     |     |     | F   | F   | F   |     |     |
| T  | Fringetree (small tree) | white flowers             | near bus             |     |     | F   |     |     |     |     |     |     |
| T  | Redbud (small tree)     | purple flowers            | various locations    |     |     | F   | F   |     |     |     |     |     |
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| S  | American beautyberry    | purple berries            | parking lot sidewalk |     |     |     |     |     | B   | B   | B   | B   |
| S  | Winterberry (holly)     | red berries               | near magnolia        |     |     |     |     |     | B   | B   | B   | B   |

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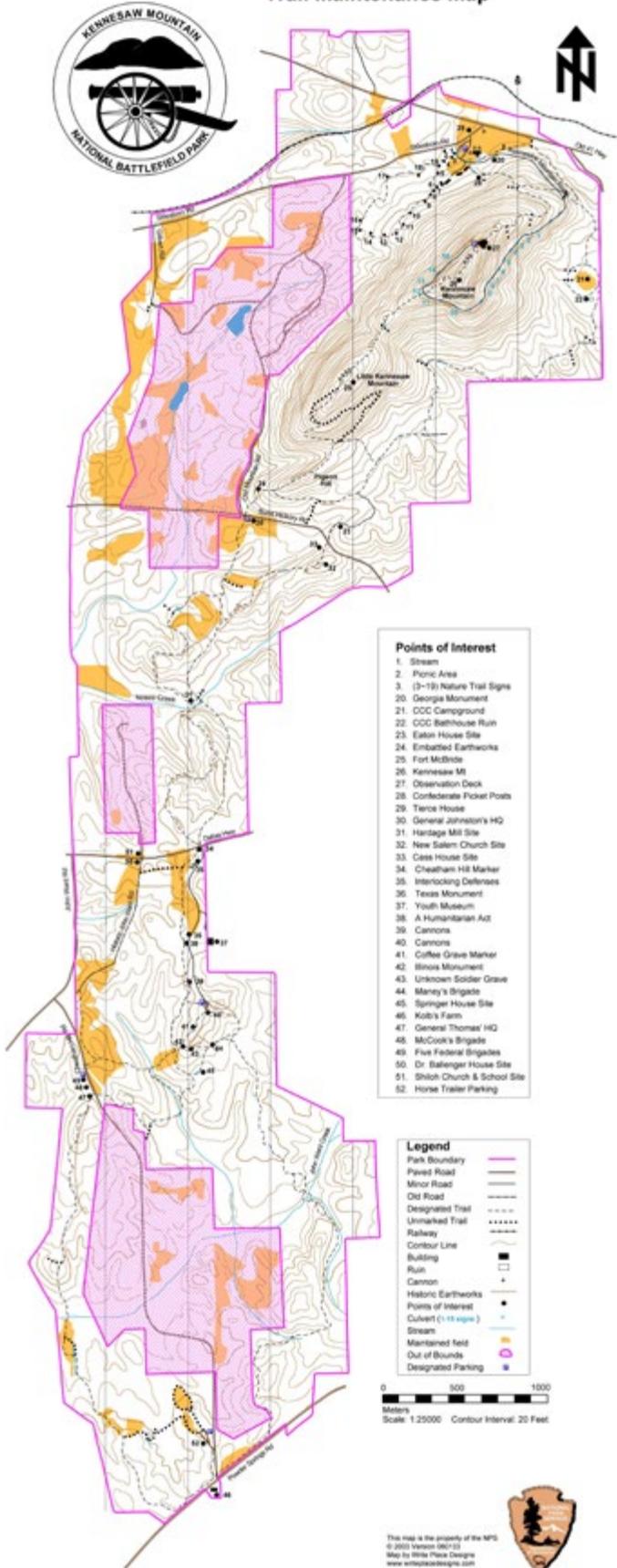


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## KENNESAW MOUNTAIN NATIONAL BATTLEFIELD PARK

### Trail Maintenance Map



## April Newsletter Deadline

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