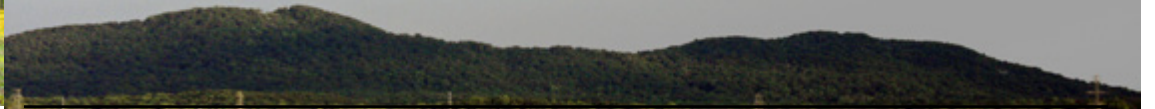




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- *November 9th Work Day* - page [15](#)



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!

Calendar of Events - Friends/KMTC

| <u>Date</u> | <u>Time</u> | <u>Location</u> | <u>Event</u> |
|-----------------------|-------------|--|--------------------------------|
| November, 2024 | | | |
| 11/9 | 8 am - Noon | Cheatham Hill Dr. Parking Lot, Near Illinois Monument | November, 2024 Work Day |
| December, 2024 | | | |
| 12/14 | 8 am - Noon | Visitor Center Parking Field | December, 2024 Work Day |
| January, 2025 | | | |
| 01/11 | | TBD - dependent on weather! | January, 2025 Work Day |

The Park staff is conducting Virtual Events on their Facebook Page

<https://www.facebook.com/pg/KMNBP>

Current Status Of Park

All NPS outdoor events at Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park are being conducted.

All trails are open, except as noted, below. All parking lots are open. The Mountain Road parking lot is open when the Mountain Road is open.

Visitor Center is now open; masks are **optional**.

The Visitor Center theater is open - the movie is being shown.

The Mountain Rd. is open to motorized vehicles on weekdays only (excluding major holidays)

The shuttle bus is now transporting visitor to/from the Visitor Center/Kennesaw Mountain Top Parking Lot on weekends.

Trail closures

The horse trail crossing on John Ward Creek on the Kolb Farm East Trail is closed until further notice because of the treacherous creek crossing there.

See page [6](#) & [7](#) for a listing of NPS-sponsored events for the month of November.



Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park Guidebook

The Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park Guidebook sponsored by the Friends of KMNBP is now available on Amazon.

“Earthworks” is published monthly jointly by the Friends of KMNPB & the Kennesaw Mountain Trails Club.

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E-mail: faf1948@bellsouth.net

Additional Volunteers needed! Call today!

List of Abbreviations

FOKM - Friends of Kennesaw Mountain
KMNBP - Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park
KMTC - Kennesaw Mountain Trail Club
NPS/KEMO - National Park Service/Kennesaw Mountain
VHP - Veterans History Project
VC - Visitor Center

Newsletter Sign-up

Would you like to receive our newsletter? To sign up, click on the following link: <http://eepurl.com/gKjX1n> Complete and submit this form. You'll be added to our subscription list.

Wish to unsubscribe? Simply follow the instructions at the bottom of the email forwarding the newsletter link, and you'll be permanently removed from our mailing list. To re-subscribe, you will need to use a different email address - removal is permanent for the original email address!



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U.S. Department of the Interior

Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park
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Kennesaw, GA 30152

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www.nps.gov/kemo

Kennesaw Mountain News Release

Release Date: Immediately

Contact: Marjorie Thomas, Marjorie_thomas@nps.gov, 770-427-4686 x 231

John Ward Creek Crossing Closed to Horseback Riders

Kennesaw, GA – Effective immediately, the John Ward Creek crossing just south of the Illinois Monument is closed to horseback riders until further notice. This closure stems from a safety concern due to hazardous conditions relating to an unstable streambed. The closure affects the creek crossing between Milepost 3.5 and Milepost 4 of the Kolb’s Farm East Trail.

Superintendent Patrick Gamman states, “We are concerned for the safety of all park users. Crossing John Ward Creek at this section of the trail poses a risk that we want to alert our horse community to, as it could potentially cause harm to both horse and rider. We will be working as quickly as possible to mitigate this problem.”

Please contact the park at 770-427-4686 or visit the park’s website at www.nps.gov/kemo for further information.

[The National Park Service](#)

About the National Park Service. More than 20,000 National Park Service employees care for America's 423 national parks and work with communities across the nation to help preserve local history and create close-to-home recreational opportunities. Learn more at the [NPS website](#), and on [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#), [Twitter](#), and [YouTube](#).

July, 2024 Update
Work on the bridge replacement is previously scheduled to begin in August, 2024 has been indefinitely postponed.

EXPERIENCE YOUR AMERICA™

The National Park Service cares for special places saved by the American people so that all may experience our heritage.

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<http://kennesawmountaintrailclub.org>

The 2024 Share the Experience Employee Photo Contest

Do you have a favorite photo of your park site or another Federal land that you would like to share? The 2024 Share the Experience Employee Photo Contest launched in June and is accepting entries through December 31, 2024. The contest is a great way to share the photos you have taken while off duty or as a Volunteer and you have a chance to win a prize. Eleven winners will be selected to receive an America the Beautiful – National Parks and Federal Recreational Lands Annual Pass and outdoor gear. The grand prize winner will also receive a framed copy of the winning photo.

The 2023 grand prize-winning photo was taken by NPS intern Sophie Ulik while visiting Sequoia & Kings Canyon National Parks. See the 2023 winning photos and enter the contest at <https://employees.sharetheexperience.org/login>.

To just see the gallery of photos - <https://employees.sharetheexperience.org/>

To be eligible for the contest, you must be employed by or volunteered for the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, National Park Service, USDA Forest Service, Bureau of Land Management, Bureau of Reclamation, or U.S. Army Corps of Engineers at some time during the Submission Phase of the contest (June 13 - December 31, 2024). Photos must be taken while off-duty at lands managed by the above six agencies.

Enter up to 10 photos by December 31, 2024, to be eligible to win.

If you have any questions email waso_interagency_pass@nps.gov.

Wallis House

5 years ago I helped the Park with a grant application for the Trail Club to help preserve and interpret Harriston Hill, including building a hiking trail to the top. Turns out we were years ahead of the time when that could be done. Preservation and interpretation of the house will be more difficult than the hill by an order of magnitude.

I haven't been in the house. I was invited to a meeting there about 15 years ago before it became NPS property but work got in the way.

Bill Gurry

From: Phil Gast

FYI: Here is my blog post on the Wallis house/Signal Hill

<https://civil-war-picket.blogspot.com/2024/10/kennesaws-wallis-house-and-civil-war.html>

Also, toward the end of the blog post is a 35 minute video summary of the Battle for Kennesaw Mountain.

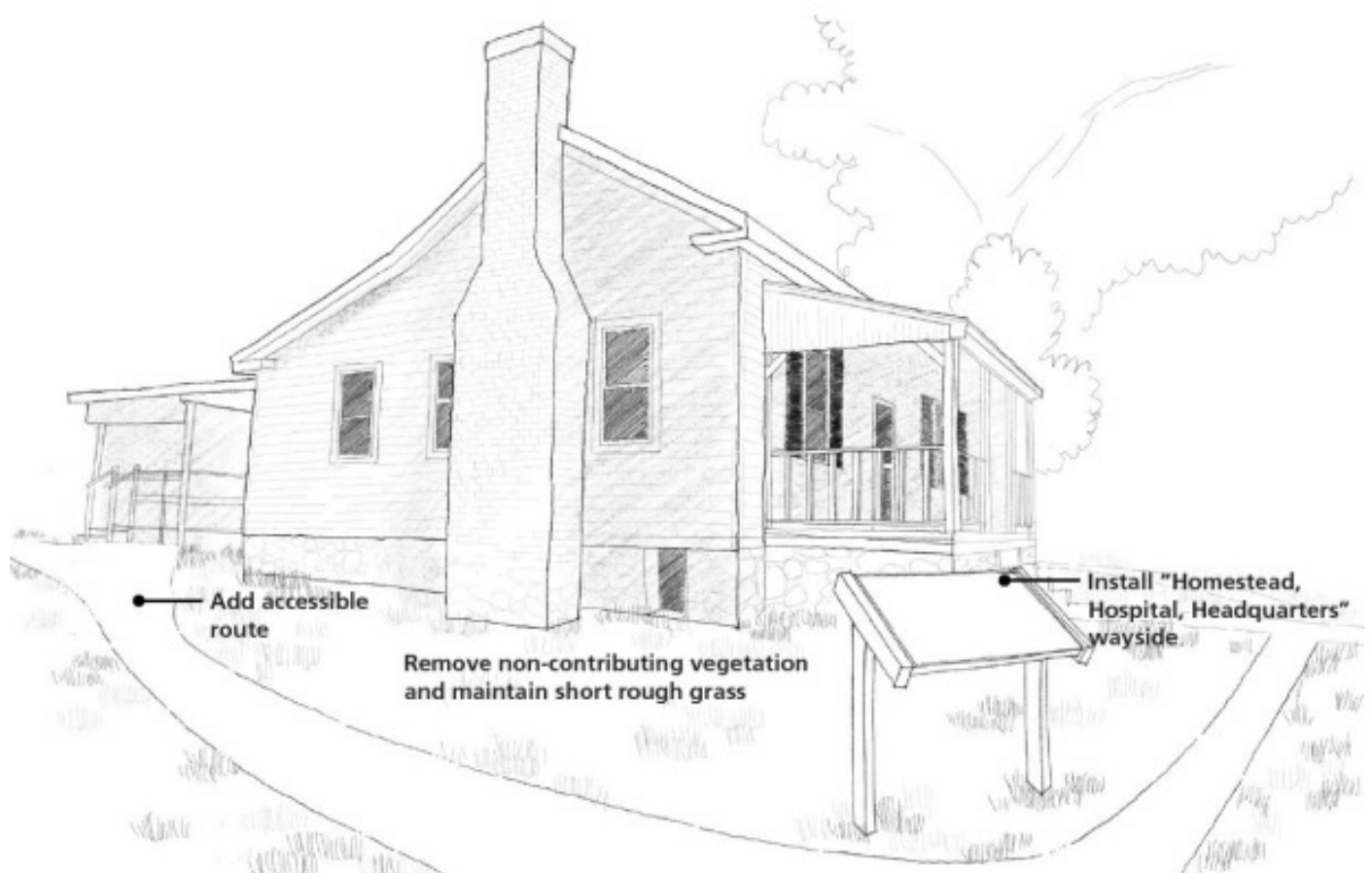


Figure 12. Proposed Improvements to the Landscape Around the Wallis House



Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park Interpretive Programs for **-NOVEMBER-**

**All outdoor programs are weather-dependent.*

**Unless otherwise noted, all programs will be held at the Visitor Center*

Museum Tours every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday @ 2:00 pm!

November 2 @ 11 am- Guided Museum Tour

Ever wanted to enjoy our museum tour, but couldn't make it out during the week? You're in luck! This hour-long program will highlight the main points of the Civil War, culminating in the Atlanta Campaign of 1864. We will use the artifacts of the museum and our education collection as a medium to tell our story. A great primer for anyone interested in the Battle of Kennesaw Mountain!

November 3 @ 11 am- Mountaintop Hike

This ranger-led hike will take you roughly 1 mile up to the peak of Big Kennesaw Mountain. Along the way, you'll learn about the flora and fauna of the area and the history that shapes us from pre-history, through Civil War and on to today. The hike is semi-strenuous so bring water and good shoes!

November 9 @ 11 am, 12 pm, 2 pm & 3 pm- Infantry Demonstrations

The Civil War was the first modern war in history, fought using tactics and techniques still relevant to the battlefield today. Come out and experience our living historians as they encamp and offer rifle firing demonstrations at the above- listed times.

November 10th -@ 11 am, 12 pm, 2 pm & 3 pm – Artillery Demonstrations

Artillery was a vital component to the operations of both armies during the Atlanta Campaign and played a key role in several engagements during the Battle of Kennesaw Mountain. Our living historians will hold camp at the Visitor Center and shoot the cannon at the above- listed times.

November 16 @11 am- Cheatham Hill Battlefield Walk

Come on out and enjoy a casual, history-focused walk around one of the most significant sites of the Battle of Kennesaw Mountain. Hear accounts from Union and Confederate survivors, and fully experience the area that would earn the nickname of the "Dead Angle".

****Parking will be at the end of Cheatham Hill Drive, (tour stop 5 on brochure)***

November 17 @ 11 am– Civil War Soldier Gear and Artifacts Layout

Life for the infantry soldier (Union or Confederate) was anything but easy. Long marches, bad food, and worse living conditions made it tough going for these young men. Join us as we lay out the gear that made such intense campaigning possible. You will see period-correct uniforms, weaponry and even get up close and personal with artifacts from the Battle of Kennesaw Mountain!

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November 23 @11 am– The Western and Atlantic Railroad Talk

For four months during the summer of 1864, two massive armies struggled daily for control over an artery of supplies leading straight to the heart of the Confederate war machine: Atlanta, Georgia.

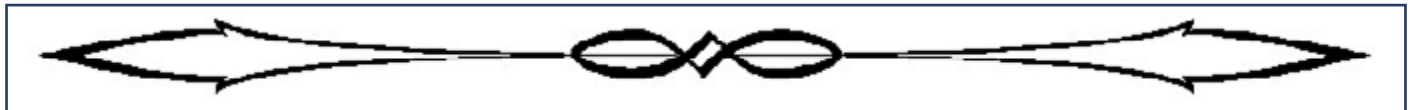
Hundreds of railroad cars would travel daily to the besieged trenches. Come learn about the logistics behind making an army move, and why Kennesaw Mountain's defenses were so important for the Union forces to negotiate.

November 24 @ 11 am- Picket Line Walk

The Battle of Kennesaw Mountain was a large-scale offensive with many moving parts. One of the first actions of that day was a diversionary attack at the base of Kennesaw Mountain itself and part of the way up the slope. Join one of our rangers for a short walk along this line of battle as they detail the techniques, tactics, and aftermath of this fateful assault. This walk includes rolling, rocky terrain and is approximately 1.3 mile long.

November 30 @ 11 am- All About Artillery Talk

Artillery is known as the King of Battle. It ruled as one of the deadliest factors during the brutal trench warfare seen on the slopes of Kennesaw Mountain. Come on out and learn about this weapon of war, to include showcasing actual artifacts found from the Battle of Kennesaw Mountain.



We Are Family
Fred Feltmann
7/18/15

The National Park Service Staff
The Kennesaw Mountain Trail Club
The Living History participants
The Visitors

We are all Family.
We all own this land, together.
Together we work.
We work to safeguard it, and our visitors.
We work to preserve it for future generations.
That they may understand what occurred here.
That they might enjoy the beauty of this land.
That they might appreciate it's importance to our Well-being.

For this land has been home to many peoples -
The many Native American Nations.
The farmers and ranchers who toiled here
- Be they free man or slave.
And it has been a battleground - where thousands died
- Both Confederate and Union.
Let us always protect, preserve and honor this land.
For it is our past, our present and our future.

We take pride in our successes.
And we learn from our failures.
We celebrate each other's triumphs.
And we mourn each other's loss.
We are Family.

Park Moments

Taken during the 10/12/24 Work Day.

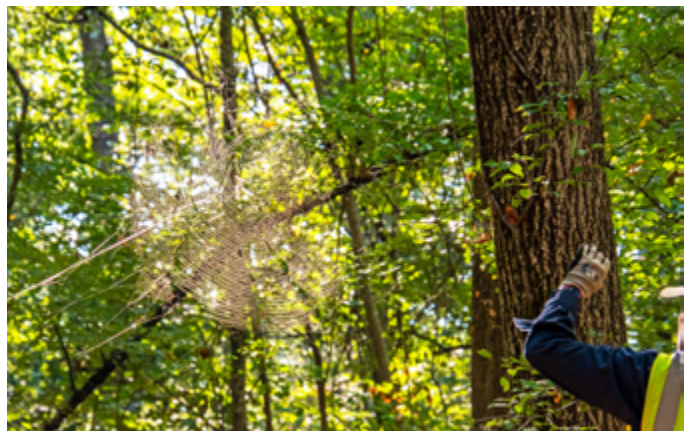


Photo, above, by Scott Mackay.

Photos, below, and to the right, by Fred Feltmann



Hard to see, below, but it's a Joro spider web.





New Bridge Proposal

The Friends group had submitted a grant request for \$40,000 from the National Park Foundation. While the project was not funded, we are still committed to the project. This request is for a pre-fab bridge that is 48' long and 8' wide going across a large creek on a proposed new trail, which will be made public once the funds are raised. The estimated bridge cost is ~\$52,000 and \$8,000 to complete the bridge installation and approach trails. Superintendent Patrick Gamman's target installation date is the February 2025 workday. Therefore, we need to raise the \$60,000 by mid-January, 2025.

See page 12, "[Six Ways To Donate](#)" for ways to donate and Page 12, "[2024 Pledge Card](#)". Be sure to designate that your donation is for the 2025 Bridge Project. More details to

come in the location/name of trail if the grant is approved!!!

The good news is that \$5,000 has already been pledged!

Mike Collett

Trails Director



The Friends Of Kennesaw Mountain

The Friends of Kennesaw Mountain's mission is to raise funds to support programs and projects at the Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park.

Your Membership helps to fund this mission.

Please join us.

Our Mission:

The mission of the Friends of Kennesaw Mountain is to work in partnership with the National Park Service and the local community to provide volunteers and raise funding to support activities such as:

- Visitor & Away Events
- Transportation, Housing, and Feeding of volunteer groups (example: Living History, Student Conservation Association, Invasive Plants Team)
- Museum Upgrades and Indoor and Outdoor Exhibit Additions (& the Wallis House)
- Restrooms, Parking, and Picnic Area Facilities
- Trails, Fire Roads, and Bridges Maintenance
- Educational Day Trips and Vacation Camps
- Volunteer-In-Park Training Programs

The ultimate goal is to create endowments for the most significant expense items and move them toward a sustainable and perpetual self-funded status that reduces the need for these items to rely on federal budget support.

Help Wanted: Leadership Positions

As a result of the recent merger of the Kennesaw Mountain Trail Club (KMTC) and Friends of Kennesaw Mountain NBP (Friends), as well as position resignations, the following positions are vacant.

These positions are needed to advance the Friend's mission as the Philanthropic Partner of Kennesaw Mountain NBP, NPS.

As you volunteer with Friends' activities, please consider participating in one of the following leadership roles.



1. Secretary, Board of Directors.

2-year term

"The Secretary shall keep, or cause to be kept, accurate records of the deliberation, actions and resolutions of the Board and of the Executive Committee and of such other committees as may be determined by the Board or the Board Chair." By-laws Friends.

2. Volunteer Coordinator, Staff.

1-year term

"Responsible for the planning and implementation of registration on scheduled Trail Workdays as well as for approving volunteer hours and volunteer performance certificates. The job requires ongoing coordination with the various groups and individuals representing the NPS, KMTC and local volunteer community."

Coordinates assignment of Friends VIP (volunteers in parks) to support Friends events and requests for support from NPS. Helps develop and refine the volunteer management aspects of the Friends website.

3. Grants, Staff.

1-year term

Identifies grant opportunities to support Friends' efforts. Prepares grant applications. Administers approved grants.

4. Member, Fundraising Committee, Staff, (several positions available)

1-year term

Reports to Board Fundraising Director

Participates in the development and implementation of the fundraising function of Friends.

5. Member Website Development Committee, Staff (several positions available)

1-year term

Reports to Board Social Media Director

Participates in the development and implementation of the Friends website.

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Help Wanted!
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6. 161st Park Anniversary (2025) Coordinator, Staff

1-year term

This individual would head up a volunteer group to coordinate various activities with the NPS staff to conduct the 161st Anniversary of the Battle for Kennesaw Mountain.

Activities might be:

- Fundraising
- Parking
- Food logistics for feeding the various volunteers
- General logistics
- Publicity
- Hospitality Services

7. Endowment Fund Chair, Staff

2-year term

Coordinate/lead the activities necessary to establish an Endowment Fund for the Friends:

- Policies
- Publicity
- Establish a core group to manage it

For more details or to be considered for these positions please contact:

Jay Haney, (770) 313-4864, haney69jb@gmail.com

For the Governance/Nominating Committee

18 July 2024

Marietta Wine Tasting Event a Success!

We raised \$1509 at this year's event. There were approximately 50 folks in attendance.

Thanks to all who made the event a success!

We hope to see you again later this year at our future fundraising events!

Kathy Bearden

Friends of Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park (KMNP)

Photos by Fred Feltmann



The Friends of Kennesaw Mountain Webstore

The Friends of Kennesaw Mountain is excited to announce our new webstore! Our first product is a unisex T-shirt, which is 100% cotton. The design on the back of the shirt shows Kennesaw Mountain and the Visitor Center. It is inspired by the New Deal travel posters from the 1930's. The shirt can be purchased online for \$20 at <https://friendsofkmnbp.org/shop/>. Visit our website! *New items have been added!*

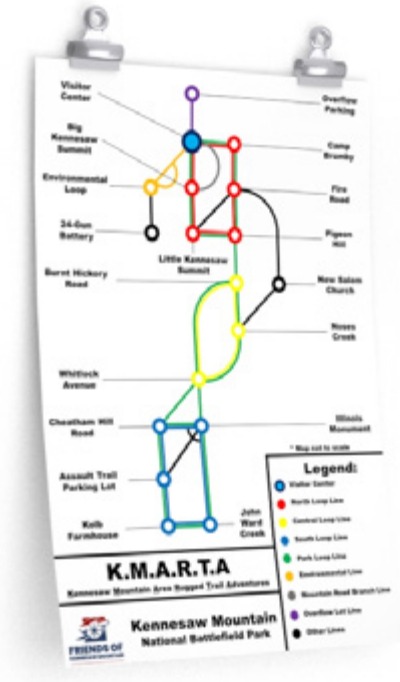
Andrew Bramlett



Some of the items for sale.



Front



Back



Become a supporting member of the Friends of Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park (KMNBP)

The Friends of KMNBP's mission is to raise funds to support programs and projects at the Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park.

These include:

Hiking/Equestrian Trail improvements and Maintenance

Museum improvements and expansion

Living History Demonstrations

Additional parking and restrooms

Guest speakers

More

Our long term goal is to establish endowments to provide perpetual sources of funding for the programs that make the park special for all of us and generations to come.



Your annual membership will help us achieve our goals. We are a 501(c)(3) tax deductible organization. 100% of all funds received are put to use for and at the Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park.

Annual membership levels:

- Hiker up \$249
- Trail Guide \$250
- Peak Performer \$500
- Superintendent's Circle \$1,000
- Canine Corps \$120
- Park Sustainer \$10/mo+ (\$120 Annually)
- Tribute Salute – Amount given in honor/memory of someone



Six Ways To Donate

You can support the Friends in 6 ways:

1. Directly through our website - <https://friendsofkmnbp.org/giving-membership/donate/>
2. Through PayPal - <https://www.paypal.com/US/fundraiser/charity/3750205>
3. Through Guidestar (Network for Good) - <https://www.nfggive.com/donation/83-4627827>
4. QR Code:



5. DipJar located in the Visitor Center - New!



6. Or, by mailing to:
Friends of KMNBP
905 Kennesaw Mountain Drive
Kennesaw, GA 30152

Thanks for your support!

Please Use the pledge card on the following page when mailing in a donation.

Please check with your company to see if they will match your gift.



2025 Pledge Card

Note: New category - 2025 Bridge Project!!!!

This is a \$60,000 Project - can you pledge \$50, \$100, \$500, or more? If so, please complete the Pledge Card, below, and send it to the address on the card - we've already raised \$5,000!



Friends of Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park

2025 Pledge Card

Name _____
 Address _____
 City, State, Zip _____
 Phone _____
 Email _____

Complete and mail to:

Friends of Kennesaw Mountain
 Attn: 2023 Pledge
 905 Kennesaw Mountain Drive
 Kennesaw, GA 30152

- Hiker up \$249
- Trail Guide \$250
- Peak Performer \$500
- Superintendent's Circle \$1,000
- Canine Corps \$120
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| <u>Pledge:</u> | <u>Amt</u> |
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| General Fund - Friends | _____ |
| Trail Club - | _____ |
| Living History - | _____ |
| Endowment Fund | _____ |
| <i>Check one or designate amount for each.</i> | |

One Payment _____
 Quarterly Payment _____
 Monthly Payment _____
 Does your company match? Y__ N__
 Invoice me _____
 (Monthly __ Quarterly __)
 Check enclosed _____
 (Payable to "Friends of KMNBP")
 Credit Card Number: _____
 Expiration date _____
 Security Code _____
 I wish to remain anonymous _____



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Workday 10-12-24

On Friday, October 11, Bill, Eric, Rich, Tom, and Mike reviewed the work planned and put the flags out.

This work plan covered the part of the Hardage Mill Trail from where it meets the Nose Creek Trail going south and follows Noses Creek to the Noses Creek Trail by the Noses Creek Bridge. We were to perform annual maintenance on this part of the trail.

We had 13 crew leaders for the workday. The Crew Leaders were Bill, Curt, Donald, Eric, Fred, Geoff, Rich, Scott, Thomas G, Tom, and Mike. We had 2 Crew Leaders under instruction, they were Aashrith and Aaron O. We had 4 Trail Ambassadors; they were Debbie, Doug, Karen, and Laurie. They did registration and directed the volunteers to the parking area. We had 20 volunteers. The volunteers were from Hillgrove HS NJROTC Unit (3), Allatoona HS NJROTC (10), the Atlanta Outdoor Club (5, I am in that number) and individuals (2).

On Saturday, I welcomed the volunteers, mentioned the November workday and Crew Leader Training, reviewed

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“Other” Volunteers Needed!

Interested in being more active with the Trail Club (or the Friends), but don't want to do Crew Leader or Trail



Ambassador work? See pages [10](#) & [11](#) for a list of activities/ functions needed to maintain the organizations and contact the various department heads to volunteer!

Crew Leader & Trail Ambassador Positions Available!

Contact Mike Collett (regarding Crew Leader positions) or Kathy Van Valkenburg/Lauri Poppel (Trail Ambassador positions) if interested.

Mike Collett - trails@kennesawmountaintrailclub.org

Kathy Van Valkenburg/Lauri Poppel - ambassador@kennesawmountaintrailclub.org

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 2024 (October 2023- September 2024 and Fiscal 2025 (October 2024- Present):

FY 2024

- ALLATOONA HS NJROTC*
- ATLANTA OUTDOOR CLUB*
- ETOWAH HIGH SCHOOL EAGLE SERVICE CONNECTION CLUB*
- HILLGROVE HS NJROTC*
- KSU*

FY 2025

- ALLATOONA HS NJROTC*
- ATLANTA OUTDOOR CLUB*
- HILLGROVE HS NJROTC*



This Past Month's Volunteers

We had 20 volunteers for the October, 2024 Work Day, from the following organizations, along with several individuals:

- ALLATOONA HS NJROTC*
- ATLANTA OUTDOOR CLUB*
- HILLGROVE HS NJROTC*

Crew Leader Training - 11/2/24

Crew Leader Training will be on Saturday, November 2nd from 8:30 am to 1:00 pm starting at the Tool Shed, about a half mile hike up the mountain, and ending with classroom instruction in the Visitor Center. Contact Mike Collett for more information - adjacent column.

Mike Collett
Trails Director

November 9, 2024 Work Day

Our next workday is Saturday, November 9, 2024. We will be replacing the bridge on the Assault Trail and will be meeting at Illinois Monument Parking Lot.

Mike Collett
Trails Director

10-12-24 Work Day Continued from Page 15

the day's work plan, conducted the safety briefing, and split our volunteers into two teams at the end of the Pigeon Hill Parking Lot. I then went between Teams answering questions and ensuring the work plan was being followed. Fred took pictures, Donald assisted with registration, and Geoff watched the parking lot along with the Trail Ambassadors.

Team 1 was led by Tom with Curt, Scott, and Thoms G assisting. He had Aashrith in training plus the individuals, Hillgrove HS NJROTC Unit, and the Atlanta Outdoor Club. They worked on lines 1 and 3 of the work plan. They cleaned the conduit on line 1, eliminated trail creep, and debarment as needed on lines 1 and 3 of the work plan.

Team 2 was led by Eric with Bill and Rich assisting. He had Aron O in training plus the Allatoona JROTC Unit. They worked on lines 2, 5, and 6 of the work plan. They debarment and eliminated trail creep as needed on lines 2, 5, and 6 of the work plan. Line 6 covering the point where the Hardage Mill Trail meets Noses Creek to the Noses Creek Bridge had only one spot needing maintenance that took only a couple of minutes.

Line 4 was to have no work performed on it until a decision is made on how to handle this extremely eroded section of the trail and compliance has been completed if required. This line was in the work plan purely to note the location of where we would not be working. A blowdown of about 2" in diameter crossing the trail at about neck high was removed.

Overall, this workday was to work on water flow issues that had arisen since the last time we worked in this area, about 19 months ago. We did accomplish all the lines on the work plan that required debarment. The trail has weathered well during this time and did not require as much work as might be expected with the number of hikers now using this trail.

Before:



During:



After plus the person on horseback:



Mike Collett

Trails Director

Register for Our Work Days!

Be sure to register online for our Work Days at. By registering, we can be better prepared with the amount of tools, bottled water, gloves, etc. on hand.



November 9 Work Day -

Parking and registration is in the Field next to Illinois Monument Parking lot on Cheatham Hill Dr. Temporary parking permits will be provided at registration. Please register for this work day - <https://friendsofkmnbp.org/get-involved/volunteer-opportunities/>

Map for parking lot can be found at: [957 Cheatham Hill Dr. Marietta, GA 30064](https://www.google.com/maps/place/30064+Cheatham+Hill+Dr,+Marietta,+GA)

Mark Your Calendars!

Upcoming Work Day Schedule:

We are back in the business of trail maintenance! See the sign-up links, above. We are still limiting our numbers, but anyone one is now welcome to sign-up.

The Trail Club will provide supervision and tools. Volunteers should wear work clothes (**long pants are required**) and closed toed shoes. Participants are encouraged to bring their own water, work gloves and masks. The NPS Volunteer Service Agreement and COVID forms are required, signed by a parent or guardian, if the student is under 18 years old. The forms are available on the trail club web site: <http://www.kennesawmountaintrailclub.org/volunteer.php>

For November's work day, parking and registration will be in the field near the Illinois Monument Parking Lot (see note, above). Vehicle Entrance Passes will issued at registration.

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 [trails@](mailto:trails@kennesawmountaintrailclub.org)

[kennesawmountaintrailclub.org](https://www.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 281,000 volunteer hours to Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park.

We hope to see you at a work day as soon as we return to our normal work days.

Cancellation policy

If rain is forecast for the work day, we will issue a cancellation notice on our website at least 24 hours before hand. In addition, during the winter months, if the temperature is forecast to be below 40 degrees, we will also issue a cancellation at least 24 hours prior to the work day.

KMTC Contact List - Updated 9/16/24

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