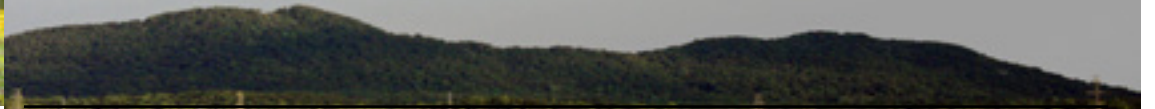


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Education Training

Monday, 9/16

10:00 am - 3:00 pm (with an hour for lunch)

Held in park Education Room

Please Note: This training is primarily for anyone interested in being a Trail Ambassador (TA) or as a refresher course for current TAs.

Overall program review, guided hike walkthrough, program mock-ups, museum tour/walkthrough. Please be sure bring plenty of water, good closed toed shoes, and any note-taking material you may want.

Be sure to register for this class:

<https://signup.com/client/invitation2/secure/393425220086/false#/invitation>

Jake Boling

Park Ranger

Education Coordinator

Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park

Phone: 770-615-1802

PS There will be an upcoming TA orientation/training course scheduled on October 5, 2024 at the Visitor Center in the Education Room for anyone wishing to volunteer to be a TA! See "[Trail Ambassador Training Class](#)" on page [22](#) for more information. ([Link](#))

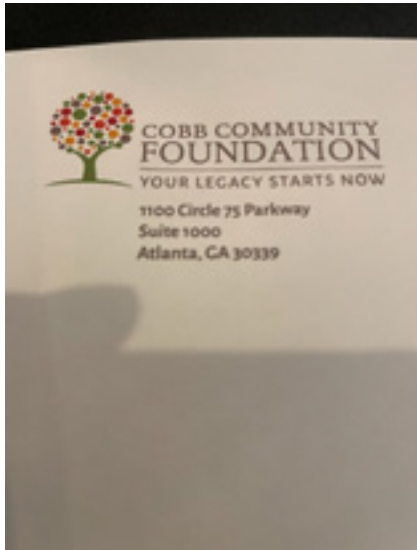
October Newsletter Deadline

If you wish to have an article published in the October Newsletter, please submit it to Fred Feltmann at faf1948@bellsouth.net no later than September 21st!

Marietta Kiwanis Club Donation

Ray Hammal (NPS) and Scott Mackay attended a meeting in July to receive a \$2500 grant toward the Art-in-the Park program. The goal is to reach 100 children in the 2025 Art-in-the-Park program.

Last June, during the 160th Anniversary of the Battle of Kennesaw Mountain, the Park hosted 30 children in this program.



Calendar of Events - Friends/KMTC

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Event</u>
September, 2024			
9/14	8:00 am - noon	Cheatham Hill Rd. Parking Lot (Field across the Rd.)	September, 2024 Work Day
October, 2024			
10/12	8:00 am - noon	Burnt Hickory Parking Lot (Burnt Hickory & Old Mountain Rd)	October, 2024 Work Day
November, 2024			
11/9		TBD	November, 2024 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.

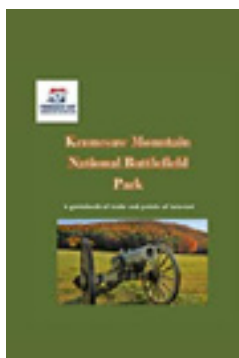
The Mountain Rd. is open to motorized vehicles on weekdays only (excluding major holidays)

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 [pages 5 & 6](#) for a listing of NPS-sponsored events for the month of September.



Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park Guidebook

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

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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Additional Volunteers needed! Call today!



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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](#)

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

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<http://kennesawmountaintrailclub.org>

Mountain Store Trailer Is Now Open.

Eastern National has opened the Mountain Store Trailer in the parking area at the top of Kennesaw Mountain, and it will remain open on weekends and major holidays until the last weekend in September (September 29th). The store will be open 10 am till late afternoon (weather permitting) and have hats, t-shirts, snacks, water, Powerade and ice cream for sale for our hikers and other visitors to the mountain.



Protect your pets on the Mountain Road this summer (as well as in your neighborhoods)!

I read the following article from Scientific American last week and immediately thought of the dogs walking on the Mountain Road during the summer months.

<https://www.scientificamerican.com/article/new-nasa-heat-map-shows-scorching-streets-that-can-burn-skin-in-seconds/>

The road surface can get quite hot, as noted in the article, above, especially in the late morning and afternoon, when the air temperature reaches 90's.

So, be kind to your pets and walk the road in the early mornings or early evenings, when the road surfaces are cooler, or hike the shady trails in the park! And always keep your pet on a leash - it's a park requirement!

Fred Feltmann

Communications Director
Friends of Kennesaw Mountain



Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park Interpretive Programs for **September**

*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!

September 1 - 2 @ 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 and shoot the cannon at the above - listed times.

September 7 @ 11 am- Red-Tailed Hawks: Kennesaw Mountain's Bird of Prey

Come out and enjoy a ranger-led program on the beautiful red-tailed hawk, one of Kennesaw Mountain's birds of prey. During the presentation, the ranger will help visitors become more familiar with this majestic animal by understanding their habitat, family dynamics, and how we can help protect them for future generations.

***This program will be held at the Big Kennesaw Mountain overlook.
Shuttle service will be available.**

September 14 @ 11 am – Mountain Top 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!

September 15 @ 11 am, 12 pm, 2 pm, & 3 pm- The Henry Rifle and the Atlanta Campaign

Known as 'that dang Yankee gun that you load on Sunday and can fire all week', the Henry repeating rifle represented the tip of the spear of small arms technology. While it wasn't standard issue, it still made a huge difference whenever it was showcased. Join us for these special infantry demonstrations as we highlight the advantage of a repeating rifle as well its use during the Atlanta Campaign and the Battle of Kennesaw Mountain.

September 21 – 22 @11 am, 12 pm, 2 pm, & 3 pm– Living History Weekend with the 79th PA and 31st AL

Join us and our special guests from the 79th PA Union and 31st AL Confederate regiments for a weekend of infantry and living history programs. These living historians will be faithfully portraying infantry tactics and camp life unique to both the U.S and Confederate armies of the Atlanta Campaign.

September 28 @1 pm– 'Hug a Tree and Survive' Event

Come and learn about the importance of outdoor safety through the "Hug a Tree" program! This

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NPS September Events
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event is perfect for families with children (5-12 years old) who want to explore the great outdoors while staying safe and prepared. Activities will include demonstrations on what to do when lost and how to attract attention and stay visible! This program will be held in the Visitor Center auditorium. ***See pages 8 and 9 for more information!***

September 29 @11 am– Cheatham Hill History 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, off Dallas Highway.**

***** For more program details, please contact Visitor Center at 770-427- 4686, ext. 0_**





Inspired by the search for nine year old Jimmy Beveridge in 1981 in southern California, and initiated by the caring heart of Ab Taylor (left), the Hug-a-Tree and Survive program teaches children how to survive in the woods should they become lost.

The program was developed to educate children in a select few of the most basic and vital survival principles. It was specifically designed for children between the ages of 7 and 11 but can be effective with slightly younger and older children. The program consists of a trained presenter—usually a search and rescue volunteer, police officer, park ranger, or similar uniformed individual—following a tightly scripted presentation that has three primary parts: (1) an introduction (of the presenter and program), (2) a slide or video presentation, and (3) a few practical suggestions and demonstrations.

Many children are alive today because of their experience with the Hug-a-Tree and Survive program, which is dedicated to the memory of Jimmy Beveridge.



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This document is not intended to serve as a complete program on survival and is not meant to replace practical training by competent instructors. This document is intended only to be used as part of a complete Hug-a-Tree and Survive presentation provided by a competent presenter. NASAR and everyone affiliated with the production of this document take no responsibility for its use or any information contained herein and cannot be held liable, in any way, for statements made by presenters who use this document.



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HUG-A-TREE and Survive

The Hug-A-Tree and Survive Program was first conceived in the mountains near San Diego, California, after a search for a nine-year-old boy that ended in his tragic death. Afterwards, a small group of those who searched for him developed a program that teaches children what to do should they get lost in a wilderness setting. This same group sincerely hopes that no child ever needs the information. But, if the contents of this program and handout are discussed with every child possible, it may help him or her to remember one or more facts that could make the search short and successful. Here is a summary of the program:

Hug a tree

Once you think you are lost, hug a tree! One of the greatest fears a person can have is being alone. Hugging a tree or other stationary object and even talking to it can help calm you down and prevent panic. By staying in one place, you are also easier to find and won't be injured in a fall.

Always carry a trash bag and whistle

Whenever you go hiking, you should always carry both a folded trash bag in your pocket and a whistle on a lanyard around your neck. By sitting down and pulling the trash bag over your entire body, after making a hole in the top front of it for your face (so you can breathe), you will stay dry and warm. The whistle can be heard from farther away than your voice, even when you are yelling very loudly, and it takes far less energy than yelling.

Your family will not be angry with you

Sometimes children have avoided searchers because they were ashamed of getting lost, afraid of punishment, or both. Anyone can become lost, even adults; so, don't be ashamed. Just admit it, accept it and make yourself comfortable while you wait for rescuers to arrive. Your family will be so happy to see you again and to know that you are safe. So, there's no need to be frightened or worried about what your family will say. They will be proud of you for using your head—your best survival tool.



Make yourself big

From a helicopter, people are hard to see when they are standing up, in a group of trees, or wearing dark clothing. Find your tree to hug near a small clearing (area of no trees), if possible. Wear brightly colored clothes when you go into the woods or the desert (red and orange are easy to see from far away). Lie down in your clearing when the helicopter flies over and wave your arms. If you are not too hot and you are rested, make a big X or an "SOS" using broken twigs, branches, rocks, by dragging your foot or a stick in the dirt, or by walking it out in the snow.



Animals are afraid of humans

If you hear a noise at night, yell at it! If it is an animal, it will run away to protect itself. If it is a searcher, you will be found.

You have hundreds of friends looking for you

If you stay in one place, finding you is much easier. This is one reason why hugging a tree is such a great idea: it keeps you in one place. Searchers will be yelling your name, but they are not angry. They are just worried about you and want to find you as quickly as possible. Don't be afraid to let them know where you are.

FOR PARENTS

Try to keep your child from getting lost

Children are easily distracted and will wander off a trail, so it is important to teach them early to stay ON the trail at all times. Never let a child walk a trail alone. Teach your child to pick out a visible landmark such as a prominent hill, or note the direction of the sun, to stay oriented to direction.



Footprint your child

It only takes a few minutes but it can cut down search time by several hours. Place a piece of aluminum foil on a soft folded towel, have the child step on it with both feet, and mark the foil with the child's name. With these prints, trackers can differentiate one child's track from others in the area and quickly determine the direction of travel.

Call for help right away

If your child is lost, it is important to act quickly. Because the child is likely moving, the search area becomes larger and larger the longer you wait to bring in expert assistance. A delay in calling for help is also very dangerous when the weather is bad. It can wipe out the child's tracks and increase the danger of exposure. Don't worry about calling too early and having to cancel the request for assistance. Searchers won't mind the practice and it helps them stay alert.

Be available for interviewing

Clues that lead to finding a lost child early usually come from family and friends who remain on the scene and talk openly and accurately with those managing the search. Keep in mind that any and all information provided can mean the difference between success and tragedy, and it will be kept confidential.



Park Moments

Photos by Fred Feltmann



Building Foundations from the CCC Camp Brumby, cleaned up by 8/10/24 Work Day Volunteers.

*Never Give Up!
Red Oak in Camp Brumby.*



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 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.



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 November 1st.

See page 18, "[Six Ways To Donate](#)" for ways to donate and Page 19, "[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.

Friends of Kennesaw Mountain Annual Business Meeting
September 21, 2024
Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park
Visitor Center
9:00 Am - 10:30 Am

Agenda

Election of Officers

Status of the Friends of Kennesaw Mountain

Current and Future Friends Projects

Status of the Park

Current and Future NPS Park Projects

Future Dates

SEPTEMBER 14, 2024 TRAIL WORK DAY

SEPTEMBER 21, 2024 ANNUAL MEETING

OCTOBER 5, 2024 TRAIL AMBASSADOR TRAINING/FIELD TRIP TRAINING

OCTOBER 12, 2024 TRAIL WORK DAY

OCTOBER 15, 2024 FOKM/KMTC BOARD MEETING

NOVEMBER 2, 2024 CREW LEADER TRAINING TBD

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.

To fill these positions, the by-laws of Friends establishes a Governance/Nominating Committee to present a slate for approval at the Friends annual meeting on 21 September 2024. Nominations will be accepted from the floor.

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

1. Secretary, Board of Directors, Friends

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. Community Affairs, Staff, Friends

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 on-going coordination with the various groups and individuals representing the NPS, KMTC and local volunteer community."

3. Grants, Staff, Friends

1-year term

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

4. Volunteer coordinator, Staff, Friends

1-year term

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.

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5. Member, Fundraising Committee, Staff, Friends (several positions available)

1-year term

Reports to Board Fundraising Director

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

6. Member Website Development Committee, Friends (several positions available)

1-year term

Reports to Board Social Media Director

Participates in the development and implementation of the Friends website.

7. Trail Ambassador Co-Director, Staff, Friends

1-year term

Coordinates Trail Ambassador support of monthly Trail Club workday.

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

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

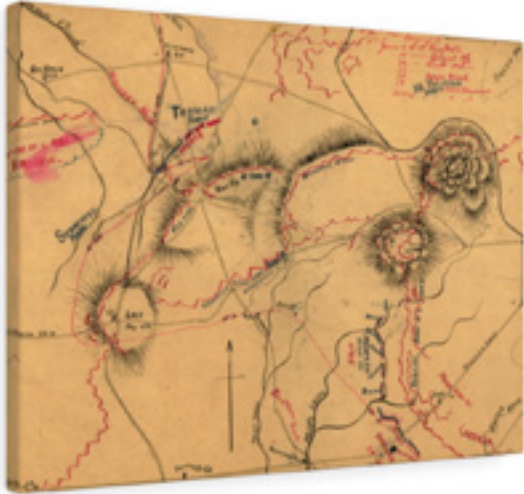
For the Governance/Nominating Committee

18 July 2024

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

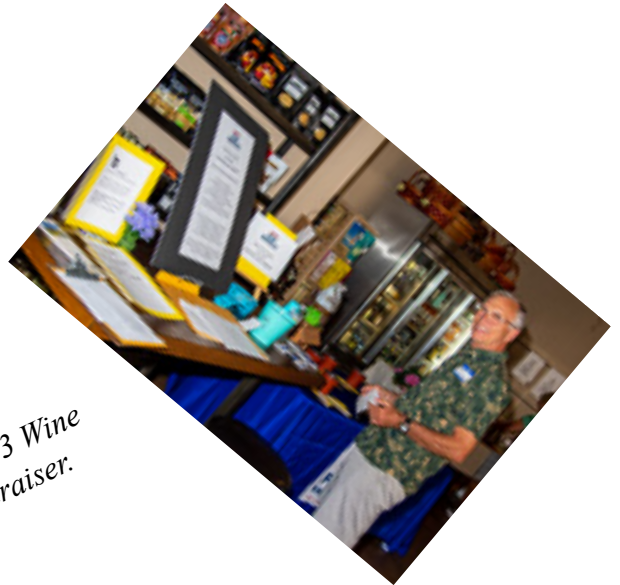
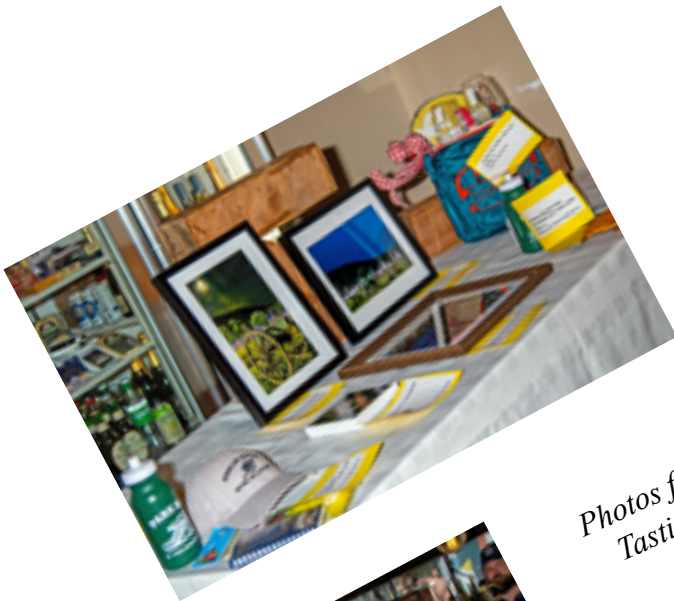
Wine Tasting Fundraiser Marietta Wine Market 10/23/24, 5 - 7 pm

The Friends of Kennesaw Mountain will be hosting a Fall wine tasting benefit at the Marietta Wine Market Wed. 10/23/24. 5-7 pm.

Door Prize Tickets

Silent Auction

Tickets for Wine Tasting



Photos from 2023 Wine Tasting Fundraiser.





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

FY 2025 Bridge Project - \$60,000 - New!!!

(More to come if we achieve our Bridge Project goal!!!)

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.



2024 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

2024 Pledge Card

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

- 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

Complete and mail to:

Friends of Kennesaw Mountain
 Attn: 2024 Pledge
 905 Kennesaw Mountain Drive
 Kennesaw, GA 30152

<u>Pledge:</u>	<u>Amt</u>
General Fund - Friends	_____
Trail Club -	_____
Living History -	_____
Endowment Fund	_____
2025 Bridge Project	_____ NEW!

Check one or designate amount for each.

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 _____



EARTHWORKS



August 10, 2024, Workday

The plan covered the beginning of the Camp Brumby Trail from the Visitor Center to Camp Brumby including the Camp Brumby Loop.

On Friday, August 9, Aron, Bill, Tom and I put out flags and discussed the work plan.

On Saturday, August 10th, we had 7 crew leaders for the workday. The Crew Leaders were Aron, Bill, Curt, Fred, Robert, Tom, and myself. We had 2 Crew Leaders in training Aaron and Aashrith. We had 3 Ambassadors; they were Debbie, Katherine, and Laurie. They did registration. We had 72 volunteers. The volunteers were from the Hillgrove HS JROTC Unit (43), Allatoona HS JROTC Unit (26), an individual (1), the Atlanta Outdoor Club (2).

I welcomed the volunteers at the picnic area, informed them of the additional social media posting, of the upcoming Crew Leader Class (11/2), and did a safety briefing and split our volunteers into two teams. I drove the Gator between Teams with 100 bottles of water, answering questions, ensuring the work plan was being followed, and providing water to the

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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 page **14 & 15** 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/Wendy Turner (Trail Ambassador positions) if interested.

A training class for prospective Trail Ambassadors will be announced shortly.

Mike Collett - trails@kennesawmountaintrailclub.org

Kathy Van Valkenburg/Wendy Turner - 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 2023 (October 2022- September 2023 and Fiscal 2024 (October 2023- Present):

FY 2023

- ALLATOONA HS NJROTC*
- ATLANTA OUTDOOR CLUB (AOC)*
- GA TECH ROTC*
- HARRISON HIGH SCHOOL*
- HILLGROVE HS NJROTC*
- KING'S ACADEMY HS AJROTC*
- KSU*
- KSU, ALPHA PHI OMEGA*
- KSU VOLUNTEER DAY STUDENTS*
- MARIETTA HS SPORTSMANS CLUB*

FY 2024

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



This Past Month's Volunteers

For the August Work Day, we had 9 Crew Leaders, 3 Trail Ambassadors and 71 volunteers - including those from the following groups:

- ATLANTA OUTDOOR CLUB (AOC)*
- ALLATOONA HS JROTC*
- HILLGROVE HS JROTC*

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volunteers and Crew Leaders. Fred took pictures. Due to the lack of Trail Club Members, LtCol Knudson from the Allatoona JROTC unit and 2 of his students directed volunteers to the parking area.

Team 1 was led by Tom with Curt assisting and the Allatoona JROTC unit, the Atlanta Outdoor Club, and the individual (29). They worked on cleaning ditches by the Visitor Center. From there they went to Camp Brumby Loop, where they debarred and cleaned drainage ditches.

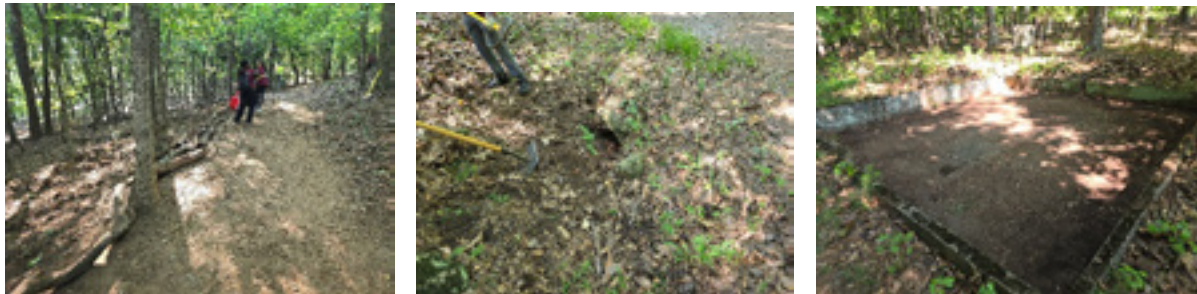
Team 2 was led by Aron with Bill and Robert assisting, both trainees, Aaron and Aashrith, and the Hillgrove JROTC unit (43). They worked other parts of the Camp Brumby Loop, where they debarred, trashed trail creep, and cleaned drainage ditches. When they were done, they joined Team 1 to work on the remainder of the entire Camp Brumby Loop.

At the end both teams combined to very carefully clean the concrete floors of two the Camp Brumby buildings under my supervision.

Before.



After.



Below, Pictures of our volunteers working.



Photos, above, were taken by Mike Collett

Mike Collett
Trails Director

Day Is Done

12/2/15

Fred Feltmann

Day is done.

Just a few more miles down the road this night.
Just one more time going down this byway.

The sun is setting.

Setting for another day.
As it does each day.
Day in and day out.
Whether we are here or not.

But on this day,

I am on this road,
And the sun is setting.
Just as it does, day in and day out.

And I can drink it in.

Thinking of all who have passed this way on other days.
On other trips.
Day by day.
Day in and day out.

But I captured this moment.

For me.
And whoever comes this way.

For this day is done

And will never be again.
Even though, day in and day out,
The sun sets in this place,
As it does everywhere in this world.

But each day is different.

Each sunset is different.
Even though the ritual is the same.
Today it sets a little earlier than yesterday,
Because of the season.
And it sets a little further south on the horizon,
Again, because of the season.
There will be days it sets later,
And farther north,
Again, because of the season.

And each day we get older,

Slower,
More forgetful,
More wistful of what might have been,
Or what once was and can never be
again.

For that is what a sunset is - the end of the day.

And tomorrow will bring another chance.
A chance to right a wrong.
To forgive.
To remember.
Or to just fade away.

Which will it be - tomorrow?

Will the sunset provide respite for the weary?
Or will it only bring another day of....
Only you will know.
For the Day is Done.
And so is today.

September 14, 2024 Work Day

Our next workday is Saturday, September 14, 2024, and we will be working on the West Kolb's Farm Trail going toward Powder Springs Road meeting at the Cheatham Hill Road parking lot. Be sure to register for the upcoming work day - see page 21 for website.

Mike Collett

Trails Director

Crew Leader Training Class

The next Crew Leader class is Saturday, November 2 from 8:00 am to 12:30 pm. Ninth grade students and above can take the class. Contact Mike Collett at trails@kennesawmountaintrailclub.org for more information, meeting location, etc.

Mike Collett

Trails Director

Trail Ambassador Training Class

The next Trail Ambassador Training Class will be October 5th, 2024 at the Visitor Center. Contact Kathy Van Valkenburg, ambassador@kennesawmountaintrailclub.org for more information, class time and to register.

Kathy Van Valkenburg

Trail Ambassador Co-Director

Photo by Fred Feltmann, 10/1/15, somewhere in Texas, along Route I-40.



Register for Our Work Days!

Be sure to register online for our Work Days:

September 14 Work Day -

Cheatham Hill Rd Field across the road from the Cheatham Hill Rd. Parking Lot - <https://signup.com/go/kOKZrrw>

October 12 Work Day -

Field next to Burnt Hickory Parking Lot (Corner of Burnt Hickory and Old Mountain Rd. - <https://signup.com/go/sbTcBnc>



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 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 September's work day, parking and registration will be in the field next to the Pigeon Hill Parking Lot at Burnt Hickory and Old Mountain Rd. 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@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.

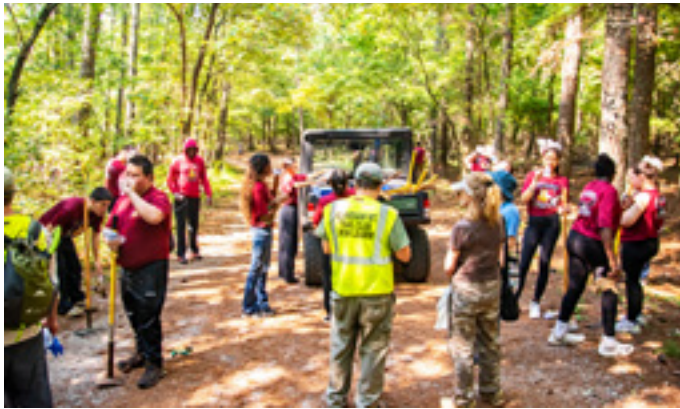
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Trail Maintenance Map

