



## Current NPS Covid 19 Status - As of 7/28/21

- There is a mask mandate for all persons to wear masks while indoors in the Visitor Center.
- Shuttle bus is not restarting until March or so.
- The theater has closed until further notice - the NPS will not be showing the film at this time.

Please refer to <https://www.nps.gov/aboutus/news/public-health-update.htm> for general info regarding Covid protocols.

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## Expect delays at Dallas Hwy and Whitlock Ave

Crews will start clearing work for the Whitlock Avenue trail segment of the Kennesaw Mountain Pedestrian Improvements on Monday, Oct. 25. Significant delays are expected along Dallas Highway/Whitlock Avenue between John Ward Road and Cheatham Hill Drive. Crews will be working in the area from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on weekdays, and road capacity will be reduced to one lane.

Traffic delays are expected to be worse in the afternoon in the westbound direction. Alternate routes are recommended.

For more information, contact Cobb DOT at 770-528-1623. Expected completion is July 30, 2023. Click [here](#) for general info on Cobb County projects.

See also:

<http://www.cobbcommute.org/1311#/> - Dallas Hwy

<http://www.cobbcommute.org/1257#/> - Cheatham Hill Rd

## Cobb County Multi-use Trail System

Below is a link to the map for the Cobb County Multi-use Trail System:

[www.tinyurl.com/yu6ybcm5](http://www.tinyurl.com/yu6ybcm5)

## The Civil War Picket Articles

Following is a link to two articles published in The Civil War Picket blog:

<http://civil-war-picket.blogspot.com/>

- 1 January 12, 2022 article regarding Charles Crawford, president emeritus of the nonprofit Georgia Battlefields Association. He is the recipient of the Georgia Historical Society's 2021 John Mcpherson Berrien Award for a lifetime of achievement in and service to the state's history – particularly in support of the society's Civil War markers.
- 2 January 7, 2022 article regarding a kepi worn by a Georgia officer who fell near Kennesaw Mountain. It is currently undergoing preservation work and may be displayed at the Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park museum once the work is completed.

# The Friends of Kennesaw Mountain Establish a 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 1930s. The shirt can be purchased online for \$20 at <https://friendsofkmnbp.org/shop/>. Visit our website! **New items have been added!**

*Andrew Bramlett*



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Some of the items for sale.



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## Newsletter Sign-up

Would you like to receive our newsletter? To sign up, click on the following link: <http://eepurl.com/hhkPhf>. 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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## Friends Calendar Of Events/Notices

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Event</u>
<b>February, 2022</b>			
2/17	6:30 pm	Virtual	<b>Board Meeting - contact Scott Mackay, (email address) If you wish to participate.</b>
<b>March, 2022</b>			
3/17	6:30 pm	TBD	<b>Board Meeting - contact Scott Mackay, (email address) If you wish to participate.</b>
3/26	10 am - 2 pm	Visitor Center	<b>Volunteer Fair - (Rain Date - 4/2/22)</b>
<b>April, 2022</b>			
4/9	8 am - noon	Visitor Center	<b>Park Day/KMTC Work Day (See KMTC website to register)</b>
4/21	6:30 pm	TBD	<b>Board Meeting - contact Scott Mackay, (email address) If you wish to participate.</b>

Check out our website, the National Park Service/KEMO website and the KMTC website for the latest updates on KMNBP events. (See page 4, herein for the list of websites.) There are numerous tutorials, video articles and stories on the NPS/KEMO Facebook and YouTube pages.)

For upcoming events, see pages 11 & 12; you can also check the Park Calendar:

**Calendar - Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park (U.S. National Park Service) (nps.gov) -**

<https://www.nps.gov/kemo/planyourvisit/calendar.htm>

*We will also send out the monthly Park notices of activities by separate email.*



# FRIENDS OF KENNESAW MOUNTAIN

## 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 website is [FriendsOfKMNB.org](https://FriendsOfKMNB.org).

Visit to find out more info, to donate, or to sign up for one of our Board positions or to register as a member of the Friends organization.

### 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 raise annual funding for projects and activities in the Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park.

**Programs supported:** Outdoor Education

KEMO Trail Club

Living History

Trail Ambassadors

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## FY 2022 Fundraising Goals

Following is a list of the fundraising goals for this year:

- \$2,000 - FY 2023 Friends administrative budget.
- \$10,000 - Funds to be used in conjunction with the Park to acquire an additional cannon and trailer (total cost estimated to be \$82,000) for the Living History program.
- \$3200 - to provide for the purchase of 5 bicycle racks and signage for them.
- \$15,000 - seed money for the 160th Anniversary of the Battle of Kennesaw Mountain (June, 2024) - total estimate for event is expected to be approximately \$150,000.
- \$10,000 - to fund various activities of the Living History program, the Friends and the Kennesaw Mountain Trail Club.

Total to be raised during the current fiscal year - \$40,200. See the bottom of page 7 for ways to donate to the Friends for these projects.

In addition, the establishment of an Endowment Fund was discussed and approved. Details will be discussed at future Board meetings.

### Contact List - Updated 1/20/22

<u>POSITION</u>	<u>NAME</u>
President	Scott Mackay
Vice President	Donald Olds
Secretary/	<b>Vacant</b>
Parliamentarian	Jason Sheppard
Treasurer	Tom Okerberg
Communications	Fred Feltmann
Newsletter Editor	Fred Feltmann
Website	Mark Angeli
Social Media	Andrew Bramlett
Fundraising	<b>Vacant</b>
Disbursements	Lewis Bramlett
Archives	<b>Vacant</b>
Membership	<b>Vacant</b>
Living History Liaison	Andy Cole
Trail Club Liaison	Jay Haney
Eastern National Liaison	<b>Dan Beard*</b>
Events Planner	<b>Kathy Bearden*</b>
Accessibility Advocate	<b>Marjorie Rogers*</b>

### Grant Writer Needed

One of the ways of getting funds for the various activities supported by the Friends is to receive grants. To do this, the Friends need the expertise of someone who is versed in completing grant applications. If you are interested in this worthwhile endeavor, please contact Scott Mackay - [President@TheFriendsOfKMNB.org](mailto:President@TheFriendsOfKMNB.org). In the past the Trail Club has successfully applied for grants of \$10,000 and more. One of these successful efforts provided the funds to build the bridge across John Ward Creek on the Kolb Farm West Trail! Other grants that the Trail Club successfully applied for included the funding of the Ticket-To-Ride program providing transportation, program and materials to introduce grade school children to the park. So this is a very important and worthwhile position on the Friends Board. Our previous grant writer retired after 15 years of successful service to the Trail Club.

### Board Members:

Lewis Bramlett	Bart Henderson Scott Johnson	John Nash Jason Shepherd	Kim Sherk <b>Jordan Watson*</b>
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Website - Friends

<https://friendsofkmnb.org/>

Website - Kennesaw Mountain Trail Club

[www.kennesawmountaintrailclub.org](http://www.kennesawmountaintrailclub.org)

Website - NPS

[www.nps/kemo.gov](http://www.nps/kemo.gov)

Facebook Page - Friends

<https://www.facebook.com/FriendsofKMNB>

Facebook Page - NPS

<https://www.facebook.com/KMNB>

Twitter

<https://twitter.com/FKmbp>

Instagram

<https://www.instagram.com/FriendsofKMNB/>

*\* updated*



## Volunteer Fair - 3/26/22

The NPS/KEMO staff will be hosting a Volunteer Fair, in conjunction with The Friends of KMNB, on 3/26/22, from 10 am to 2 pm (Rain date will be 4/2/22.) The various organizations that volunteer at KMNB will have displays to tell you about volunteer activities at the Park.

These organizations/activities include:

### Visitor Services

- Cheatham Hill Guide
- Museum Tour Guide
- Shuttle Bus Guide
- Mountain Top Greeter
- Visitor Center Assistant
- Parking Lot Patrol
- Education Volunteers
  - o Field Trips
  - o Outreach programs

### Living History

- Artillery Programs/Demonstrations
- Infantry Programs/Demonstrations
- 19th Century Civilian Programs

### Friends of KMNB

- Leadership
- Grant Administration
- Fundraising

### Kennesaw Mountain Trail Club

- Board Members
  - o Leadership
  - o Training
  - o Grant Administration
  - o Newsletter Editor
  - o Eagle Scout Project Liaison
  - o Support NPS Special Programs
- Crew Leaders
  - o Haul/set up equipment
  - o Flag Trails
  - o Mountain Trails
- Trail Ambassadors
  - o Foot Patrols
  - o Support Education Programs
    - School Field Trips
    - Outreach programs
    - NPS guided Interpretive Hikes
  - o Parking Lot Patrol
  - o Safety Support
    - KMTC Workdays
    - Living History demonstrations

There may be other volunteer activities available at a future date. At that time we'll update this list.

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## A Special Thanks!

Each year we have members and volunteers who donate their time and talent in support of all the happenings at Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park. Following is a list, in alphabetical order, of the members who have donated their time and/or talent. Those who participated during Fiscal 2020(October 2019- September 2020 and Fiscal 2021 (October 2020 - Present):

### FY 2020

*GUIDE BOOK PROJECT - RACHEL ELEY*

*ORAL HISTORY PROJECT - SUSAN CAOLA*

*TIME KEEPING PROJECT - SCOTT MACKAY*

### FY 2021

*GUIDE BOOK PROJECT - RACHEL ELEY*

*ORAL HISTORY PROJECT - SUSAN CAOLA*

*TIME KEEPING PROJECT - SCOTT MACKAY*

*GIS PROJECT - OPEN*

### FY 2022

The following members/volunteers joined with us this past quarter:

Marjorie Rogers - Accessibility Advocate

Dan Beard - Eastern National Liaison

Kathy Bearden - Events Planner

Jordan Watson - Board Member

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Thanks!





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## 2022 Projects(s) - October status

- Lead the Pack - **Done**
- Raise funding for trail improvements, living history, new cannon & trailer - **in process**  
**Fundraising goal established for FY 2022**
- Raise community support for new restrooms, Wallis House & Trail to Anderson Hill - **in process**
- Publish the 1st edition of our Park Guidebook - **In review process**
- Help with scripts for the Augmented Reality App filming has started and many stories are in work  
- **in process**
- Support the battle anniversary (2022). Help to advertise, set-up as it occurs
- Support Volunteer Fair planning in process (**current date of fair will be March 26, 2022**)
- Support the battle anniversary (June, 2021) & help to advertise - **accomplished**
- Continue support to all park activities - **continuing**
- Field of Flags 9/4 to 9/18 - **accomplished**

### New

- **Provide funding/publicity/signs for 5 bike racks to promote alternative transportation to/from the Park (not for trail riding) - in process**
- **Provide support/funding for 160th Anniversary (June 2024) - in process**

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## Current Status Of Park

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

All trails are open. All parking lots are open. The Mountain Road parking lot is open when the Mountain Road is open.

Visitor Center is now open, however masks are required.

The Visitor Center theater is closed - the movie will not be shown.

The Mountain Rd. is open to motorized vehicles on weekdays (excluding major holidays), however the Park bus is not making trips on the weekend to the Mountain Top until further notice."

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.

## Sponsor's Corner A Special Thanks!

Each year we have members and volunteers who donate their time and talent in support of all the happenings at Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park. Following is a list, in alphabetical order, of the members and sponsors who have donated during 2020 through 2022.

Annual Donations to date: Financial calendar is 7/1/xx to 6/30/xx+1)

2020 \$3,072.71

2021 \$8,335.00

2022 \$2,037.96

**Total:** \$13,445.67



### Corporate

### Individual

#### FINANCIAL Y 2020\*

7/1/2019 - 6/30/2020

*FOX DOGS*

*SUNLIFE*

*JOHNSON & JOHNSON FOUNDATION*

*MARK ANGELI*

*MIKE EVANS*

*JERRY GIVAN*

*JAY HANEY*

*JANET HART*

*SCOTT MACKAY*

#### FINANCIAL Y 2021\*

7/1/2020 - 6/30/2021

*FOX DOGS*

*JOHNSON & JOHNSON FOUNDATION*

*PRINTING TRADE COMPANY*

*VIRGINIA ACOCCELLA*

*LAUREN ADAMS*

*RICHARD ANGELI*

*PRISCILLA BAKER (IN MEMORY OF WILLIAM "BILL") COLLIER)*

*LISA BECK*

*LEWIS BRAMLETT*

*LYNNE BROWNE*

*GATHY & BRAD BUTTS (IN MEMORY OF WILLIAM "BILL" M. COLLIER)*

*JUDY BYRD*

*SUSAN CAOLO*

*ANDY COLE*

*KEVIN J. DUNN*

*FRED & ANDREA FELTMANN*

*CAROLYN & JOHN FRITZ*

*BILL GURRY*

*TODD HALL*

*LESLIE & BART HENDERSON*

*JIM HERMAN*

*SCOTT MACKAY*

*LESLIE & DONALD OLDS*

*KEN PIEHL*

*LAURIE RICHARDSON*

*DENISE RINAUDO*

*ANITA & NEAL RITCHEY*

*CRAIG ROPER*

*JASON SHEPHERD*

*TERRI STEINER*

*DEBBIE STOCKER*

*TOM TAYLOR*

*JOSH & KATIE TRUEX*

*LEAH URBEN*

*JESSICA & COLEMAN WOOD*

*JORDAN WATSON*

*JEFF WATTS*

*DAVID WHITE*

*JESSICA & COLEMAN WOOD*

#### FINANCIAL Y 2022\*

7/1/2021 - 6/30/2022

*AMAZON SMILE*

*FACEBOOK*

*FOX DOGS*

*JOHNSON & JOHNSON FOUNDATION*

*VIRGINIA ACOCCELLA*

*LYNNE BROWN*

*KEVIN DUNN*

*FRED & ANDREA FELTMANN*

*BILL & MARILYN GURRY*

*TODD HALL*

*LESLIE & BART HENDERSON*

*JAY HANEY*

*SCOTT JOHNSON*

*CARL LESTER*

*SCOTT MACKAY*

*PAUL MILLER*

*MAX OLDS*

*TOM TAYLOR*

*BECKY WINTER*

## Four Ways To Donate

You can support the Friends in 4 ways:

1. Directly through our website - <https://friendsofkmnbp.org/giving-membership/donate/>
2. Through Guidestar (Network for Good) - <https://www.nfggive.com/donation/83-4627827>
3. Through Amazon Smile (By way of donations when you make a purchase on Amazon) - <https://smile.amazon.com/ch/83-4627827>

4. QR Code:



*Thanks for your support!*

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## Kennesaw Mountain's Failed Hotels

Andrew J. Bramlett

In the 1800s, Marietta was a popular North Georgia summer destination with several hotels. One of these antebellum hotels, the Rock Springs Water Cure Establishment, sat at the base of Kennesaw Mountain. After the Civil War, the Western and Atlantic Railroad began to promote Marietta's Civil War history and gave it the moniker "the Gem City of Georgia." While this title is not often used today, it helped to bring many visitors to the city at the end of the nineteenth century.

In 1888, the Marietta and North Georgia Real Estate and Investment Company (M. & N. G. R. E. & I. Co.) announced their plans to build a streetcar line from downtown Marietta to the Kennesaw Marble Works and Kennesaw Mountain. A branch of the line would head to the top of the mountain where a hotel would be constructed. It was estimated the hotel would cost around \$75,000 to build, and an extra \$30,000 would be spent beautifying the mountain. Despite the immense amount of development, the earthworks would be preserved. Around the same time, a correspondent for the Atlanta Evening Journal mused that an observatory at the mountain top would be "very attractive," but his idea seems to not be connected to the Marietta and North Georgia Real Estate and Investment Company's plan.

Even though Georgia is not known for its temperate summers, this did not deter the project's promotion as a summer resort. The July 19, 1888 Marietta Journal mentioned that

*"To Northern people it seems ridiculous to come South to spend the hot season, but we know from experience that if they come to Georgia's mountains for the summer, they will return year to year. To the people of the North that go to Florida to spend the winter, we say stop here for a day at least and take a ride to the top of grand old Kennesaw and view the grandest country that the sun ever shown upon."*

The hotel project was spearheaded by J. H. Mountain, who was "highly complimented" by the people of Marietta. J. H. Mountain was also involved with a similar streetcar development in Atlanta called the Atlanta Traction Street Railway line. William Joseph Marion Hames, the then-owner of Kennesaw Mountain, was involved with this first endeavor to place a hotel on his mountain. He evidently was soon disillusioned with the idea and backed out of the project in November 1888. Another person involved with the project, H. C. Birch, also backed out that same month.

Possibly due to Hames and Birch leaving this hotel project, no further mention has been found. The next year the Marietta and North Georgia Real Estate and Investment Company opened the "East End" neighborhood near Marietta National Cemetery which is the company's longest-lasting impact on our area.

While not connected to his Marietta plans, the fate of J. H. Mountain deserves to be shared. According to the April 7, 1897 Atlanta Constitution, Mountain made "a good-size fortune" in his Atlanta Traction Street Railway line, "but subsequently lost all his money." By 1896 he had moved to South Carolina, where he attempted to build a town called Garlington in Laurens County. After a year of work "all of his promises came to naught" before he disappeared. Mountain fled to Atlanta and was chased by the sheriff. He was arrested but due to a misunderstanding managed to escape. Rumors spread he had committed suicide by jumping into the Chattahoochee River, but it was a ruse created by Mountain to escape the law. He was finally arrested in Alabama.

Over the next several years, a few off-hand mentions of potential hotels on Kennesaw Mountain can be found in newspapers, but no actual plans can be found until 1915. In December of that year, William Tate Holland, Virgil McCleskey, and C. M. Dobbs purchased the mountain from William Hames. The three men, organized later as the Holland Realty Company, planned to build a streetcar line to the mountain, a road to the top, and a hotel at the summit. The hotel "would have been second not even to Lookout Mountain."

In 1916, the plan was stopped dead in its tracks. A bill was passed banning railroad tracks parallel to the route of the Western & Atlantic Railroad. This bill stopped the plans for a streetcar running from Marietta to the mountain. The Holland Realty Company continued to work on its future strategy. In the meantime, in 1921 they allowed the City of Marietta to open a quarry on the side of Kennesaw Mountain, free of charge, to pave city streets. Judge Kennesaw Mountain Landis was invited to the opening of the quarry, but he was unable to attend.

In August 1923, the Holland Realty Company announced plans for a toll road to the summit of Kennesaw Mountain. The mountain would be developed as a "pleasure resort" featuring a "dancing pavilion and eating lodge; a museum building; a swimming pool, and... a tourist hotel to crown the top of Little Kennesaw." Later accounts mention the planned eating lodge would be able to hold "250 to 350 people," and that the dance pavilion would be able to hold "200 couples." A memorial observation tower and casino were also mentioned in later newspapers. To make these grand plans a reality, a company was created called the Kennesaw Mountain Battlefield Association. The project was expected to cost \$150,000.

Construction of the road began on May 24, 1924. Present at the ground-breaking ceremony held that day was Governor Clifford Walker, who "turned the first shovel of dirt." The May 25, 1924 Atlanta Constitution noted that "William Tate Holland was praised as the originator of the scheme. He has devoted his time and influence to the preservation

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## Kennesaw Mountain's Failed Hotels

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of the relics at Kennesaw. It is planned to preserve the battlements as they were at the conclusion of the war."

**T**he two-mile long road opened on May 9, 1925. According to the *Atlanta Constitution*, "hundreds of motorists" were able to drive to the summit on opening day. It cost fifty cents for cars to drive to the top, and pedestrians could walk for free up the twenty-foot-wide road. A celebration was planned for a later date, and it was hoped that both Kennesaw Mountain Landis and General John J. Pershing would be able to attend. It should be noted that this road later fell into disrepair. The Civilian Conservation Corps attempted in the 1930s to expand, improve, and reroute the old road. The work would not be completed until after World War II.

**A**t the end of May 1925, the Ben Padgett Company announced it was selling 200 half-acre lots on Kennesaw Mountain in conjunction with the Battlefield Association's project. By this time, the cost of the hotel's construction had risen to \$500,000. Ads for Padgett's development can be found in the *Atlanta Constitution* for several months after the announcement.

**I**n late 1925, it was proposed the mountain become a federally owned park, and it is unclear why the development plans ended so suddenly. Plans for the government's purchase of the mountain did not materialize until the 1930s when the land from the Holland Realty Company and Kennesaw Mountain Battlefield Association was acquired through condemnation.

**T**he two plans for hotels on Kennesaw Mountain ultimately went unrealized, but thanks to that fact, the mountain sentinel guarding Marietta has been preserved.



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## Kennesaw Mountain News Release

Release Date: Immediately

Contact: Marjorie Thomas, [Marjorie\\_thomas@nps.gov](mailto: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](http://www.nps.gov/kemo) for further information.

[The National Park Service](#)

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## Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park Interpretive Programs for January

*\*All programs are outdoors and weather dependent.*

### **January 29<sup>th</sup>, 11 am- The Fighting McCooks**

Dan McCook was a notable and well-loved general involved in the Union assault on Cheatham Hill. Col. Dan was also a member of a prominent family with a rich military history known as 'The Fighting McCooks'. Join one of our rangers as we talk about Col. Dan and his family.

***This program will be held at the Illinois Monument.***

### **January 30<sup>th</sup>, 11 am- Assault Trail Guided Hike**

On June 27<sup>th</sup>, 1864, nearly 9,000 Union soldiers made a historic charge into what they believed would be death or capture. Follow in the footsteps of these brave men as this Ranger- guided tour explores the heaviest area of fighting during the battle. The hike will begin at the Activity Area 3 parking lot and end at the Illinois Monument.

\*\*\* 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)



## **Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park Interpretive Programs for February**

\*All park programming is free and open to the public.

\*\*All programs are outdoors and will be weather dependent

### **February 6 @ 11:00 am – 11:30 am Artillery on the Mountain**

In the summer of 1864, the peak of Kennesaw Mountain was more than just a scenic location. Confederate soldiers utilized the 1,800 ft. vantage point for a light artillery position just before the battle of Kennesaw Mountain. Learn about the men and tactics used at this position and more. This program will be held just below the peak of Kennesaw Mountain, just past stone viewing station.

### **February 12 @ 11:00 am – 11:30 am ‘Shaping Lincoln: Abraham Lincoln Before his Presidency’**

In recognition of Abraham Lincoln’s 213<sup>th</sup> Birthday, this program discusses Abraham Lincoln prior to his presidency and what shaped the 16<sup>th</sup> President of the United States of America. This program will be held at the Visitor Center patio.

### **February 13<sup>th</sup> @ 11:00 am – 12:30 pm Guided Mountain Top Hike**

This hike will begin at the Visitor Center. The Ranger will take you up the 1.1-mile trail to the summit of Big Kennesaw. You will learn about the history of the mountain from before it got its roots to the present. The climb can be challenging for some so please make sure to bring water and proper footwear.

### **February 26<sup>th</sup> @ 11:00 am – 11:30 am 13<sup>th</sup> Amendment Program**

As the first amendment to the U.S. Constitution to be passed during the Reconstruction area, the 13<sup>th</sup> Amendment abolished slavery in the United States. In recognition of African American history month, the Ranger will discuss the history behind, the debate for, and ultimately the ratification of the amendment. This program will be held at the Visitor Center patio.

### **February 27<sup>th</sup> @ 11:00 am – 12:30 pm Guided Assault Trail Hike**

Re-trace the footsteps of the Union soldiers who faced fearful odds during the action at Cheatham Hill during the Battle of Kennesaw Mountain. The Ranger will use primary accounts of the battle to get you as close to the attack as possible. This hike will begin at the Activity Area 3 parking lot on Cheatham Hill Rd and end at the Illinois Monument.

\*\*\* 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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## List of Abbreviations

KMNBP - Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park

NPS/KEMO - National Park Service/Kennesaw Mountain

VHP - Veterans History Project

## Third Quarter Newsletter Deadline

If you wish to have an article published in the April 2022 Newsletter, please submit it to Fred Feltmann at [faf1948@bellsouth.net](mailto:faf1948@bellsouth.net) no later than March 31, 2022.

## KENNESAW MOUNTAIN NATIONAL BATTLEFIELD PARK

### Trail Maintenance Map

