



Volunteer Festival Thank You

I just wanted to send you a quick e-mail to say thank you for everything you did to help make our very first volunteer festival a success! I know it took a lot of planning and behind the scenes work just to get to the event and even more work during the festival. I think we all can agree that volunteerism at Kennesaw Mountain NPS is very important for the future of this national park site. I look forward to working with you as we expand the volunteer program and help take care of this special place.

Thanks again for all you do!

Sincerely,

Patrick Gamman

Superintendent

Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park

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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

Proposed and Existing Trails in Cobb County

For those who would like to know what the existing trails in Cobb County are, check out <https://geo-cobbcountyga.hub.arcgis.com/apps/55470d12c0814f1f8c68e96724610e87/explore>.

Regarding proposed trails for Cobb County, check out the following link:

<https://www.cobbcounty.org/transportation/planning/trails>. This website has both proposed and current trail maps.

Current NPS Covid 19 Status

- Masks are discretionary while in the Visitor Center
- Shuttle bus is not restarting until later this Spring.
- The theater has reopened and the film regarding the battle for Kennesaw Mountain is now being shown.

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

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 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.



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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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Outdoors

While on a ski trip in New Hampshire a few weeks back I watched a local PBS program called "Windows to the Wild" that focuses on outdoor activities. This episode talked about an idea of spending 1000 hours outdoors every year and highlighted a local organization called <https://www.1000hoursoutside.com>. This organization is all about getting people to spend more time outdoors in the fresh air and it's physical and psychological benefits, especially after most of us have been forced to stay inside our home these past few years.

Being older and having underlying health issues, I too was a person who avoided being away from my house. But, it was not very long before I started getting outdoors again. I am not sure if I get 1000 hours a year but I bet I get more than most people. Some of my outdoor time is spent doing yard work, some helping at outdoor events, some skiing in winter and camping in summer, but the largest amount is spent hiking the trails at Kennesaw Mountain. My time outdoors away from the TV and computer has definitely helped my well-being. Yes, I do still take out my phone often, but it's usually to take photos of the nature around me or to brag to family and friends about how great it is outdoors in hopes that it will brighten up their day too. Also, I have occasionally talked to my mom using FaceTime so she could share in being outdoors with me. She lives in a nursing home in New Hampshire and really loves remembering our multi-day family backpacking trips from our younger years.

At Kennesaw Mountain I do occasionally hike the big mountain itself. However, most of my hiking is on the other trails. I often wonder how many people visit the park and have never explored the 22+ miles of trails. A good way to get yourself outdoors more often is to have a goal. In my younger years I would hike every trail in the park at least 4 times per year. That equates to about 88 miles or around 220 hours of hiking per year. It's nothing like Appalachian trail but it is significant when you think about the physical and mental health benefits. And, if you do it with family or friends, that benefit can multiply.

Since I usually don't have full days to hike, I most often hike alone, I have divided the park's trails into 2 mile and 5 mile treks. Some are out and backs but most are loops. Some are mountainous and some are relatively flat. I choose which one I will take based upon the weather, my energy level, and how much time I have. And, yes, I do sometimes hike in my rain gear.

The point is, getting outdoors and immersing yourself in the woods is good for you. The woods can help "bathe" your mind and renew your spirit. I believe we all know this but the hard part is getting the motivation to go out and do it. They say every hike starts with the first steps. What the 1000 Hours Outside organization suggests is to set goals and track your progress over time. They publish an interesting circular flower like tracking chart where you can color in small and larger pedals to record your progress. At the end of a year you end up with a colorful flower representing your year. And we all know that great feeling we get when we check off a box that says "done".

We are blessed to have this large National Park close to our homes with ample hiking trails waiting to be explored.

And, there is a lot of history in this park. We must never forget our country's history as we have journeyed to become "the land of the free." Kennesaw Mountain played an important part in that history. Consider getting out on those less used trails and feeling the effects and benefits of a nice hike. And, please support Friends of Kennesaw Mountain as we help the park. You might have already noticed the new pet poop bag disposal stations. Soon there will be bicycle racks installed at several trail heads so you can bike to your favorite hiking trail instead of driving. And there is more in the works.

Friends of Kennesaw Mountain is an all-volunteer non-profit organization focused on raising local support to help the park do the things they cannot do on their own. Please become a donor, member, or a volunteer. Every

little bit becomes part of the whole.

Scott Mackay

Friends of Kennesaw Mountain

(Scott has also been known to come outside for the KMTTC monthly Work Days to help out to maintain those same trails he's known to hike - an all-around great guy!

Fred Feltmann)



Friends Calendar Of Events/Notices

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Event</u>
May, 2022			
5/14	8 am - 12 pm	TBD	Kennesaw Mountain Trail Club Work Day
5/11	6:30 pm	Visitor Center	Board Meeting - contact Scott Mackay, (email address) If you wish to participate.
June, 2022			
6/11	8 am - 12 pm	TBD	Kennesaw Mountain Trail Club Work Day
6/8	6:30 pm	Visitor Center	Board Meeting - contact Scott Mackay, (email address) If you wish to participate.
July, 2022			
7/9	8 am - 12 pm	TBD	Kennesaw Mountain Trail Club Work Day
7/13	6:30 pm	Visitor Center	Board Meeting - contact Scott Mackay, (email address) If you wish to participate.

Check out our website, the National Park Service/KEMO website and the KMTC website for the latest updates on KMNBP events. (See page 5, 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 12 and 13; 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 FriendsOfKMNBP.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 10/24/21

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

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. 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

Website - Friends

<https://friendsofkmnb.org/>

Website - NPS

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/>

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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

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



Mountain Store Trailer Opens First Weekend in May

Eastern National will open the Mountain Store Trailer the first weekend in May (May 7th) and will remain open on weekends and major holidays until the last weekend in September (September 25th). The store will be open from 10 am until 5 pm and have hats, t-shirts, snacks, water, Powerade and ice cream for sale for our hikers and other visitors to the mountain.

[Dan Beard](#)

Other Positions Open!

We have many opportunities for volunteers to provide services to the Park. Here are a few select ones:

Butterfly Garden & Plant Nursery Coordinator - This individual would work with the NPS staff at the park to coordinate volunteer projects around the Park

Citizen Science Program Coordinator - This individual would work with the NPS staff to coordinate volunteer projects around the Park regarding such things as:

- Compile data to monitor health in the park
- Water sampling
- Bird species counts
- Flowering plant species counts
- Effects of our changing climate

160th Anniversary (2024) Coordinator - This individual would head up a volunteer group to coordinate various activities with the NPS staff to conduct the 160th Anniversary of the Battle for Kennesaw Mountain.

Activities might be:

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

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

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

Legal Secretary

Map Project Coordinator - This individual would work with NPS Staff and Eastern National to develop two maps:

- A general purpose map with all of the trails on it
- A Battlefield map - a map that portrays the location of the various Federal and Confederate forces, as well as an overlay of the current trails

For more information on these positions, contact Scott Mackay - President@TheFriendsOfKMNB.org
[com](https://friendsofkmnbp.org/)



2022 Projects(s) - April, 2022, 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 - **in process**
- Support Volunteer Fair planning in process (**Completed**)
- Support the battle anniversary (June, 2021) & help to advertise - **accomplished**
- Continue support to all park activities - **continuing**
- Field of Flags 9/4/21 to 9/18/21 - **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**

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; masks are discretionary.

The Visitor Center theater is open - the movie is being 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 \$2,642.96

Total: \$14,050.67



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 ACOCELLA

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 ACOCELLA

LYNNE BROWN

JUDY BYRD

SUSAN CAOLO

PAMELA COAN

KEVIN DUNN

FRED & ANDREA FELTMANN

BILL & MARILYN GURRY

WENDY GREER

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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David Browne was featured in this quarter's LANDSCAPEculture Newsletter.

<https://content.govdelivery.com/accounts/USDONPS/bulletins/3129c79>



David Browne outside the Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park Visitor Center (NPS Photo).

Employee Spotlight

LANDSCAPEculture

*A newsletter for NPS cultural landscape stewards
Park Cultural Landscapes Program Spring 2022*

Name: David C. Browne

Position: Maintenance

Park: Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield (KEMO)

How long have you worked for the NPS?

I have worked for the NPS for just over 2 years

What is your background?

My background is forestry and heavy equipment operations. I grew up on a farm working with animals, tractors, and various equipment. My family is in forestry (growing and sale of timber). We own and operate a tree harvesting business. I was in the military for 8 years and worked in the retail world for another 8 as an operations manager.

What is your favorite part of your job?

I love the ability to work on projects, train future workers, and educating people about various activities that our park has to offer. I also love learning about the park history and teaching others.

What project are you working on?

I am currently working on developing and building two new trails within the park. I am also working to clean and maintain earthworks within the park that have been damaged by various storms.

What was your favorite experience in the park?

My favorite part of working with the park is the constant ability to be exposed to new and exciting adventures and projects.



Earthworks at Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park in November 2004 (NPS Photo).

Kennesaw Mountain (Landis)

Andrew J. Bramlett

As the shots were being fired around Kennesaw Mountain in June 1864, a doctor with the 35th Ohio Infantry tended to a wounded soldier. As the doctor, Abraham Landis, worked on the soldier, a Confederate 12-pound cannonball rolled through the camp. Landis was hit in the lower leg by the errant ball, and he was severely wounded. He was taken to the Archibald Howell House in Marietta to recover, and other doctors suggested the limb be amputated. Landis refused and carried a gun to ensure the surgery did not happen. (Both the cannonball and gun later became family souvenirs.) Landis was mustered out of the Union Army months later.

In November 20, 1866, a son of Abraham Landis was born. The family could not choose a name, and two years later, they finally settled on "Kenesaw Mountain Landis." They only used one "n," the way Union soldiers spelled Kennesaw during the war. Young Kenesaw dropped out of high school and eventually became a reporter. He began covering court trials in Indiana and decided to become a lawyer.

It was around this time Landis first visited Kennesaw Mountain. According to a brief oral history from December 5, 1940, Landis visited the mountain in the 1880s and climbed to the summit. He "could find no one in a position to give the detailed information in regard to locations of troops and the battle in general." Nothing else is known about this visit.

Landis earned his law degree in 1891. He was hired in his first government job by Secretary of State Walter Q. Gresham (who had served at the Battle of Kennesaw Mountain). Landis also had a law office, and in 1905 he was appointed Judge of the United States District Court for Northern Illinois. In this role in 1907, he fined Standard Oil \$29,240,000, an unprecedented sum. This ruling was a significant step toward breaking up Standard Oil into several smaller companies.

After a 1916 anti-trust lawsuit against baseball's National League and American League, Landis began to study the history of baseball. He eventually became one of the nation's experts on the legal aspects of the game. After the Black Sox Scandal of 1919, the team owners of Major League Baseball were looking for someone to settle their disputes. Because of Landis' knowledge of the sport, in 1920 he became the first Commissioner of Major League Baseball. One of Landis' first acts involved eight White Sox players implicated in the Black Sox scandal. Despite the fact a jury had previously acquitted them, Landis chose to ban all eight, including "Shoeless Joe" Jackson.

The second visit Kenesaw Mountain Landis made to our mountain was in the 1920's. The Holland Realty Company owned Kennesaw Mountain and planned to build a hotel on the mountain's summit. (More information about

these failed plans can be found in the previous edition of the Friends of Kennesaw Mountain Newsletter.) The company's owner, William Tate Holland, invited Landis to visit Kennesaw Mountain in 1921. Unfortunately, "an important case before him would prevent his coming." He planned to visit in 1922 as a guest of the local Rotary Club, but he again had to cancel the trip.

In 1923, Judge Landis was able to visit Marietta. He was given a tour of the mountain by the local American Legion commander and the Mayor of Marietta. William Tate Holland gave Landis "a baseball carved from the granite of Kennesaw Mountain... In accepting the gift Judge Landis said that he greatly appreciated the thought which prompted it, as well as the ball itself and promised to treasure it among the many memories of a long life."

In 1938, Judge Landis was at a meeting in New Orleans of the National Association of Professional Baseball Leagues. Landis spoke to Trammell Scott, the president of the Southern Association, and said he "would like to retire to a little quit farm where I can look out and see Kennesaw Mountain." After Landis' statement, Scott began working on organizing such a retirement. Under the leadership of Mayor "Rip" Blair, the City of Marietta purchased several small plots near the mountain to present to Landis. Landis would get to choose which property he wanted. "The deed will follow if he will come here and make his home in the shadow of the mountain," reported the December 5, 1940, edition of the *Marietta Daily Journal*.

In December 5, 1940, Judge Kenesaw Mountain Landis visited Kennesaw Mountain for the final time. The trip made national newspapers, and several reporters were present to take photos. He was accompanied by Trammell Scott, Mayor Blair, and Mayor Hartsfield of Atlanta. Judge Landis received many gifts, including a framed picture of the mountain and bullets from the battlefield. Park Superintendent B. C. Yates arranged for a guided tour of the battlefield, including the site where his father was wounded. Yates later remembered that "when talking, it was a habit of the judge to approach very close to the person he addressed and fix him with his eye. For emphasis, it was the judge's habit to tap the listener's chest with his open hand. Several of the playful taps pushed me back some three or four feet."

Judge Landis got to see the Archibald Howell House (where his father had recuperated), the ruins of the Glover-Wilder Tannery on Kennesaw Avenue, and the Marietta Square. Landis spoke at the Square in front of the statue of Sen. A. S. Clay. He assured the audience, "someday I'm coming here to live. That will be the day when I don't have to work and worry about my bread, eggs, and bacon."

Sadly, Kenesaw Mountain Landis was not able to take advantage of the opportunity in Cobb County. He passed away in 1944 at the age of 78. That same year he

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Kennesaw Mountain (Landis)

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was inducted into the National Baseball Hall of Fame. Even twenty-five years after his visit, articles could be found in the *Marietta Daily Journal* fondly remembering Landis' time in our area.



Newspaper clipping from the February 9, 1941 *Atlanta Constitution*. From the files of Kennesaw Mountain NBP.



(L to R) Mayor William B. Hartsfield of Atlanta, Mayor L. M. "Rip" Blair of Marietta, Trammell Scott of baseball's Southern Association, and Kennesaw Mountain Landis. From the Vanishing Georgia Collection at the Georgia Archives.



December 5, 1940, press photo of Kennesaw Mountain Landis at Kennesaw Mountain. Bramlett Family Collection.



December 5, 1940, press photo of Kennesaw Mountain Landis at Kennesaw Mountain. Bramlett Family Collection.

Volunteer Festival - 3/26/22

Photos by Fred Feltmann





Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park

Interpretive Programs for **May**

**All programs are outdoors and weather dependent.*

May 7, 11 am & 3 pm: Atlanta Campaign Museum Tour

It's more than just the artifacts! Join us for two special tours of our Visitor Center museum where our Rangers take you on a journey through the entirety of the Civil War (with heavy focus on the Western Theater and the Battle of Kennesaw Mountain). We'll discuss the causes, biggest battles, blunders and how the war still affects us today over 150 years later.

May 8, 11 am: Kennesaw Mountain Hike

"The scenery from the top of the Mountain is really grand and will repay in some measure for being shot at so much"- William Wallace McMillan, 17th Alabama. Join us for a Ranger- guided hike to the summit of Big Kennesaw Mountain. We will explore the history of the area from pre- history to today.

The climb is moderately- difficult, so wear sturdy shoes and bring plenty of water.

May 14, 2 pm: 24- Kennesaw Mountain: Beyond the War

Native Americans, a water resort, statues, a plane crash and more! Come learn stories with volunteer Andrew Bramlett about what has happened at Kennesaw Mountain before and after the Civil War.

May 15, 11 am: 24- Gun Battery Hike

The fighting in and around Kennesaw Mountain was known for its brutally- effective artillery action. Experience the Federal cannon positions for yourself with this Ranger led hike. The hike will be roughly 3 miles long and will begin at the Visitor Center. It is weather dependent.

Please wear sturdy shoes and bring water.

May 21, 11 am: Pigeon Hill Hike

"Presently, and as if by magic, there sprung from the earth a host of men, and in one long, waving line of blue the infantry advanced."- General Samuel French. Some of the toughest fighting of the war occurred on a small spur just below the dual- peaks of Kennesaw. This Ranger- led hike will describe the futile Union assault and the Confederate defense of Pigeon Hill. We will meet at the Pigeon Hill parking area (GPS

Coordinates: 33.963276, -84.594391) and will go up the rocky slope.

The hike is moderate, so bring good shoes and plenty of water.

May 22, 11 am: Cheatham Hill History Talk

"Hell had broke loose in Georgia, sure enough" This tour will take you along the Confederate earthworks as we discuss the most well known fighting that took place on the fateful morning of June 27th , 1864. Meet the ranger at the Cheatham Hill parking lot. The tour involves a short and easy walk to the Illinois monument.

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May 28, 11 am: Assault Trail Hike

“And how can a man die better, than by facing fearful odds- for the ashes of your fathers and the temples of your gods?” This Ranger- led guided hike will put you in the footsteps of the Union soldiers, re- tracing their charge against the Confederate trenches at Cheatham Hill. The hike begins at the Activity Area 3 parking lot (GPS Coordinates: 33.933020, -84.604780)

May 29 & 30, 11 am, 12 pm, 2 pm & 3 pm: Artillery Demonstrations

Come commemorate Memorial Day weekend with us as we host cannon firings throughout Sunday and Monday. 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.

*** For more program details, please contact Visitor Center at 770-427-4686, ext. 0, or visit our website at www.nps.gov/kemo





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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.

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NPS/KEMO - National Park Service/Kennesaw Mountain

VHP - Veterans History Project

VC - Visitor Center

First Quarter, 2023 Newsletter Deadline

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Trail Maintenance Map

