



Lead the Pack – Why Should I care?

Many of us are dog owners and we know that dogs like to poop, especially just after eating and shortly into any exercising. In fact, we like this behavior because it makes those early morning and late night walks a bit easier to deal with. But, in a park like ours, we really don't want to be seeing the accumulation of poop bags along the trails. I can tell you that the park disposes of hundreds of them from the waste containers every day and we are all thankful that most people are conscientious enough to bag and properly dispose of their dog's waste.

However, many people still don't bag their dogs waste. And some do bag it but either leave it along the trail side or fling it a few feet into the woods. These are the people we are trying to reach and educate so they will change their habits. Their hundreds of bags are piling up all over the park.

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W. J. M. Hames of Marietta and Kennesaw Mountain

By Andrew Bramlett



W.J.M. "Bill" Hames

Marietta Journal – May 29, 1929

William Joseph Marion Hames, who went by Bill, was born March 26, 1852. His father was H. C. Hames. The Hames family fled Cobb County in 1864 as Sherman approached the area during the Civil War, and they returned to the area in 1865.

According to the May 9, 1929 Marietta Journal, Bill Hames had recently walked into the paper's offices and stated he was the first "Printer's Devil" to work for the Marietta Journal. He recalled working for the paper when Volume 1,

Number 1 was released in 1866.

After the Civil War, H. C. Hames purchased part of Kennesaw Mountain. He sold bark from the mountain's oak trees to a tannery whose ruins still stand on Kennesaw Avenue. In 1879, Bill Hames purchased 16 acres on the northeastern slope of Kennesaw Mountain from his father for \$200. He cleared the land and planted 1,000 peach trees. His original trees soon died, but he was able replant. In 1881, he added 500 Concord grape vines, which Hames

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New Park Maps Available!

Three new park maps have been released and are available on our website!

<http://www.kennesawmountaintrailclub.org/hikingmap.php>

Samples are available pages 12 - 14 of this newsletter.

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Let me first resolve myth #1, there is no "poop fairy" who comes by every night and picks these up.

For myth #2, the poop bags are biodegradable, what's the big deal? Well, yes, they are biodegradable, but it takes three to six months to occur if adequate sunlight and moisture are present. And, they don't just vaporize, they dissolve into a sludge of chemicals that then leach into the soil and cause other problems. Most biodegradable bags are designed for our landfills, not our parks.

Myth #3 dog poop is good fertilizer. Well that is absolutely not true. Unlike cows and horses who are herbivores; dogs (and people) are carnivores and eat a high protein diet that leaves their waste in an acidic state and is high in nitrates that change the soil

composition in a way that is harmful to plant life. Dog poop also contains bacteria and parasites that can infect other dogs and people, especially if it gets into the streams. Yes, carnivore waste can be converted to a plant fertilizer but it takes proper composting to add lots of carbon materials (plant compost) and heating the mixture (+165F) to kill the bacteria and parasites (giardia, hookworms, trichinosis, etc).

And then there is myth #4, no one will ever know if I just fling it while no one's around. Well, first, God is always watching. Second, you never know who might also be watching. It's sad that laws have to be made to get all to be good stewards of our earth, but not picking up after your pet is a crime in the park and subject to fines and usually mandated community service. Can you imagine being brought up in front of a judge in "litterbug" court?

So what are we doing to help solve the problem? First, is education. New poop stations are going up in the park with posters to remind us about picking up after our pets and providing us with landfill friendly poop bags and special



receptacles to collect them for proper disposal. And, we are posting articles in the local papers and editorials like this one in our newsletters. Second, the park is adding more poop stations a bit deeper into the more frequented trails to make it easier for those whose pets like to poop after some exercising gets started.

Does this all cost the park more money? Yes, it's not just putting up the poop stations, the park must buy the bags and properly dispose of the waste. But, we feel it is worth it if it helps reduce the amount of poop bags we are seeing along the trails. Please help us by doing your part by picking up after your pet and disposing of the bag in the proper way. Help make our park more beautiful and safe.

Your membership in Friends of Kennesaw Mountain helps with programs like this and many others that support the park. Friends of Kennesaw Mountain is a volunteer run registered 501(c)3 non-profit. See <https://friendsofkmnbp.org/> to join.

Scott Mackay

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Additional Volunteers needed! Call today!



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National Recreation Area

Kennesaw Mountain
National Battlefield Park

1978 Island Ford Parkway
Sandy Springs, GA 30350

900 Kennesaw Mountain Dr
Kennesaw, GA 31052

National Park Service News Release

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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Bag and Bin It: Help Improve Chattahoochee River Water Quality

SANDY SPRINGS, GA & KENNESAW, GA - Chattahoochee River National Recreation Area (Chattahoochee River NRA), [Chattahoochee National Park Conservancy](#) (CNPC), and Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park (Kennesaw Mountain NBP) are teaming up to reduce dog waste in two of metro Atlanta's national park units. With design and funding support from CNPC, Chattahoochee River NRA and Kennesaw Mountain NBP are installing new dog waste bins at major trailheads and visitor use areas throughout both national parks to encourage visitors to "bag and bin it."

Approximately 37.6% of metro Atlanta residents own dogs, and many visitors bring their dogs along on their visits to the Chattahoochee River NRA and Kennesaw Mountain NBP. Dog waste poses a risk to the health of park visitors and wildlife, directly through physical contact and indirectly through elevated bacteria levels in nearby water supplies. Both Chattahoochee River NRA and Kennesaw Mountain NBP are asking park visitors to help decrease the dog waste that enters the Chattahoochee River watershed by correctly disposing of dog waste. Both parks have struggled with visitors not picking up dog waste or leaving bagged dog waste on the side of park trails. Even if the bags are biodegradable, dog waste will still contaminate the ground or nearby water sources.

"With 70% of the metro area's drinking water coming from the Chattahoochee River, it's imperative that we take actions to prevent dog waste from entering the water supply and raising bacteria levels," **commented Acting Superintendent Ann Honious.** "Dog waste is not a fertilizer. It actually contains deadly bacteria that enters the ecosystem and the water supply. Our goal is to create a safe and enjoyable experience for all visitors along the Chattahoochee River, and that includes educating visitors about the environmental impacts of dog waste and promoting the proper disposal of unsightly dog waste throughout all park units."

To help solve this problem, the board of CNPC partnered with students at Atlanta's Miami Ad School in 2017 to engage Chattahoochee River NRA visitors and encourage dog owners to pick up and properly dispose of their dogs' waste. The partnership led to a creative campaign to educate visitors about the ecological importance of proper waste disposal and a goal to make dog waste stations more accessible in areas of high visitation throughout the Park. With a mix of private donations and NPS Centennial Challenge funds, Chattahoochee River NRA and CNPC purchased 37 new dog waste stations to be used throughout the Park with new signage using a design created by Miami Ad School students. This project is the culmination of three years of work by CNPC,

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Chattahoochee River NRA, and students from the Miami Ad School to reduce inappropriate dog waste in the Park in the Chattahoochee River.

Kennesaw Mountain NBP teamed up with Chattahoochee River NRA and CNPC in 2020 to expand the dog waste campaign to Kennesaw Mountain and install more dog waste bins on park trails with funding from the [Friends of Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park](#). “Here at Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park, we have many miles of trails that are great for taking your dog on a hike,” said **Superintendent Patrick Gamman**. We wanted to join Chattahoochee River NRA in making your experience the best it can be. With more and better placed bins, both parks will be cleaner and more enjoyable for everyone. Thanks for helping us take care of these special places.”

Together, Chattahoochee River NRA, CNPC, and Kennesaw Mountain NBP are working to promote good dog waste etiquette and encourage visitors to “lead the pack” and “bag and bin it.” More information, including the locations of dog waste receptacles in both parks, can be found on the [Chattahoochee River NRA](#) and [Kennesaw Mountain NBP](#) websites.

www.nps.gov

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Mountain Top Concession Stand Closed

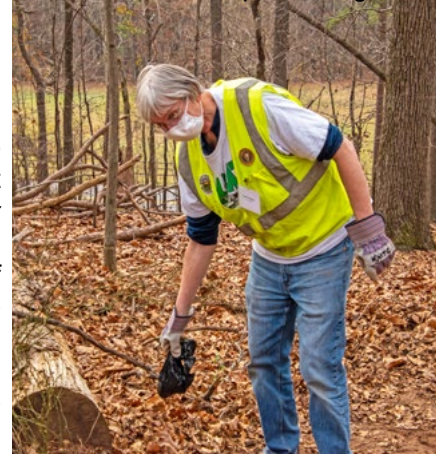
The Mountain Top Concession Stand has been closed for the winter and spring. It will again reopen around Memorial Day Weekend.

What's The Big Deal With The "Pooh Bags?"

Here it is in a nutshell. Someone has to go and pick them up. They don't magically go away. And that somebody is the gentleman pictured herein, or one of our other trail club members. All Volunteers. They have better things to do in the park



than this. The Park staff does not have the time or manpower to go and pick them up either. Nor would you want to pay our tax dollars for this effort. And it's not just a bag or two, nor just along side the trail, as this one. We've had volunteers pick up 20 or more bags in one afternoon just on the trail from the Visitor Center to the top of Kennesaw Mountain. Some of our visitors think nothing of pitching them off the trail into some



pretty hazardous areas. And Our volunteers are not the young either - most are in their late 60's or older - not someone you'd want going off trail to pick up garbage, such as pooh bags or the very heavy empty water bottles that are too cumbersome for our visitors to carry back to the Visitor Center or parking lot to dispose of them in a trash can or recycle bin. One of the worst places these are thrown is off of the Mountain Road that goes up to the parking lot on top of Kennesaw Mountain. There is no way to safely pick these items off the side of the road. So there they just rot and create an eyesore.

Fred Feltmann



**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://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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W. J. M. Hames of Marietta...

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planned on turning into wine.

By 1888, Hames owned a store in Marietta, where he sold groceries, fruit, "War Relics," and Native American artifacts. According to an ad for his business in the July 26, 1888 Marietta Journal, Hames store required "something less than 100 hands to run it." According to the May 30, 1892 Atlanta Constitution, one of the more unique items in his store was a "box filled with human skulls, which have been gathered on different battlefields. These he purchased."

In 1888, Hames joined the Marietta and North Georgia Real Estate and Investment Company, which at one time planned on building a hotel on Kennesaw Mountain. He left the business later that year. In 1889, Hames was involved with the Marietta Land Company, but he soon sold his stake of that business as well.

In 1890, Hames began construction of his house on Marietta's Lawrence Street. He still had his orchards on Kennesaw Mountain, and by 1893 there were 11,000 peach trees. A "severe freeze" in 1894 killed them all. By August, he had added cantaloupes to his mountain farm.

In 1895, Hames began selling tickets at his store to visit Kennesaw Mountain. Tickets for Adults cost 25 cents, while

tickets for children 12-and-under cost only 15 cents. Around this time, he replanted his peaches. In 1904, Hames and his wife went to the St. Louis World's Fair, and shortly after returning moved to Atlanta. By 1906 Hames had become the Cobb County salesman for Viva, a "pleasant, healthful summer drink" made in Atlanta. Between 1903 and 1907 Hames filed 4 patents. His first patent was for a wrench, while his other three patents were for cleaning and polishing devices.

Around 1911, Hames moved back to Marietta. In 1915, he sold 90 acres on Kennesaw Mountain to Vigil McCleskey, C. M. Dobbs, and W. T. Holland for an undisclosed amount. The men formed the Holland Realty Company, which planned on placing a hotel on the mountain summit. In 1916, Hames purchased a cottage at the foot of Kennesaw Mountain.

At some point, Hames sold a boxcar load of Civil War artifacts to the War Relic Museum located on Lookout Mountain in Chattanooga. In 1942, Hames donated some of his remaining relics to Kennesaw Mountain NBP. At the time, he was living at 625 Ormewood Avenue in Atlanta. Hames passed away in December of 1947.

Even though Bill Hames has largely been forgotten, the remains of the terracing he used for his orchards can still be seen on Kennesaw Mountain today.



Photos of the peach orchard terraces on Kennesaw Mountain. Pictured above is a photo taken 1/13/21 of a couple of the terraces on Kennesaw Mountain. The photo on the right is an enhanced version to better portray the terraces.

Fred Feltmann

Friends Calendar Of Events/Notices

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Event</u>
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No events currently planned.

Check out our website, the National Park Service/KEMO website and the KMTC website for the latest updates on KMNBP events. (See page 10, herein for the list of websites.) There are numerous tutorials, video articles and stories on the NPS/KEMO Facebook page - see page 10)



Friends of KMNBP Initiatives

Following is a list of initiatives that the Friends are working on funding in conjunction with the National Park Service.

Lead the Pack - Begun! - Bin And Bag It Program

Painted Rocks Clean up - will begin when the Covid epidemic is resolved

New Cannon for Living History demonstrations - fundraising step

157th Battle Anniversary - June, 2021 - planning has begun

160th Battle Anniversary - June, 2024 - planning has begun

App like the Gettysburg AR Experience - and themes

Restrooms/Shelters in mid section of Park - planning is in progress

Wallis House Restoration - planning is in process to determine needs

More signage around the Park

Native Plant Garden

Cleaning the Illinois Monument

Drinking fountain on the summit

Challengers

Fred Feltnann
12/19/96

Kennedy.

King.

Scobee, Smith, Resnik, McNair,
Onizuka, Jarvis, and McAuliffe.

Challengers all.

To live a full life,
Requires risk.

To take the challenge.

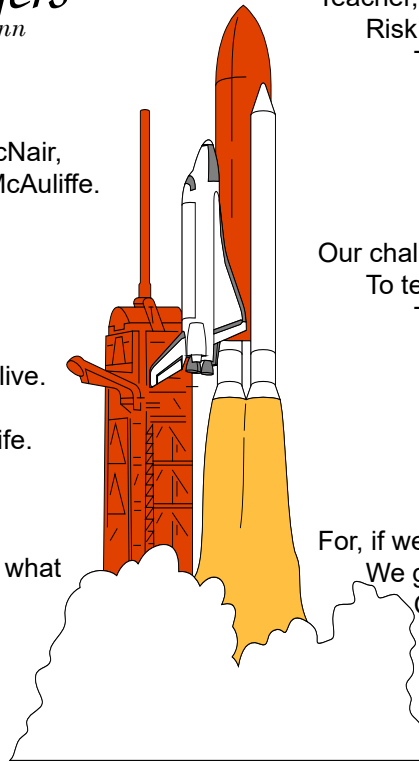
To explore the unknown.
That is what's required, to live.

Sometimes the challenge takes a life.

Sometimes it yields glory.

Sometimes one remains

In obscurity,
Only you knowing that what
You did, made
A difference.



Teacher, minister, den leader,

Risk takers all.

Taking the time.

Daring to lead.

Daring to teach.

Daring to challenge our youth.

Our challenge?, Our risk?

To teach.

To prepare our youth,

So that they can

Take the challenge,

Make the decision,

And Trust in God,

And our fellow man.

For, if we do not take the challenge,

We give up our life,

Our opportunity.

Our freedom.

Plans For Kennesaw Mountain Guidebook Begun

A volunteer initiative has been underway for some time to develop a partnership with the National Park Service and the local community to provide support activities for operations at Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park.

An important component to this initiative is development of a comprehensive guidebook for park visitors which will unite the historical relevance of the area and trail systems present within the park boundaries.

The purpose of this guidebook is to provide awareness of park services to visitors, increase accessibility to park resources; and provide a detailed overview of trail

descriptions, locations, and communicate historically prevalent areas of interest throughout the park.

Volunteer efforts are focused on providing accurate trail conditions, duration and notable landmarks along each trail present within the park system. This publication will provide in depth direction to park services and locations and familiarize visitors with useful information to enhance the park experience. All proceeds resulting from the sale of guidebooks will be distributed to the park directly for improvement projects and in support of ongoing programs and services.

Scott Mackay

President

Friends of Kennesaw Mountain

Friends Sponsors A Meet And Greet at Marietta Wine Market.

On Saturday, November 21st, The Friends of Kennesaw Mountain held a Meet And Greet at Marietta Wine Market, with Superintendent Patrick Gamman in attendance. It was an excellent opportunity to meet him and see what directions he plans for the Park.



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:

Thanks!



Contact List - Updated 10/24/20

POSITION

President
Vice President
Secretary/Parliamentarian
Treasurer
Communications
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Social Media
Fundraising
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Archives
Membership
Living History Liaison
Trail Club Liaison

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Vacant
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Vacant
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Website - NPS
Facebook Page - Friends
Facebook Page - NPS
Twitter
Instagram

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www.nps/kemo.gov
<https://www.facebook.com/FriendsofKMNBp>
<https://www.facebook.com/KMNBp>
<https://twitter.com/FKmnbp>
<https://www.instagram.com/FriendsofKMNBp/>

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In Case of Emergency: Cobb County Emergency Location Marker (ELM) Program

By Amanda Corman, Park Ranger

Two years ago, in late 2018, Cobb County became the first county in the state of Georgia to establish the Emergency Location Marker program. Known as ELM, these blue and white markers are located every quarter mile on the county's trail system. Based on U.S. National Grid (USNG) alpha numeric coordinates, these markers "quickly direct emergency responders to a location on a trail where a physical address might not exist (www.CobbELM.com)."

In 2020, Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park was added to the Cobb County ELM system. Kennesaw Mountain NBP Law Enforcement has worked very closely with Cobb County to help ensure the safety of park visitors.

How to use ELM? As an individual hikes the trails and either is injured or comes across an injured individual, they call 911. When the 911 operator asks your location, the individual will provide the 8 numbers in the white box of the marker. If an individual is not near a marker, they only have short distance to reach one. These coordinates provide a more accurate location of an injured individual or accident saving time and saving lives.

In October 2020, Cobb County Safety Services hosted an "Family Fun and Outdoor Activity Safety" event at Kennesaw Mountain. With the support of park staff, visitors were able to learn about various safety programs provided by the county as well as the new ELM system. As the park liaison with Cobb County, Law Enforcement Park Ranger Bryan Harper is working closely with the county in providing community education regarding the ELM system and safety. Future safety events will be offered to help with training and safety education. If you are interested in participating, please contact KEMO_volunteer@nps.gov. For more information about the ELM program, please visit, www.CobbELM.com

See also:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=T3oqekzQnac>

IN CASE OF EMERGENCY The Cobb County Emergency Location Marker (ELM) Program



The ELM System is used to help find people who need emergency assistance on Cobb's trail network.

The trail mapping system is a nationally recognized system allowing first responders to quickly and effectively locate someone in need.

www.CobbELM.com



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 who have donated their time and/or talent during 2020.

Corporate

Fox Dogs

SUNLIFE

JOHNSON & JOHNSON FOUNDATION



Three Ways To Donate

You can support the Friends in 3 ways:

1. Directly through our website - <https://friendsofkmnbp.org/giving-membership/donate/>
2. Through Guidestar - <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>)

Thanks for your support!

Individual

CY 2020

MARK ANGELI

LISA BECK

MONTRENA BENNET

KEVIN DUNN

MIKE EVANS

CAROLYN & JOHN FRITZ

JERRY GIVAN

BILL GURRY

JAY HANEY

JANET HART

SCOTT MACKAY

LESLIE & DONALD OLDS

ANITA & NEAL RITCHEY

KEN PIEHL

JASON SHEPHERD

DEBBIE STOCKER

JEFF WATTS

DAVID WHITE

JESSICA & COLEMAN WOOD



2020 Annual Report

Executive Overview

Although we officially restarted the Friends of Kennesaw Mountain two years ago, this has been our first year of real operation. Over this period we:

- Signed a Partnership with the Park
- Launched our website
- Built a volunteer timekeeping system
- Built a volunteer event scheduler system
- Built up an operations staff and board
- Refined our mission statement
- Attended several the Friends of National Parks Alliance conferences
- Started writing a Park Guidebook
- Started our newsletter
- Helped complete the “Veterans Oral History Transcription” Project
- Helped launch the “Lead the Pack” dog poop campaign
- Held a “get to know us” event

Membership has been increasing each month with many members opting for the higher brackets. Membership dollars and volunteer labor are the fuel that keeps us running toward our goals. Note that we have no paid staff and have designed our infrastructure for the lowest annual maintenance cost. We want our efforts and the public’s donations to go to improvements the community wants in the park.

Mission Statement

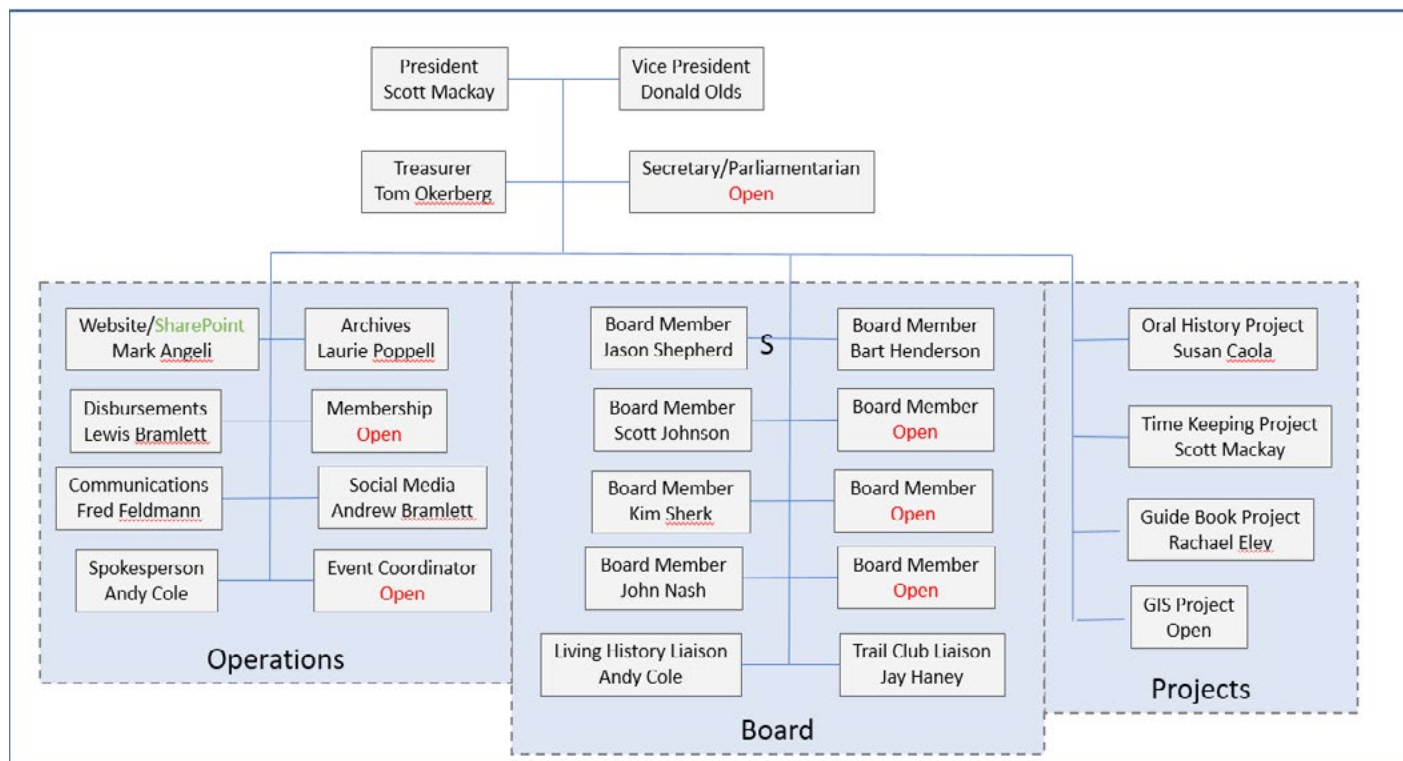
The mission of the Friends of Kennesaw Mountain is to work in partnership with the National Park Service and the local community to provide volunteers and raise funding to support activities such as:

- Visitor & Away Events
- Transportation, Housing, and Feeding of volunteer groups (example: Living History, Student Conservation Association, and 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.

Board & Staff

We have built up a great group of volunteers over the past year. Without the dedicated and unselfish efforts of these people we would not be the organization we are today. It is their work that makes most things happen for us. In 2021, we hope to fill the remaining open slots and add more project leads. There is no shortage of projects that we can do for the park, especially in the areas of education, conservation, and preservation.



Membership

Membership is growing but not as fast as we have hoped. We need more people to discover us and join us in our mission. We have been getting our name out in social media, newsletters, website links, and a brochure in the park kiosks. We know it takes time to build a relationship of trust with the community so we are patiently and diligently moving forward. The park gets over 2.7 million visitors a year and the bulk of them are local repeat visitors who hike the trails.

Our membership started with our first donation made by a park ranger Mike Evans who knew us and what we were embarking on to achieve. We credit him with providing the funding needed to get us licensed as a non-profit in the state of Georgia. Since then we have had a steady trickle of people and businesses sign up.

Memberships can be personal or business.

For personal we have:

Giving Level	Members/Donors
General (>\$1,500)	2
First Sargent (>\$100)	9
Sargent (>\$25)	5
Corporal (\$15)	3

For Businesses we have:

Giving Level	Member/Donor
Division (\$1,000)	Sunlife Insurance (a grant)
Regiment (\$300)	Fox Dogs Restaurant & Catering

Financials

As the year closed we have \$4,488 in the bank.

- Our operating expenses have been:
- \$ 28 Website license
- \$ 61 Bank surcharges
- \$145 Paypal surcharges

We received:

- \$1,000 donation from Sunlife, a health insurance company
- \$ 300 from Fox Dogs, a local Marietta restaurant & catering company
- \$ 5,418 from membership

We granted:

- \$1,286 To complete the veterans oral history project
- \$1,000 to the Kennesaw Mountain Trail Club
- \$2,000 to the “Lead the Pack” project

2020 Projects

Veterans Oral History Transcription

This project was started in 2015. Volunteers collected oral history from local veterans about their wartime experiences and why they choose to join the military. These fascinating stories were stored on tape in the park archives with a goal of transcribing them for the Library of Congress. In one of the first “asks” of the park we funded the transcription of these tapes and submittal to the library. It still took a lot of volunteer work to complete the project and that credit goes mostly to Susan Caola.

Lead the Pack

This project is all about dog poop. We joined up with the park to start a public education campaign about the importance of picking up after your dog and disposing of poop in the proper waste containers. New posters have been placed in the park and additional poop stations have been placed a short distance up the most frequently used trails.

Park Guidebook

We have long wanted a good guidebook for the park and we now have one being written. This book will help orient people to the park but giving them the basic information to navigate around, follow the rules, see the museum, movie, and gift shop, hike the trails, and learn a little bit about the history the park is trying to protect. It is taking a lot of volunteer hours to write and most of that credit goes to Rachael Eley and the project lead and editor. It will also take a bit of funding to get the first edition onto the bookshelves in 2021.

Infrastructure

To get us up and operating we needed to have a website, time keeping system and volunteer scheduling system. These capabilities were put in place largely through volunteer work with Mark Angeli taking the lead to make it all happen.

Painted Rocks

Vandals have defaced rocks on the mountain summit and a few other places with graffiti. This project aims at removing the graffiti and educating the public on why it's a bad idea to deface public items. COVID-9 has made physical work in the park difficult this year so the graffiti removal part of this project is holding into 2021.

2021 Goals

We have an exciting year ahead of us and are planning to help with the following projects at the park:

- Trail Maintenance
- Living History
- New cannon and trailer
- Publish the park guidebook
- Graffiti removal (Painted rocks project)
- 157th battle anniversary
- New restrooms in mid-section of the park
- Wallis House restoration

Scott Mackay

President of Friends of Kennesaw Mountain

NPS Virtual Event

Many of you know have a time relationship with Acadia National Park. My GGG grandfather donated several islands and mountains, including Green Mountain (Now Cadillac Mtn), to help form the park. The park renamed the mountain where he had his summer cabin, to forever bear his name.

I worked with Superintendent Steele about 10 years back to create a set of wayside exhibits to show more about the history of the area and how it was the people of the Mount Desert Island who gave up much to build the first national park east of the Mississippi river. My GGG grandfather photo is now atop the mountain along with photos of his many businesses that served the mountain for tourist prior to becoming a park. His mountain top hotel, buckboard shuttle from town, steamboat service to the cog railway, and the eagle lake "tea" house are now long gone.

Below is an invite to hear Sheridan talk about his 40 years with the park service. I have heard him speak many times so I expect it will be interesting.

Scott Mackay



Dear National Park Friends, Fans, & Supporters,

Our parks are full of stories of adventure, adversity, perseverance and humor. Perhaps no one knows this better than the people who manage them.

On January 28, Sheridan Steele — former superintendent of Acadia and Black Canyon of the Gunnison National Parks — will share some of the stories he accumulated during his nearly 40 years with the Park Service. Both poignant and humorous, Steele's recollections provide a welcome reprieve from your everyday life. You'll hear behind-the-scenes insights about daring rescues, visits from dignitaries, wildlife encounters, and more.

Steele's experiences (captured in his new book, *From Bear Dens to the Oval Office: True Stories From my 38 Years Managing National Parks*," intersect with many of NPCA's priority park protection campaigns and inspire us to redouble our efforts.

Join NPCA next Thursday, January 28th for an entertaining hour of storytelling and advocacy.

Event Details

WHAT: From Bear Dens to the Oval Office, a Park Talk With Sheridan Steele

WHEN: Thursday, January 28, 4 - 5 p.m. Eastern/2 - 3 p.m. Mountain

WHERE: Online — this is a free virtual event! All you need is an internet connection and a device, such as a computer or a smart phone.

RSVP: Please register online. After you RSVP, you will receive an email from NPCA with instructions on how to join the webinar.

[CLICK HERE TO RSVP](#)

QUESTIONS? Please contact Timothy Leonard (tleonard@npca.org) with questions or to learn more about this critical work.

I hope you'll join us.

Sincerely,
Lauren Cosgrove

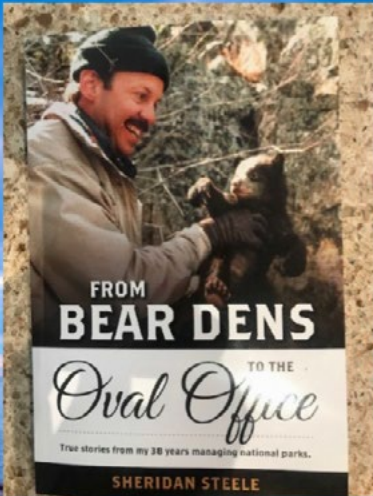
Join National Parks Conservation Association for

**"From Bear Dens to the Oval Office:
True stories from my 38 years
managing national parks"**

Thursday, January 28,
4pm ET/2pm MT

RSVP: <https://p2a.co/amuwi6N>

A Park Talk featuring Sheridan Steele,
former Superintendent of Acadia and
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New Park Maps!

Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park

Northern Trail Section

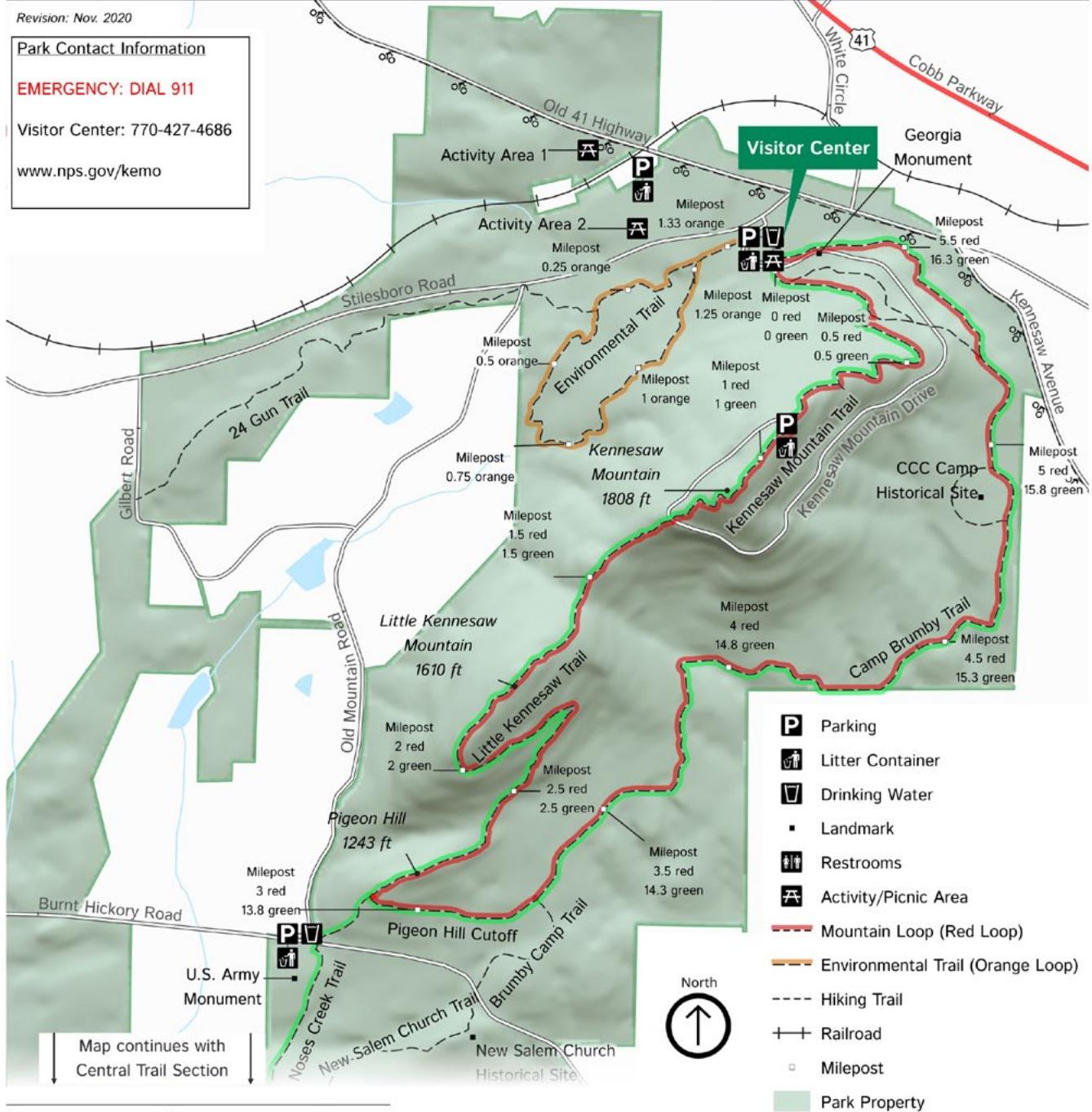
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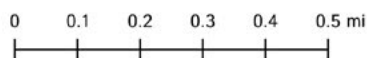
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Trail	Distance
Mountain (Red) Loop	5.8 mi
Enviromental (Orange) Loop	1.33 mi
24 Gun Trail	1.15 mi
Kennesaw Mountain Drive (One Way)	1.52 mi
Green Loop	16.6 mi



Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park

Central Trail Section

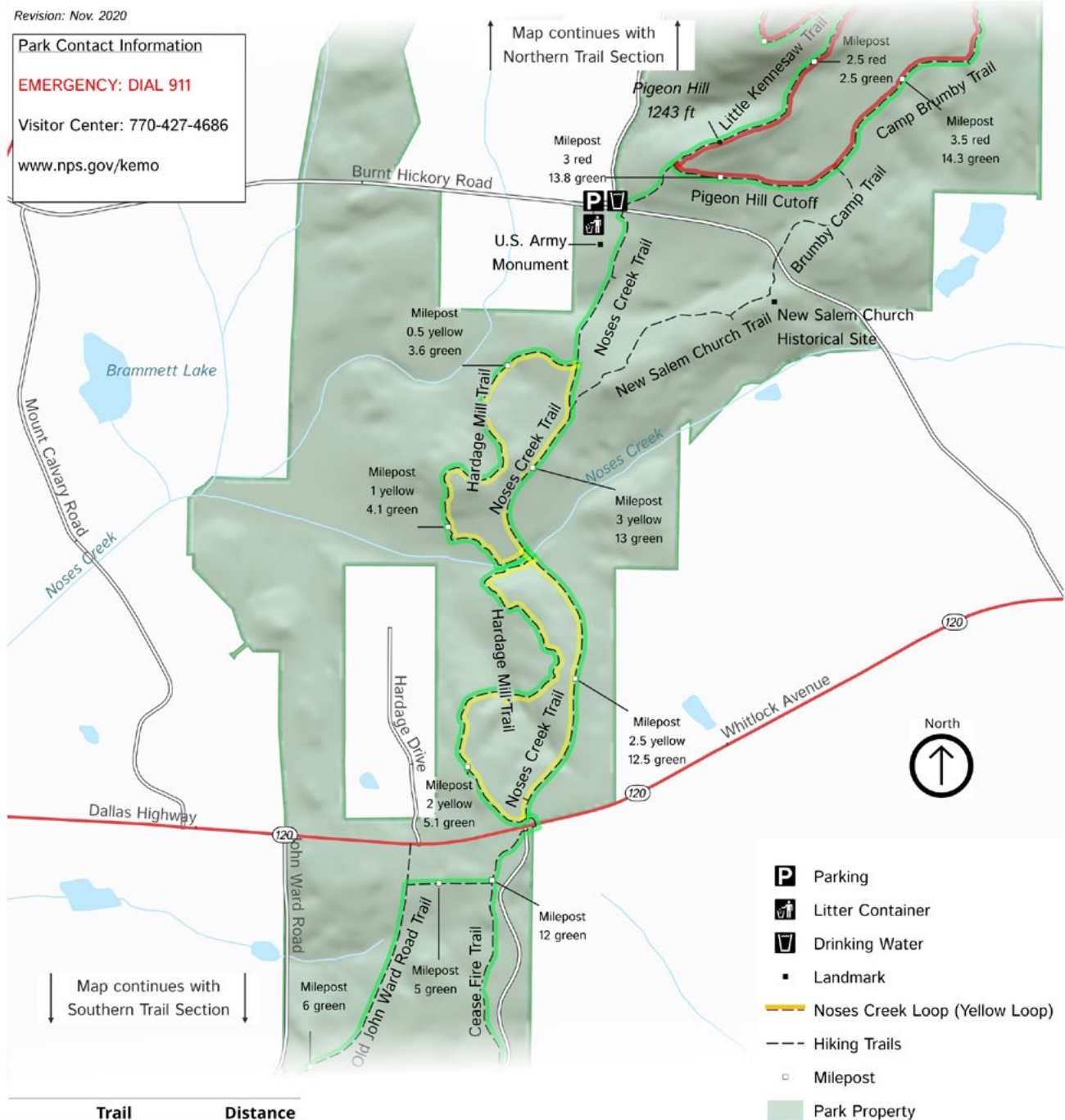
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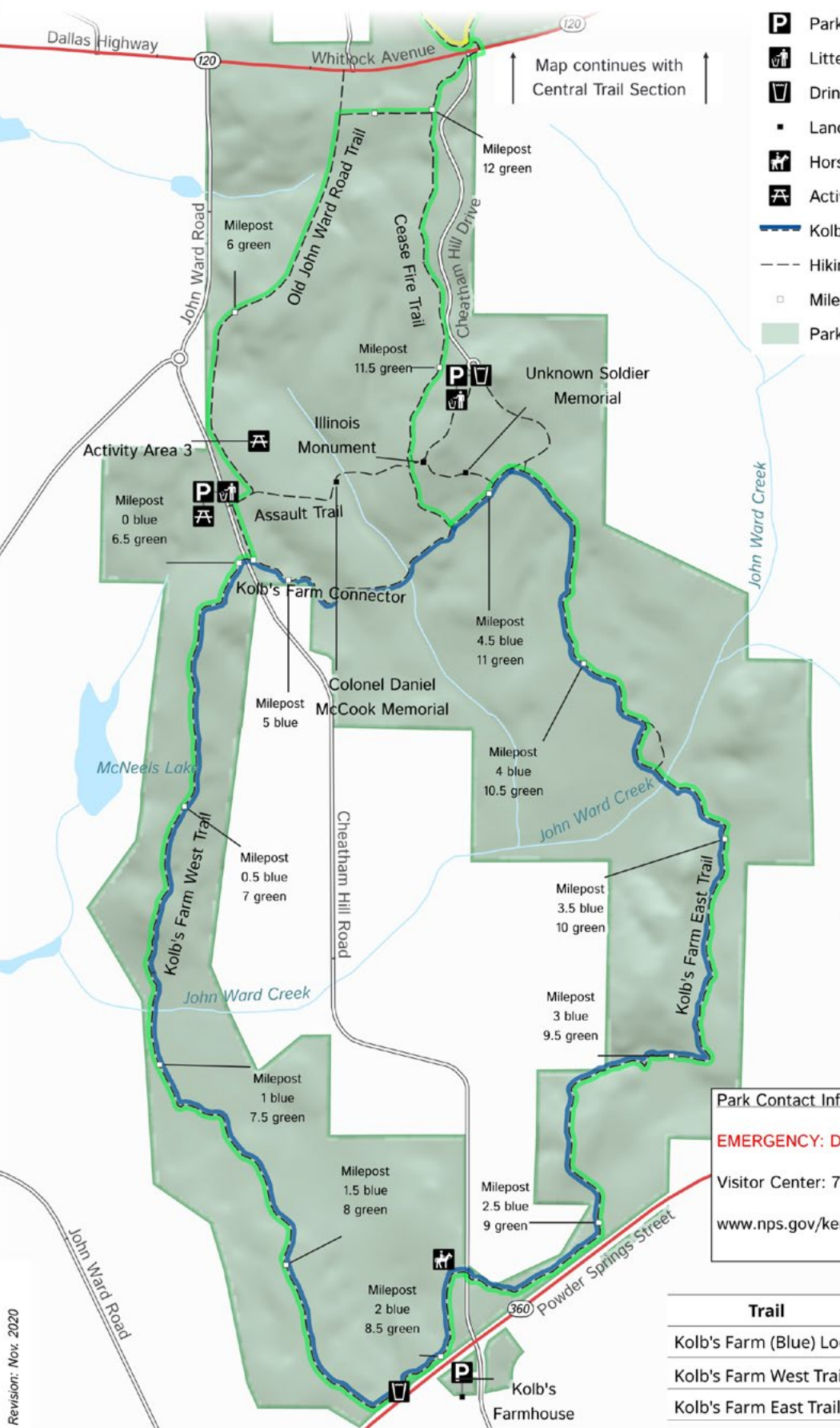
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Southern Trail Section

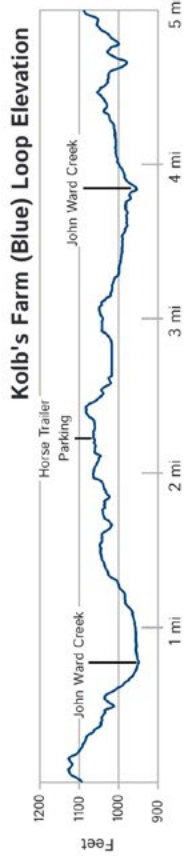
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- P** Parking
- U** Litter Container
- W** Drinking Water
- Landmark
- H** Horse Trailer Parking
- A** Activity/Picnic Area
- Kolb Farm Loop (Blue Loop)
- - -** Hiking Trail
- Milepost
- Park Property



Map continues with Central Trail Section



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Trail	Distance
Kolb's Farm (Blue) Loop	5.1 mi
Kolb's Farm West Trail	2.2 mi
Kolb's Farm East Trail	2.2 mi



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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 3rd quarter 2021 Newsletter, please submit it to Fred Feltmann at faf1948@bellsouth.net no later than March 30th, 2020!

PS Even if you're just a "volunteer," you can also present an article for publication - and you won't be the first!

KENNESAW MOUNTAIN NATIONAL BATTLEFIELD PARK

Trail Maintenance Map

