



Mask Directive Update - National Park Service

Consistent with CDC recommendations, people who are not fully vaccinated must continue to wear masks indoors and in crowded outdoor spaces. Masks are required for everyone on all forms of public transportation. Additional details are available at www.nps.gov/coronavirus. Before visiting, please check the park website to determine its operating status. Please [recreate responsibly](#).

Also, see press release on page 7. Effective July 1, 2021, the Visitor Museum will be open and normal live events and activities will resume. See page 17 for a list of NPS events for July.

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Cheatham Hill Road Closure - Beginning 6/1/21!

Attention ladies and gentlemen: Please expect major road closures and detours in the area starting 6/1, through 8/2/21. See link and/or picture below for more information.

<https://www.cobbcounty.org/transportation/news/summer-heats-three-june-1-road-closures?fbclid=IwAR0jDKANFPGB2mj-dG0F-jDDynxu1FKcEDPAjSI5pqjgFXe7DA2IAGUPI4>

Kiwanis Club of Marietta Meeting - 6/15/21

The Friends and the Kiwanis Club of Marietta met on 6/15/21 at the Visitor Center.

- Met on the front porch of the Visitor Center
- Andrew Bramlett presented a story about the park's history
- Met at Piastra's on the Square afterward
- Kiwanis invited us to sit in on their meetings



Photo by Kathy Bearden

*Patrick Gamman, Superintendent and Friends of KMNBP volunteers.
More photos on page 3.*





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Additional Volunteers needed! Call today!

The Friends of KMNBP Establish a Web Store

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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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!

Kiwanis Club Meeting Photos -

6/15/21

Photos by Scott Mackay.



Friends Calendar Of Events/Notices

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Event</u>
September			
9/4 - 9/18	TBD	TBD	9/11 Field Of Flags preparation/Parade <i>Check websites on Page 7 for the latest info for the most current dates and times of the 9/11 events at Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park</i>

Check out our website, the National Park Service/KEMO website and the Friends of KMNBP 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 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)

or

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

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



The Friends Of Kennesaw Mountain
The Friends of Kennesaw Mountain's purpose 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](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 provide volunteers and raise funding to support activities such as:

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

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

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

Contact List - Updated 4/12/21

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<https://friendsofkmnbp.org/>

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www.nps/kemo.gov

Facebook Page - Friends

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

Facebook Page - NPS

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

Twitter

<https://twitter.com/FKmnbp>

Instagram

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

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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 and 2021.

Corporate

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JASON SHEPHERD
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JESSICA & COLEMAN WOOD

CY 2021

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DEBBIE STOCKER
JOSH & KATIE TRUAX
LEAH URBEN
JESSICA & COLEMAN WOOD
JORDAN WATSON

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!



Field Of Flags - 9/4/21 - 9/18/21

Each life lost to the senseless tragic events of September 11, 2001, will be honored by our 5th Field of Flags installation in 2021. This powerful commemorative event begins on Saturday, September 4th and will be open to the public until Saturday, September 18th. [Click here](#) for park hours. Please join us as we remember and honor those who lost their lives that fateful day.

The entire community is invited to participate in what has become one of the largest commemorative events in the nation. There are many ways to become involved (details are being updated, so please check back soon):

- [Visit](#) the 2021 Field of Flags installation
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- [Sponsor a flag](#) to be flown at the 2021 Field of Flags
- (Don't want to sponsor online? [Click here](#) to download a fillable PDF that can be emailed or mailed.)
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- [Carry a flag](#) in the Processional for the installation of flags at Kennesaw Mountain Battlefield
-
- [Attend the Memorial Service](#) and Reading of the Names of those who lost their lives on 9/11
-
- [Share a personal](#) memory of that day
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- www.911FieldofFlags.com



*Field of Flags - September, 2016
Photo by Fred Feltmann*

Organized by the Kiwanis Club of Marietta through the Marietta Kiwanis Foundation, the 9/11 Field of Flags is displayed every five years and has become one of the largest commemorative events in the nation. Flag sponsorship helps to fund this project and ensure its continuation in the future. The Marietta Kiwanis Foundation is a 501(c)(3) organization, #58-1409116.

Keep up with us on [Facebook](#) and post your pictures with [#911FieldofFlags](#).

Thank you to Club member [Johnny Walker](#) for many of the beautiful pictures.

For additional information or media inquiries, please email pathuey@comcast.net.

Fred's photos of the 2016 Commemoration - <https://www.facebook.com/media/set/?vanity=kmtcsocial&set=a.10153688346961261>



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Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park News Release

For Immediate Release: June 29, 2021

Contact: Marjorie Thomas, marjorie_thomas@nps.gov, 770-427-4686

Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield To Increase Access for its Theater and Public Programs

KENNESAW, GA- Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park, in using a phased approach for increased access, will reopen specific operations this week.

Beginning July 1, 2020, Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park will reopen access to:

- The park's theater, located inside the Visitor Center.
- Face-to-face outdoor programs.

The health and safety of our visitors, employees, volunteers, and partners continues to be paramount. At Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park, our operational approach continues to be centered on examining each facility function and service to ensure those operations comply with current public health guidance and are regularly monitored.

For more information, visit the park website (www.nps.gov/kemo), or call 770-427-4686 x231. Details and updates will also be posted on the park's social media channels.

www.nps.gov

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Scout Ranger Program

This has been a tough year for all of us for many reasons. We have all had to get creative in how we do some of our favorite activities and visit some of our favorite places. This is especially true for some of our National Parks. We would like to highlight Boy Scout and National Park enthusiast, William Kai Curley-Obrero for his dedication in learning about these places during this tough time. In 2020, William Kai completed Junior Ranger programs from all over the country, participated in the NPS Virtual Campouts and the various virtual events throughout the NPS, and a virtual summer camp through Kennesaw Mountain NBP. On top of all of that, William Kai applied his knowledge and hard work to earn his Resource Stewardship Scout Ranger Patch. This award is designed to get scouts involved in their public lands in various ways. This is a wonderful program that helps us to highlight not only our parks and special places, but also our scouts. Congratulations to William Kai for his hard work and creativity in earning his patch.

For more information on the Resource Stewardship Scout Ranger Patch, see below link:

[Scout Ranger Program - Youth Programs \(U.S. National Park Service\) \(nps.gov\)](https://www.nps.gov/youth/programs/scout-ranger/)

Jacob Boling
Park Ranger

Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park





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Kennesaw Mountain News Release

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Tourism to Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park creates \$141 Million in Economic Benefits

Report shows visitor spending supports 2,160 jobs in local economy

Kennesaw, GA – A new National Park Service (NPS) report shows that 2.4 million visitors to Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park in 2020 spent \$141 million in communities near the park. That spending supported 2,160 jobs in the local area and had a cumulative benefit to the local economy of \$214 million, including labor income.

“We have been safely increasing access to Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park, one of the 423 sites in the national park system that support individual and collective physical and mental wellness,” said Superintendent Patrick Gamman “We welcome people back to the park and are excited to share the story of this place and the experiences it provides. We also feature the park as a way to introduce our visitors to this part of the country and all that it offers.”

Gamman further states, “Park visitors help economic output in local gateway regions. The greatest visitor spending for our area came from the hotel and restaurant industries. National parks, like Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park, are a vital part of our nation’s economy and help drive a vibrant tourism and outdoor recreation industry, for which we all benefit.”

The peer-reviewed visitor spending analysis was conducted by economists with the National Park Service and the U.S. Geological Survey. The report shows \$14.5 billion of direct spending by more than 237 million park visitors in communities within 60 miles of a national park. This spending supported 234,000 jobs nationally; 194,400 of those jobs are found in these gateway communities. The cumulative benefit to the U.S. economy was \$28.6 billion.

Looking at the economics of visitor spending nationally, the lodging sector had the highest direct effects, with \$5 billion in economic output. The restaurants sector was had the second greatest effects, with \$3 billion in economic output. Visitor spending on lodging supported more than 43,100 jobs and more than 45,900 jobs in restaurants. Visitor spending in the recreation industries supported more than 18,100 jobs and spending in retail supported more than 14,300 jobs.

Report authors also produce an interactive tool that enables users to explore visitor spending, jobs, labor income, value added, and output effects by sector for national, state, and local

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economies. Users can also view year-by-year trend data. The interactive tool and report are available on the [NPS Social Science Program page on NPS.gov](#)

To learn more about national parks in Georgia and how the National Park Service works with Georgia communities to help preserve local history, conserve the environment, and provide outdoor recreation, go to www.nps.gov/georgia.

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2021 Projects(s) - July status

- Lead the Pack - **Done**
- Raise funding for trail improvements, living history, new cannon & trailer - **in process**
- 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 April, 2022**)
- Support the battle anniversary (June, 2021) & help to advertise - **accomplished**
- Continue support to all park activities - **continuing**

New:

- Support Volunteer Fair planning in process Moved to early 2022 - **in process**
- Field of Flags 9/4 to 9/18 - **in process**

The Blue Ridge Parkway and Kennesaw Mountain

- Andrew J. Bramlett

The predecessor of the Blue Ridge Parkway, Virginia's Skyline Drive, opened in the early 1930s. To expand the route, construction soon began on an extension into North Carolina and Great Smoky Mountains National Park. This new route was named the Blue Ridge Parkway. More than



*Blue Ridge Parkway Construction
(Source: National Park Service)*

half of the route was completed by World War II, and during the post-war period major efforts were made to complete the rest. By the mid-1960s, the only remaining portion was 7.7 miles of road near North Carolina's Grandfather Mountain. Nature conservationist Hugh Morton, owner of the mountain, felt the construction of the road would damage the mountains ecosystem. The Linn Cove Viaduct was opened at the mountain in 1987. This allowed the Blue Ridge Parkway to still traverse Grandfather Mountain without sitting directly on its slopes. This finally completed the entire route, and many tourists travel the route every day.

Even though the parkway was not complete in the 1960s, the National Park Service was still looking for ways to expand the route. In 1963, the Park Service announced plans to extend the parkway into Georgia, at a total cost of \$72.7 million. Instead of starting at the southern terminus of the parkway, it would be an offshoot starting at North Carolina's Beech Gap. The route would end near Lake Allatoona, but at a point close enough to Marietta to offer "easy access" to Kennesaw Mountain. The exact endpoint would be at some point along I-75, which was still in the planning stages in 1963. Proposed sites for the new terminus included Cartersville or Kennesaw Mountain itself.

On July 23, 1963, legislation for the extension was submitted

to the U.S. House of Representatives by Phil Landrum, who served the Ninth Congressional District of Georgia. The bill was to provide funds for the extension's construction, but also authorized the government to relocate the Appalachian Trail where necessary. The bill generated some controversy, and many were concerned about the people who would be displaced by the parkway's construction. The bill ultimately died in committee the next year.

During his 1964 congressional campaign, Representative John W. Davis used the Blue Ridge Parkway extension to appeal to Georgia voters. Davis mentioned the possibility of a Cartersville or Kennesaw Mountain terminus was still undecided. The National Park Service, however, preferred routing it on the Canton Highway to reach Kennesaw Mountain. After his reelection, Davis reintroduced the bill in January of 1965. The bill was identical to Representative Landrum's, and Davis expected no opposition to it. In August of 1965, Kennesaw Mountain was chosen to be the terminus. Park Superintendent Richard Boyer expected visitation to the park would reach 1,000,000 once the parkway was complete.

By February of 1966, no action had been taken, as the bill lingered in an administrative logjam. The Department of the Interior, Department of Commerce, and Department of

Agriculture were all supposed to voice opinions on the project, but none had officially "made up [their] mind on the proposal." One reason for this logjam was a lack of clarification about whether the National Park Service or Forest Service would manage the extension. Another issue was budget cuts caused by the Vietnam War. Even despite the cuts, George B.



John W. Davis

(Source: Biographical Directory of the United States Congress)

Hartzog Jr., Director of the National Park Service, felt the project could still be financially feasible.

One year later, in February of 1967, a bill in the Georgia

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House of Representatives was introduced, which would allow the State Highway Department to purchase the land required for the route. Even though the land would be purchased by Georgia and North Carolina, the routes construction would be federally funded. Three months later, the logjam in D.C. began to clear. In May 1967, the Secretary of Agriculture approved the project, followed by the Department of Commerce early the next month and the Department of the Interior's approval before the month was over. In July, the House Interior subcommittee was "urged" to approve the bill, and the subcommittee approved it the next month.

By mid-1967, the estimated cost had reached \$87.5 million, over \$10 million more than the estimate from four years earlier. More details were announced about the project, including the fact that 125 acres of land would be required for every mile of road. The route would pass near Bridal Veil Falls, before skirting Scaly Mountain. It would enter Georgia in Rabun County, and travel southwest along the Blue Ridge Mountains. It would pass near Springer Mountain, Round Top Mountain, Mount Oglethorpe, and Amicalola Falls, before reaching Cobb County. The southern terminus was going to be along I-75 near Acworth, but would still have "easy access" to Kennesaw Mountain. The total route would be 180 miles in total, and construction was expected to begin in 1969 or 1970.

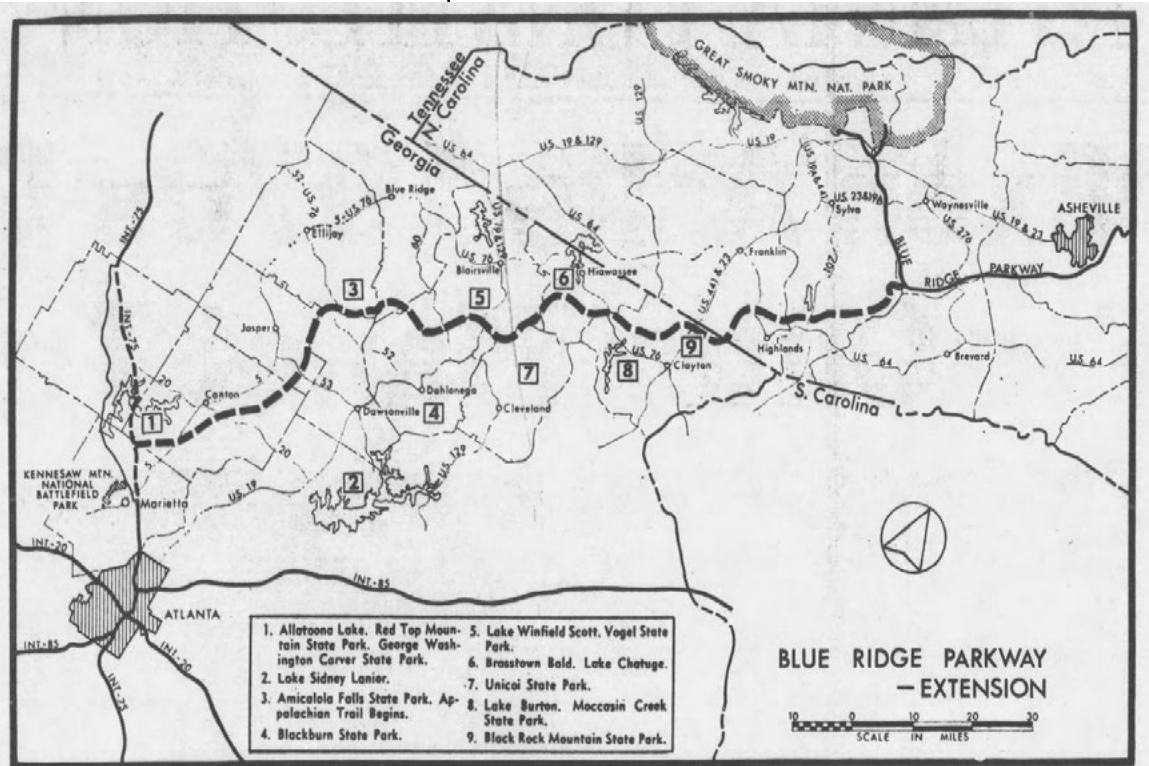
On January 23, 1968, the bill was approved by the final required committee, and it was ready for debate on the House floor. The next day, the bill was approved by the House. While the bill waited for the approval of the Senate, some Mariettans were unhappy the bill had been approved in the House. Marietta resident M. R. Lyon, who wrote a letter to the editor of the *Marietta Daily Journal*, thought the parkway extension was "a pork barrel project." Lyon expressed dismay the project was approved while the Vietnam War raged, citing a speech made by Senator Herman Talmadge advocating for the stop of all

"non-defense expenditures."

While some were unhappy with "non-defense expenditures," the bill was approved by the Senate on September 24, 1968. Interestingly, the *Marietta Daily Journal* reported Senator Talmadge was happy about the bill, and he called it "an important milestone". In October, the bill was signed by President Johnson, and engineers began the process of selecting the exact route. John W. Davis, who had played a major role in the bill's passing, said he expected construction would begin on the extension once the "Grandfather Mountain link" was completed, and he acknowledged the Vietnam War would have a major effect on the funding.

In early 1969, the Georgia General Assembly approved bills to help the parkways creation. The Georgia bills also banned businesses and billboards along the route. In Mid-1969, the surveys of the route began. Starting in 1970, the Blue Ridge Parkway project began to be closely associated with I-75, as planning of the route though North Cobb began. Conservationists also began to oppose the parkway, saying a scenic parkway could significantly harm area wildlife. Norman Harden, a High School student from Athens, said he could "see the need for highways for necessary transit purposes, but the building of asphalt scars for tourist promotion is disgraceful and destructive."

By 1971, the progress was limited. That year, it was



Blue Ridge Parkway Extension
(Source: March 8, 1970 *Atlanta Constitution*)

announced the state gas tax would be raised from 6.5 cents to 7.5 cents, with the extra revenue being put towards highway projects, including the Blue Ridge Parkway extension. In 1972, the

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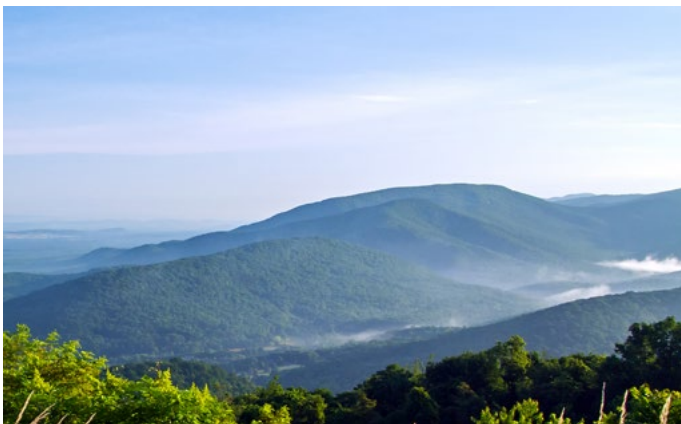
Georgia Game and Fish Commission accused the National Park Service of choosing the extension's route without their input, in violation of long-standing agreements. At this same time the Georgia Wildlife Federation began urging Congress to reconsider the extension. The GWF said the route would impact 57 trout streams at the Chattahoochee National Forest and violated laws about road construction in public recreation and wildlife areas. The next year congressmen Ben Blackburn and Andrew Young announced they no longer supported the extension, which ended the project.

While it would have inevitably brought more visitors to Kennesaw Mountain, the park did not need the Blue Ridge Parkway to reach the million-visitor milestone. The park later reached this landmark in 1981. Had the Blue Ridge Parkway reached Cobb County, the surrounding area would be drastically different than the urbanizing communities of today.



*Photos along the Blue Ridge Parkway and Skyline Drive in
2015 by Fred Feltmann*







Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park Interpretive Programs for July

All park programming is free and open to the public.

No registration required.

*All programs are outdoors and weather dependent.

Please bring plenty of water and sturdy shoes for hikes.

July 25 @ 11:00 am 'Memorial Field Walk'

Join us for a short, ranger-led history walk in our Memorial Field in front of the Visitor Center. This program will consist of an in-depth look at the Battle of Kennesaw Mountain and the diversionary attack that occurred.

Please prepare accordingly, as this is an outdoor program. Program will be weather dependent.

July 31 @ 11:00 am 'Freaky Funky Furs: Animals of Kennesaw Mountain'

Come out and enjoy a ranger-led program on different animal species found here at Kennesaw Mountain. The program will utilize pelts from different animals found at our park to help teach visitors more about the diverse habitat here and the animals that call the park 'home!'

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

UPDATE - Kennesaw Mountain NBP 157th Virtual Battle Anniversary

July 20, 2021

Amanda Corman, Park Ranger

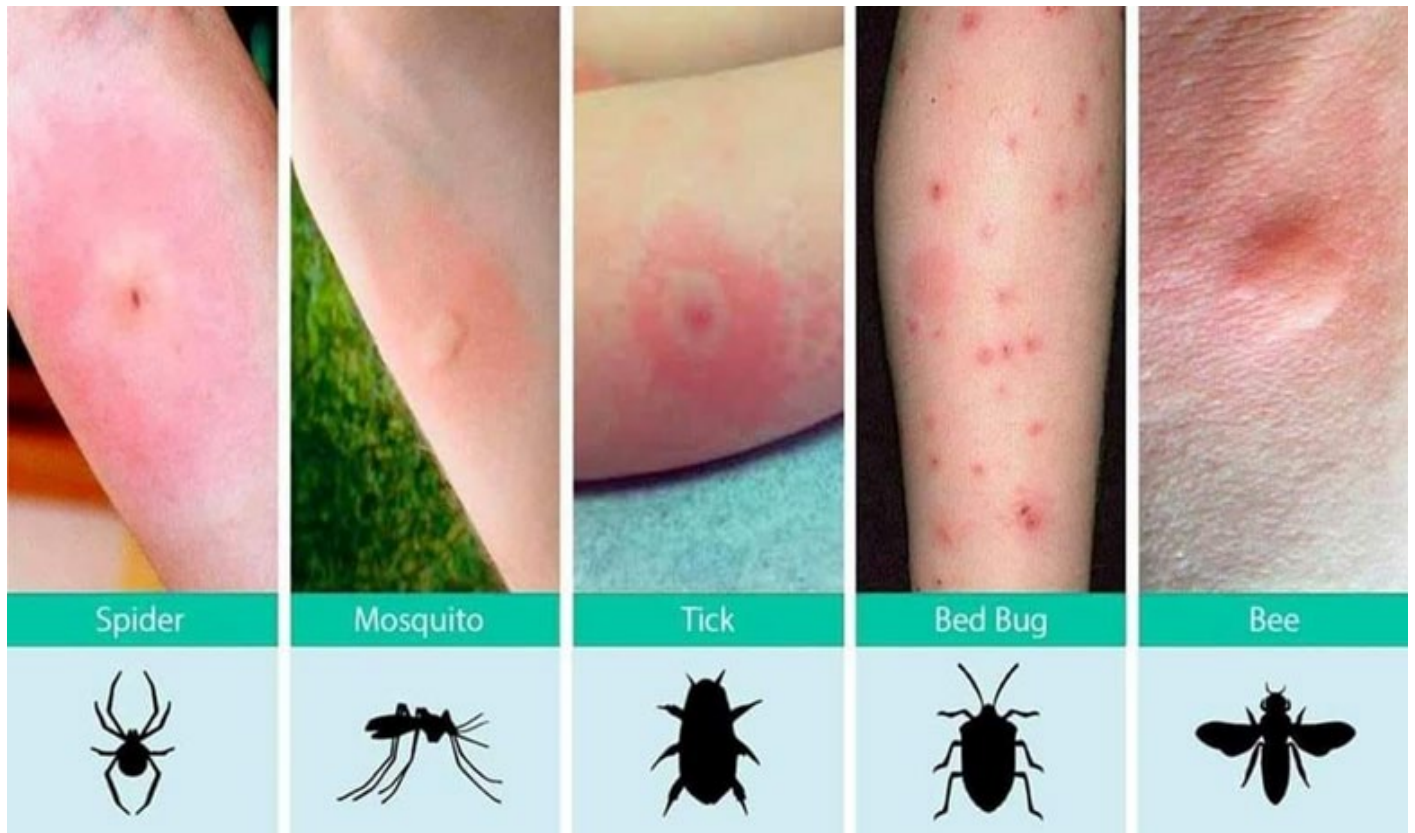
This past June, Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park commemorated its 157th Battle of Kennesaw Mountain Anniversary. Due to COVID-19 restrictions, the park held the event virtually. This was the second time that the park commemorated the anniversary through social media.

Similar to the traditional event, virtual programs were held over the weekend of June 26 – 27, 2021. Programs included living history demonstrations, children's activities, a historian talk, and a musical program. Each of the anniversary videos were posted to the park's YouTube page with links on Facebook and Twitter. One June 26th, nine (9) video programs were provided and as of July 8, there were 2444 views. On July 27th, eleven (11) video programs were provided and as of July 8, there were 1622 views. Each program was also made available to those with visual and/or hearing impairments. For these new virtual visitors, for the June 26th, there were 103 views with 77% completion and 236 views with 57% completion. Completion rates indicate how many people watched the entire length instead of clicking out part way through. The NPS national completion average is 33%.

We thank each of you for your virtual support of our virtual programs during this unique time. We are looking forward to a more traditional anniversary for the 158th anniversary; however, as we have learned over the last two years, things may always change.

Thank you for your continued support.

Bug Bites



And what about the infamous chigger, you say? Well, to say it mildly, they're a pain in the you-know-what. So, here's an article on all you need to know about chiggers (including photos) -

<https://www.prevention.com/health/a32363091/>

One more piece of advice - don't sit on logs in the woods when resting during a hike - they and other bugs are waiting there for you!



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

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

These include:

Hiking/Equestrian Trail improvements and Maintenance
 Museum improvements and expansion
 Living History Demonstrations
 Additional parking and restrooms
 Guest speakers
 More

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

Website: <http://www.FriendsofKMNBP.org>

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List of Abbreviations

CDC - Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

KMNB - Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park

NPS/KEMO - National Park Service/Kennesaw Mountain

VHP - Veterans History Project

October Newsletter Deadline

If you wish to have an article published in the January, 2021 Newsletter, please submit it to Fred Feltmann at faf1948@bellsouth.net no later than September 30th, 2021!

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

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