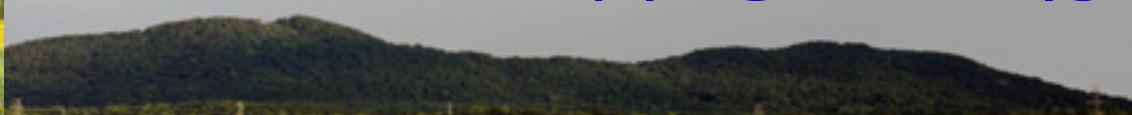


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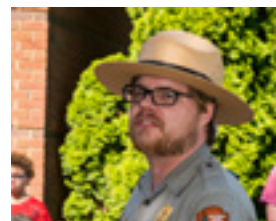
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Jacob Boling Selected For Temporary Assignment

Jacob Boling accepted a 4-month detail as a lead ranger in the Smokies. This will run from July 1st to mid October. We wish him well during this temporary assignment.



159th Anniversary of the Battle of Kennesaw Mtn -

Children's games of the era.

Photo by Fred Feltmann

August Newsletter Deadline

If you wish to have an article published in the August Newsletter, please submit it to Fred Feltmann at faf1948@bellsouth.net no later than July 19th!

List of Abbreviations

FOKM - Friends of Kennesaw Mountain

KMNB - Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park

KMTC - Kennesaw Mountain Trail Club

NPS/KEMO - National Park Service/Kennesaw Mountain

VHP - Veterans History Project

VC - Visitor Center

Friends/KMTC Merger

Committees within each organization have been formed. This will be a significant effort. The merger of the two newsletters is just a first of a long series of steps that must be evaluated. Stay tuned! Starting in July, there will be only one Fundraising effort. The KMTC and Friends Fundraising effort will be consolidated into one and will be displayed in the main section of this newsletter. Please note you will have the ability to commit your pledge to either the Friends and / or to specific aspects - e.g. KMTC, Living History.

Park Update Notes

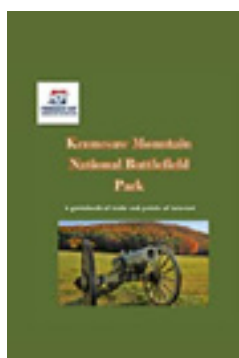
Updated

- *There will be volunteer spotlights on Facebook and Instagram*
- *Mountain road is being re-striped to help sort out cars, pedestrians, bicycles*
- Road to summit - a future project study is in progress
 - 2nd shuttle bus is being proposed to move people about the park
- Reroute of New Salem Church Trail has started – expecting completion *Fall*, 2023.
- Signs will be going up
 - New signage about the park history is coming
 - No “Bicycle on Trails” signs going up
 - Looking at putting up signs “Your Fee Dollars at Work”
- More special speakers are being planned
- Bicycle racks & multi-use trails to complete in June 23 - *Completed!*
- 160th battle planning has started (monthly meetings)
- Cannon Restoration - 23 cannons (multi-year project)
 - All cannon barrels are from the Civil War
 - All carriages are replicas and will be refurbished/rebuilt
- *Plans for Mountain Top restrooms are in process*
- *New Rotary intersections will be installed at Stilesboro and Old 41 and at Kennesaw Ave and Old 41*
Work to begin in 2025
- EV Charging Stations
 - A joint NPS/Friends study is being done to install EV charging stations at various parking lots in the Park
 - Electrical power lines have been installed.

Patrick Gamman

Superintendent

Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park



Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park Guidebook

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

“Earthworks” is published monthly jointly by the Friends of KMNB & the Kennesaw Mountain Trails Club.

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Additional Volunteers needed! Call today!

Newsletter Sign-up

Would you like to receive our newsletter? To sign up, click on the following link: <http://eepurl.com/gKjX1n> Complete and submit this form. You'll be added to our subscription list.

Wish to unsubscribe? Simply follow the instructions at the bottom of the email forwarding the newsletter link, and you'll be permanently removed from our mailing list. To re-subscribe, you will need to use a different email address - removal is permanent for the original email address!

Calendar of Events - Friends/KMTC

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Event</u>
July			
7/8	8:00 am - noon	TBD	Work Day
7/12	6:00 pm - 8 pm	On-line only	Friends of KMNB Meeting
7/25	6:30 pm - 8 pm	Visitor's Center	KMTC Board Meeting
August			
8/9	6:00 pm - 8 pm	Visitor's Center	Friends of KMNB Meeting
8/12	8:00 am - noon	TBD	Work Day
September			
9/9	8:00 am - noon	TBD	Work Day
9/13	6:00 pm - 8 pm	Visitor's Center	Friends of KMNB Meeting
9/16	TBD	Visitor's Center	KMTC Annual Business Meeting

The Park staff is conducting Virtual Events on their Facebook Page -
https://www.facebook.com/pg/KMNB/posts/?ref=page_internal

See pages 6 - 9 for a listing of NPS-sponsored events for the month of June.

See page 4 for a general listing of Friends and KMTC events that will be occurring through October, 2023

Current Status Of Park

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

All trails are open, except as noted, below. All parking lots are open. The Mountain Road parking lot is open when the Mountain Road is open.

Visitor Center is now open; masks are **optional**.

The Visitor Center theater is open - the movie is being shown.

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

Trail closures

The horse trail crossing on John Ward Creek on the Kolb Farm East Trail is closed until further notice because of the treacherous creek crossing there.

The New Salem Church trail is currently closed where it crosses Burnt Hickory Rd., the multiuse trail has been completed and there is a temporary Salem Church Trail reroute. Current plans are to have the reroute completed in the fall, 2023.

Fiscal 2023 General Schedule of Events

July 8, 2023	Trail Work Day
July 12, 2023	<i>Friends of KMNB Board Mtg</i>
July 25, 2023	<i>KMTC Board Meeting</i>
August 9, 2023	<i>Friends of KMNB Board Mtg</i>
August 12, 2023	Trail Work Day
September 09, 2023	Trail Work Day/ National Public Lands Day
September 13, 2023	<i>Friends of KMNB Board Mtg</i>
September 16, 2023	<i>KMTC Annual Meeting</i>
October 11, 2023	<i>Friends of KMNB Board Mtg</i>
October 14, 2023	Trail Work Day
October 24, 2023	<i>KMTC Board Meeting</i>

If interested in attending the KMTC Board meeting, contact **Donald Olds**:
president@kennesawmountaintrailclub.org

If interested in attending the Friends Board meeting, contact **Scott Mackay**:
President@TheFriendsOfKMNB.onmicrosoft.com

** Updated*

New Salem Church Trail/ New Trail Reroute

Just a reminder that the Salem Church Trail at Burnt Hickory crossing is closed. This is a part of the multi trail project from Cobb D.O.T. The trail itself is not closed; just at the crossing at Burnt Hickory. Work has begun on the new trail reroute by my staff and the trail club.

The Trail Club will be hosting a work day on July 8th on the New Salem Church Trail Reroute section. See pages 21 & 23 for more details.

Thank you all for your patience and understanding.

Ladrick Downie

Facility Manager

Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park



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.

Ribbon-Cutting Ceremony

On June 9th, at the Pigeon Hill Parking Lot, a Ribbon-Cutting Ceremony was held to commemorate the completion of a multi-use set of paved trails eight- to ten-foot-wide running along Cheatham Hill Road between Powder Springs and John Ward roads for 2 miles, along Whitlock Avenue for half a mile east of John Ward Road, and along Burnt Hickory Road between Whitlock Avenue and Old Mountain Road for 1.25 miles. This included a re-route of the New Salem Trail Burnt Hickory crossing, along with a pedestrian crossing light, and a pedestrian crossing light on Cheatham Hill Rd. at the Cheatham Hill Parking Lot.

The Cobb Department of Transportation oversaw the project, one of the county's 2019 special-purpose local option sales tax items, in partnership with the National Park Service and city of Marietta.

"The project we are celebrating today took almost seven years to the day to complete," said Cobb DOT Director Drew Raessler. "It is a model of partnership between numerous local, state and federal agencies."

The full story of the ribbon cutting ceremony can be found at https://mariettadailyjournal-ga.newsmemory.com/?publink=475d2d729_134abf6.



Photos by Fred Feltmann.



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Kennesaw Mountain News Release

Release Date: Immediately

Contact: Marjorie Thomas, Marjorie_thomas@nps.gov, 770-427-4686 x 231

John Ward Creek Crossing Closed to Horseback Riders

Kennesaw, GA – Effective immediately, the John Ward Creek crossing just south of the Illinois Monument is closed to horseback riders until further notice. This closure stems from a safety concern due to hazardous conditions relating to an unstable streambed. The closure affects the creek crossing between Milepost 3.5 and Milepost 4 of the Kolb's Farm East Trail.

Superintendent Patrick Gamman states, "We are concerned for the safety of all park users. Crossing John Ward Creek at this section of the trail poses a risk that we want to alert our horse community to, as it could potentially cause harm to both horse and rider. We will be working as quickly as possible to mitigate this problem."

Please contact the park at 770-427-4686 or visit the park's website at www.nps.gov/kemo for further information.

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<http://kennesawmountaintrailclub.org>

Kennesaw Mountain History Hiking Challenge

Spend some time learning the history behind some of your favorite trails and earn a prize!

*See the monthly interpretive program
for the hike schedules - pages 7 & 8 this
month.*

- ⇒ Pigeon Hill Hike
- ⇒ Mountain-top Hike
- ⇒ Assault Trail Hike
- ⇒ 24 Gun Battery Hike
- ⇒ CCC Camp (New for 2023!)

Between Memorial
Day and Labor Day,
attend two Ranger-led
history hikes

Along with hiking the
following trails on your
own

- ⇒ Mountain Loop Trail (5.8 miles)
- ⇒ Kolb Farm Loop (5.1 miles)
- ⇒ Noses Creek and Cease Fire Trail to Illinois
Monument (5.6 miles)

Then, turn in your log sheet to the Visitor Center to claim your prize!

Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park **HISTORY HIKING CHALLENGE!**

Spend some time with our rangers and learn about the history of your favorite hiking spots!

How does it work?

- Between Memorial Day and Labor Day, attend at least two Ranger-led History Hikes and hike all of the “On Your Own” trails
- Have a Ranger sign off on your log sheet after you have completed a hike
- Once the log sheet is filled, turn it in to the Visitor Center for your prize!

*Prizes are first come first serve. Proof of valid entrance (daily passes, Kennesaw Annual or America the Beautiful annual/lifetime passes) must be shown to gain credit for trails hiked. For additional questions, call the Visitor Center at 770-427-4686.

History Hikes	Date Completed	Ranger Signature
Pigeon Hill Hike		
Mountain-Top Hike		
Assault Trail Hike		
24-Gun Battery Hike		
CCC Camp Hike (New for 2023!)		

“On Your Own”	Date Completed	Ranger Signature
Mountain Loop Trail (5.8 miles)		
Kolb Farm Loop (5.1 miles)		
Noses Creek and Cease Fire Trail to Illinois Monument (5.6 miles)		

Ranger programs are scheduled for the next month at the end of the current month. Scheduled ranger programs are posted on our website, Facebook page and in the Visitor Center. Programs are subject to change due to weather. Please call 770-427-4686 in advance to confirm times and locations.



Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park

Interpretive Programs for July

*All programs are outdoors and weather dependent.

*All programs are held at the Visitor Center unless otherwise noted.

Museum Tours every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday @ 2:00 pm!

July 1, @11 am – Cheatham Hill History Walk

On the morning of June 27th, 1864, the hills of Georgia exploded with the sounds of a terrific battle. Join us on this easy, Ranger- led stroll around one of the most significant areas of the Atlanta Campaign.

**This program is not at the Visitor Center; parking is at the Illinois Monument parking lot*

July 2, @11 am – Life of a Soldier

Life for the infantry soldier (Union or Confederate) was anything but easy. Long marches, bad food, and worse living conditions made it tough going for these young men. Join us as we lay out the gear that made such intense campaigning possible. You will see period- correct uniforms, weaponry and even get up close and personal with artifacts from the Battle of Kennesaw Mountain!

July 8, @ 11 am- Assault Trail Hike

On June 27th, 1864, nearly 9,000 Union soldiers made a historic charge into what they believed would be death or capture.

Follow in the footsteps of these brave men as this ranger - guided tour explores the heaviest area of fighting during the battle.

**This program is not at the Visitor Center; parking is at the Activity Area 3 on Cheatham Hill Rd..*

July 9, @ 11 am – Pigeon Hill History Hike

“And from the earth there sprang a host of men...” On June 27th, 1864, some of the heaviest and most desperate fighting of the American Civil War would take place on a spur in rural Georgia. This Ranger- led history hike will be moderately difficult, so bring good shoes and plenty of water.

**This program is not at the Visitor Center; parking is at Pigeon Hill at the intersection of Old Mountain Rd. and Burnt Hickory Rd.*

July 15, @ 11 am, 12, 2 and 3 – Artillery Demonstrations

Artillery was a vital component to the operations of both armies during the Atlanta Campaign and played a key role in several engagements during the Battle of Kennesaw Mountain. Our living historians will hold camp and shoot the cannon at the above- listed times. Will be held at the front field.

July 16, @ 11 am – Mountaintop Hike

This ranger - led hike will take you roughly 1 mile up to the peak of Big Kennesaw Mountain. Along the way, you'll learn about the flora and fauna of the area and the history that shapes us from pre - history, through Civil War and on to today. The hike is semi - strenuous so bring water and good shoes!

July 22 and 23 @ 11 am, 12, 2 and 3 – Infantry Demonstrations

Life for the infantry soldier (Union or Confederate) was anything but easy. Long marches, bad food, and worse living conditions made it tough going for these young men. Living historians from the 4th KY and 33rd AL will be on site to give you an up close and personal look at the life of a soldiers for this toughest of campaigns.

July 29 @11 am, 12, 2 and 3 – Artillery Demonstrations

Artillery was a vital component to the operations of both armies during the Atlanta Campaign and played a key role in several engagements during the Battle of Kennesaw Mountain. Our living historians will hold camp and shoot the cannon at the above- listed times. Will be held at the front field.

July 30 @ 11 am- Chemical Warfare and Technology in the Civil War

“The weapons technology of the Civil War grew exponentially. The Gatling gun and the Henry rifle were some of the more popular examples. But did you know that there were proposals for poison gas shells, and the Ketchum grenade? Meet near the Visitor Center front desk to join the discussion about the forgotten technology and innovation seen during the war.

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



*159th Anniversary of the Battle of Kennesaw Mountain
Photos by Fred Feltmann*

July 4th Marietta Independence Day Parade

The National Park Service, Friends, KMTC and other Park Volunteers will be participating in the Parade. Come and attend the Parade and cheer us on as we pass by!

The Friends of Kennesaw Mountain Webstore

The Friends of Kennesaw Mountain is excited to announce our new webstore! Our first product is a unisex T-shirt, which is 100% cotton. The design on the back of the shirt shows Kennesaw Mountain and the Visitor Center. It is inspired by the New Deal travel posters from the 1930's. The shirt can be purchased online for \$20 at <https://friendsofkmnbp.org/shop/>. Visit our website! ***New items have been added!***

Andrew Bramlett



Some of the items for sale.



Front



Back

Park Moments....



The Visitor Center Has A Garden...





New Bike Racks installed

New bike racks were installed at the Pigeon Hill and Illinois Monument parking lots this past month. The purchase of the bike racks was funded by the Friends of Kennesaw Mountain. The photo was taken by Bart Henderson.

Thanks To One & All!

Hello Everyone,

The 159th Battle of Kennesaw Mountain Anniversary events were a wonderful success. My expression of gratitude cannot truly convey how truly thankful I am for your dedication and support in making it another successful anniversary event.

Over the course of the two days, the park was able to provide 33 individual programs reaching 1818 visitors (not counting those who were just passing by and enjoying the park).

Please bear with me during the long Thank you list.

To the Kennesaw Mountain NBP staff: Through planning and set up, each of you have played a special part in making the event truly possible. From working the visitor center and fees, leading programs, set-up, and clean-up, helping with the dinner, purchasing supplies, mowing the grass, and, of course, keeping us safe...the list can go on and on. This dedication is seen time and time again. I enjoy being part of our KEMO team and this is just one of countless examples why.

To the KEMO, STRI, CHCH, and Stephens Light Artillery:



It is always a pleasure working with each of you. The firing of cannons is always a crowd pleaser, but the ultimate goal was achieved by honoring those who fought here. It is like a family reunion each time the various crews gather both locally and from sister parks. I also want to give a special thank you to the KEMO crew for helping with set-up and preparations. I cannot even begin to express my gratitude for what you do to make this a successful program.

To the 125th Ohio, 9th Kentucky, KEMO Infantry, and Three Rivers Fife & Drum: It is always a pleasure to work with you. You provided such wonderful demonstrations that enable the visitor to truly understand the background of the Civil War soldier. We also enjoy the addition of the Civil War music. This addition to the battle anniversary is always enjoyed by everyone. It is greatly appreciated that you are able to portray such a well-rounded story.

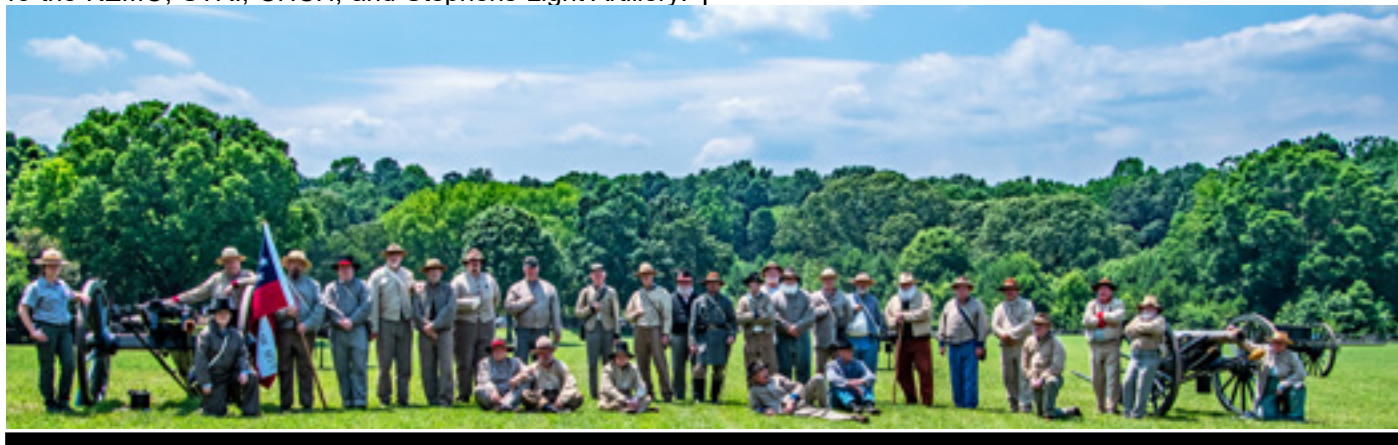
To the 21st Ohio: Returning to provide the Cheatham Hill program was once again enjoyed by those who attended. Thank you for helping us with interpretation at Cheatham Hill. Too often we are unable to provide such interpretation at this important location due to various reasons. Through this program, visitors were able to experience one of the most important locations of the battlefield.

To KMTC and Trail Ambassadors: Thank you for helping provide such a variety of support. Being able to help with parking, provide range safety, taking photographs, helping keep attendance counts, and accompanying hikes...again, such a variety of assistance and support, removed some of the burdens that the park staff may encounter. Even if you felt that your role was small, please know that it was not small and it was much appreciated.

To Lianne Christman and Megan Barnes: Thank you for working with and maintaining the children's tent. It is always an activity that children and adults love to take part in. I am so happy that each of you were able to help KEMO provide such activities to our younger visitors.

To Gloria, Kara, and our youngest volunteer Anna Jane: Due to your attention to details, efficiency, and pleasant presence, you kept us feed. Dinner and Lunch ran smoothly and like a well-oiled machine. Every aspect of the lunch and dinner

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Thanks...
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line was set up beautifully. Due to this dedication, I know that I never have to worry about not having volunteers fed during this long, hot event. I can't express my gratitude.

To Lindsey Barnes: Thank you for keeping the water coolers filled. Hydration of everyone during such a hot, humid, and busy day, is perhaps one of, if not, the most important behind the scenes task. I would not be able to do it without you. Water was available not only for keeping volunteers and staff cool and hydrated, but also was available when other situations required it. Thank you.

To the Eastern National employees, Front Desk, Mountain Top Greeters, and Parking Lot volunteers: You have kept operations running smoothly as normal. It is always nice to have pleasant volunteers take care of our daily operations. You continue to provide information and assistance to the visiting public, regardless of a large event or a rainy January day. This devotion and steadfastness keeps us going. We appreciate your constant devotion to the front desk and mountain top regardless of the time of year.

To the Friends of Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park: Our gratitude to your generosity cannot be expressed enough. It is due to the generosity of your organization that everyone who participated in 159th Battle Anniversary events were able to receive a meal. Your monetary support



provided not only the lunches and dinner for the event, but also allowed everyone involved to sit down, relax, and to spend time with those around them – greeting old friends and meeting new ones. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

I do apologize if I have left someone out; it is not intentional. You are just as appreciated as all those that have been listed.

Although there was so much planning that went into this event, it is only because of the teamwork, dedication, and devotion of each of us that made this event a success. To



honor the men who gave their lives 159 years ago, is our greatest goal. However, next is serving the visiting public. Every individual that I saw or met seemed to enjoy the programs and demonstrations that was provided. It was because of you that it was all possible.

Thank you, does not truly express my utmost appreciation and honor of working with each of you.

All the best,



Amanda Corman

PS – Please pass along to other members of artillery crews, infantry units, and the many other volunteers who helped make the 159th Battle Anniversary possible.

Amanda Corman

Park Ranger

Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park



Fundraising Committee Formed

A fundraising committee comprised of Bart Henderson and Kathy Bearden has been formed. They have lots of projects to work on!

New this month is a revised Pledge Card. As part of the planned merger of the Friends and the Trail Club, we are consolidating the fundraising process. The revised pledge card allows the donator to designate where his/her donation will go. The options are:

- Friends - General
- KMTC
- Living History
- Endowment Fund

The Friends fund will support the overall organization and the funds will be apportioned to all subtier organizations, as needed.

Regarding the KMTC option, funds donated will be used specifically to do maintenance, restoration and development of new trails at the Park.

Regarding the Living History option, funds donated will be used toward the Living History subtier organization's operations at the Park.

The endowment fund will be used establish a future base of funds for all activities within the Friends of Kennesaw Mountain, such as development of new trails, facilities and equipment for any of the subtier Friends organizations.

Endowment Fund Planned

Scott Mackay is working on the establishment of an endowment fund. Details will follow.

New Park Map(s) in the Planning Stages

A committee has been established to update the Park Maps. The committee is made up of Lindsay Barnes, Cartographer, and Charles Kays, Project Coordinator.

Donate By Way Of PayPal!

You can now make donations by way of your PayPal Account! Simply click on the website address in the donation section on page 15, item # 2. And as an added benefit, PayPal does not deduct a fee for the donation!

The Friends of Kennesaw Mountain Are Looking For A Few Good Folks!

Like the Trail Club, the Friends 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

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

For more information on these positions, contact Scott Mackay - President@TheFriendsOfKMNB.org.

The Dipjar - New Donation Option!

The Friends are offering visitors at the Visitor Center another option to donate - the Dipjar. Visitors will be able to use their credit card to donate \$25 to the Friends while at the Visitor Center. In addition, the Friends will have a portable version at various events sponsored by either the Friends or KMTC. The portable version will offer the opportunity to donate \$10 at these events.



Scott Mackay

President, Friends of KMNB

Contact List - Updated 4/25/23

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Trail Club Liaison

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Andy Cole

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Bart Henderson

Scott Johnson

John Nash

Marjorie Rogers

Jason Shepherd

Kim Sherk

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

FY 2022

GUIDE BOOK PROJECT - RACHEL ELEY, SCOTT MACKAY, FRED FELTMANN

FY 2023

MAP PROJECT - CHARLES KAYS

LINSAY BARNES

GIS PROJECT - OPEN



Website - Friends

Website - NPS

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Facebook Page - NPS

Twitter

Instagram

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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 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.

2023 Projects(s) - June status

Updated

- Painted Rock Restoration (National Park Lands Day) - **Completed; additional work days to be planned**
- Raise funding for trail improvements, living history, new cannon & trailer - **in process**
- Fundraising goal established for FY 2023 - **\$76,600**
- Fall Friends Alliance Conference - Nov 1 - 3 at Great Smokey NP (**Completed**)
- Raise community support for new restrooms, Wallis House & Trail to Anderson Hill - **in process**
- Help with scripts for the Augmented Reality App filming has started and many stories are in work - **in process**
- Spring Friends Alliance Conference - May- Washington DC (Scott Mackay participated)
- Support the battle anniversary (159th Anniversary - **June, 2023**). **Help to advertise, set-up as it occurs**
- Support Volunteer Fair planning in process (**Date TBD**)
- Continue support to all park activities - **continuing**
- Provide funding/publicity/signs for 5 bike racks to promote alternative transportation to/from the Park (not for trail riding) - **Purchased; installed, June 2023**

Provide support/funding for 160th Anniversary (June 2024) - **in process**

- Fund Raiser - **May 17th, Marietta Wine Market - 5 - 7 pm (Success!!)**



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

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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.



Your annual membership will help us achieve our goals. We are a 501(c)(3) tax deductible organization. 100% of all funds received are put to use for and at the Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park.

Annual membership levels:

Individuals

- \$15 Corporal (Student)
- \$25 Sergeant
- \$100 First Sergeant
- \$300 Ordinance Sergeant
- \$500 Quarter Master
- \$1,000 Sergeant Major
- \$1,500+ General

Businesses

- \$150 Company
- \$300 Regiment
- \$500 Brigade
- \$1,000 Division
- \$15,000 Corps
- \$25,000+ Army



Six Ways To Donate

You can support the Friends in 5 ways:

1. Directly through our website - <https://friendsofkmnbp.org/giving-membership/donate/>
2. Through PayPal - <https://www.paypal.com/US/fundraiser/charity/3750205>
3. Through Guidestar (Network for Good) - <https://www.nfggive.com/donation/83-4627827>
4. QR Code:



5. **DipJar located in the Visitor Center - New!**

6. Or, by mailing to:

Friends of KMNBP
905 Kennesaw Mountain Drive
Kennesaw, GA 30152

Thanks for your support!

Please Use the pledge card on the following page when mailing in a donation.

Please check with your company to see if they will match your gift.



FY 2023 Fundraising Goals

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

- \$2,000 - FY 2023 Friends administrative budget.
- \$3,000 - 159th Battle Anniversary - meals, incidentals
- \$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.
- \$3600 - to provide for the purchase of 5 bicycle racks and signage for them.
- \$50,000 - 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 - \$76,600. See the bottom of this page for a pledge card, or send your donation by one of the methods identified on page 15.

In addition, the funding of an Endowment Fund. Details will be discussed at future Board meetings.

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Friends of Kennesaw Thanks Supporters!

Many thanks to our generous door prize donors and all those that attended the wine tasting event at the Marietta Wine Market in May.

Special thanks go out to:

Jim Tidwell Restaurant Owner of The Marietta Local on the Square, Base Camp at Kennesaw Mountain and The Marietta Local Catering for generous gift cards and a catered event!

The Rustic Market Home and Gift store on Kennesaw Ave- Gift Basket

Marina- Marina Antiques and Gifts on the Square- Gift Basket

Jim Bearden The Bluebird Guy – Fancy Cedar Feeder and Mealworms

Scott Mackay – 2 Wine Baskets and 2 Pike (Nursery ???) Certificates

Kim Sherk – 2023 Official Whitehouse Christmas Ornament

Kathy Bearden- Flower Planter and Picnic Fun Wine Bag

Fred Feltmann – 3 Beautiful Framed Kennesaw Mountain Photographs

Red Hare Brewing on the Square – Gift Card

Dan Beard- Eastern National at Kennesaw Mountain -Hiking gear, hats and gifts

And Randall & Karen at the Marietta Wine Market for the generous donation and hosting the wine tasting!

Be on the lookout for more fun events coming this fall!



Electric Vehicle (EV) Charging Stations

- Plan for initial level 2 chargers*:
- Visitor Center = 2
- Old 41 = 4
- Burnt Hickory = 2
- Cheatham Hill Road = 2
- Visitors will be able to charge EVs using their credit cards
- Park will supply equipment & power
- The Friends will handle sales transactions and pass proceeds to the park for projects
- <https://adoptacharger.org/> is trying to find a sponsor to provide some free EV charging to park visitors
- Many national parks now have or are looking into installation of EV charges



- Cobb EMC approved to start power feeds in October
- Charger installation is out for bidding

CT4000 Family Level 2 Charging Station

**2 vehicles per station*

Scott Mackay is coordinating this project with the Park staff.





EARTHWORKS

Workday 06-10-23

On Thursday, June 8, Eric, Fred, Rich, Tom, and Mike reviewed the work plan while walking the Noses Creek Trail. We talked to David and Zoe about what they had done so far and what they expected to have done by Saturday morning.

We had 12 crew leaders and 1 trainee for the workday. The Crew Leaders were Anna, Bill, Donald, Eric, Fred, Geoff, Mark, Rich, Robert, Todd, Tom, and Mike. Rick was under instruction. We had 6 Ambassadors, they were Carine, Dave, Joanne, Debbie, Rena, and Wendy. They did registration and directed the volunteers to the parking area. Dave and Joanne also helped with trail maintenance. We had 10 volunteers. Fred took pictures. Geoff monitored the parking area while we worked. The volunteers were from Boy Scout Troop 1916, the Atlanta Outdoor Club, and individuals.

On Saturday, I updated the Crew Leaders as to what David and Zoe had accomplished Thursday afternoon and Friday. I welcomed the volunteers, the volunteers picked up tools and headed for the worksite. At the worksite a safety brief was conducted. We worked as one large group with Donald and myself providing instructions and guidance.

We started from the south side of the Noses Creek Bridge and worked our way back toward the Pigeon Hill Parking Lot. We created 5 berms to restrict water flow from the material David had staged and cleaned the drainage ditches on the side of the trail. Donald also led a small group to fix an erosion problem on the trail going to the Hardage Mill Trail by the bridge.

Next, we moved to the north side of the Noses Creek Bridge; we created 6 berms to restrict water flow from the material David had staged and cleaned the drainage ditches on the side of the trail.

We finished on the uphill side of the trail just past the creek before you get to the right turn going to the Hardage Mill Trail. Because the trail going through a valley between two uphill slopes we used the staged material to fill several low spots and contoured the slope to improve water flow and cleaned the ditches.

Mike Collett
Trails Director

A Special Thanks!

Each year we have various groups who come out and help us. Henceforth, we will make every attempt to list your group here for the current/past fiscal year. If you are participating as a group, be sure to let us know when you are registering!

Following is a list, in alphabetical order, of the groups who participated during Fiscal 2022 (October 2021- September 2022 and Fiscal 2023 (October 2022- Present):

FY 2022

ALLATOONA HIGH SCHOOL HONOR SOCIETY
ALLATOONA HS NJROTC
ATLANTA OUTDOOR CLUB (AOC)
BSA TROOP 2319
HILLGROVE HS NJROTC
KENNESAW STATE UNIVERSITY (KSU)
LINCOLN TECH
MARIETTA HS SPORTSMANS CLUB
MCEACHERN HIGH SCHOOL
MOUNT PARAN
WHEELER HS, HELPING HANDS

FY 2023

ALLATOONA HS NJROTC
ATLANTA OUTDOOR CLUB (AOC)
BOY SCOUT TROOP 1916
THE CITADEL CLUB OF NORTHWEST GA
GA TECH ROTC
HARRISON HIGH SCHOOL
HILLGROVE HS NJROTC
KING'S ACADEMY HS AJROTC
KSU
KSU VOLUNTEER DAY STUDENTS
MARIETTA HS SPORTSMANS CLUB

This Past Month's Volunteers

For our June's work day, we had 12 crew leaders, 1 trainee, 6 Trail Ambassadors and 10 volunteers. Thanks! The volunteers were comprised of the following groups, along with a couple of individuals:

ATLANTA OUTDOOR CLUB
BOY SCOUT TROOP 1916

July, 8, 2023 Work Day

Our next workday is Saturday, July 8, 2023. We will be working on the New Salem Church Trail Reroute. We will meet at the Pigeon Hill parking Lot.

Mike Collett
Trails Director

2023/2024 Fund Raising

Your volunteer hours help greatly for the many projects we do in the park and we greatly appreciate you contributing your “sweat equity” alongside our 80+ staff volunteers who routinely support each event. We are a non-profit all volunteer organization. However, like any business, we do have bills to pay.

Many of our projects are funded by the park or through grants we apply for. These funds are typically targeted for specific projects and do cover the big expenses such as rocks, stone dust, dirt, wood beams, bridges, fences, and such. But, after all the big stuff is paid for, we still have need to cover our day-to-day operating expenses for things like saw blade sharpening, fuel, tool repairs, equipment maintenance, work gloves, bug spray, drinking water, snacks, and porta-potties, along with basic business expenses - e.g. insurance. For these expenses, we rely on your donations.

Each year we kick off a new round of fund raising and this is the 2023/2024 big “ask.” We need your help with this, even small donations help. We will conclude this drive at the end of FY 2024 (September, 2024).

As we approach our 21st year in operation, we ask you to please think ‘21’, like \$21.. \$42.. \$63..... \$210... \$2100. All donations to the Trail Club support our work at the park, and are tax deductible.

We are a nationally recognized club - having been presented the highest award in the National Park Service in 2014, “The Hartzog Award for Volunteer Group.”

Four Ways To Donate

You can support the Friends in 4 ways:

1. Directly through our website - <http://www.kennesawmountaintrailclub.org>
2. Through Guidestar (Network for Good) - <https://tinyurl.com/ra4d8dj>
3. Through PayPal - <https://www.paypal.com/US/fundraiser/charity/1806848>
4. Send a tax deductible contribution to:

Kennesaw Mountain Trail Club
Attn: Tom Okerberg
Whitlock Accounting Services
739 Kennesaw Avenue NW
Marietta, Ga. 30060

Thanks for your support!



Register for Our Work Days!

Be sure to register online for our Work Days at tinyurl.com/27ef2vph. By registering, we can be better prepared with the amount of tools, bottled water, gloves, etc. on hand.



Mark Your Calendars!

Upcoming Work Day Schedule:

We are back in the business of trail maintenance! See the sign-up links, above. We are still limiting our numbers, but anyone one is now welcome to sign-up.

The Trail Club will provide supervision and tools. Volunteers should wear work clothes and closed toed shoes. Participants are encouraged to bring their own water, work gloves and masks. The NPS Volunteer Service Agreement and COVID forms are required, signed by a parent or guardian, if the student is under 18 years old. The forms are available on the trail club web site: <http://www.kennesawmountaintrailclub.org/volunteer.php>

For July's work day, parking and registration will be in the field adjacent to the Pigeon Hill Parking Lot - located at the intersection of Burnt Hickory Rd. and Old Mountain Rd. Temporary Vehicle Entrance Passes will issued at registration.

If your school, church, business, or community organization

would like to schedule a special work day as a team building or public service activity, e-mail us at trails@kennesawmountaintrailclub.org at least 4 weeks in advance. Trail work can be performed any day of the week.

We work closely with the Park Service and assist the park staff by providing critically needed volunteer effort to install signs, build bridges, and maintain the 20+ miles of trails. Since our beginning in 2002, the Trail Club has donated over 281,000 volunteer hours to Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park.

We hope to see you at a work day as soon as we return to our normal work days.

Cancellation policy

If rain is forecast for the work day, we will issue a cancellation notice on our website at least 24 hours before hand. In addition, during the winter months, if the temperature is forecast to be below 40 degrees, we will also issue a cancellation at least 24 hours prior to the work day.

“Other” Volunteers Needed!

Interested in being more active with the Trail Club (or the Friends), but don't want to do Crew Leader or Trail Ambassador work? See page 14 & 24 for a list of activities/functions needed to maintain the organizations and contact the various department heads to volunteer!



Crew Leader & Trail Ambassador Positions Available!

Contact Mike Collett (regarding Crew Leader positions) or Kathy Van Valkenburg/Wendy Turner (Trail Ambassador positions) if interested.

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

Mike Collett - trails@kennesawmountaintrailclub.org

Kathy Van Valkenburg/Wendy Turner - ambassador@kennesawmountaintrailclub.org

KMTC Contact List - Updated 3/29/22

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NPS Website	https://www.nps.gov/KEMO	
Facebook Page	http://www.facebook.com/kmtcsocial	
Volunteer Sign-up website*	www.tinyurl.com/27ef2vph	

**** updated***

June 10, 2023 Work Day

Photos by Fred Feltmann



Sponsors/Partners Corner

Many thanks to our Sponsors and Partners for their support!



<http://americanhiking.org>



KENNESAW MOUNTAIN NATIONAL BATTLEFIELD PARK

Trail Maintenance Map

