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## Our Condolences To The Family Of Mark Miller.

Mark Miller passed away on Thursday, January 30th. Mark served as a Trail Ambassador for many years and worked as a volunteer at the Visitor Center, assisting visitors finding parking there.

[https://www.mdjonline.com/obituaries/miller-mark/article\\_5feecc71-eee0-5de2-9727-fea59e536a37.html](https://www.mdjonline.com/obituaries/miller-mark/article_5feecc71-eee0-5de2-9727-fea59e536a37.html)

Articles to look for in this month's newsletter:

- *NPS Events for the Month of February- see page [5](#)*
- *Bridge Project Fundraiser pages [12](#)*
- *2025 Fund Drive - pages [11](#) & [12](#)*
- *February 8th Work Day - page [13](#)*

*Date corrections were made  
on pages 13 & 14.*



*Photo by Aron Price.*

*Snow on High Ground - Nightnoise, The White Album - A Windham Hill Collection*

<https://tinyurl.com/d24hy38c>

## March Newsletter Deadline

If you wish to have an article published in the March Newsletter, please submit it to Fred Feltmann at [faf1948@bellsouth.net](mailto:faf1948@bellsouth.net) no later than February 20th!

## Calendar of Events - Friends/KMTC

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Event</u>
<b>February, 2025</b>			
<b>02/08</b>	<b>8:30 am - 12:30 pm</b>	<b>Picnic area, adjacent to the Visitor Center Parking Lot</b>	<b>February, 2025 Work Day</b>

### March, 2025

<b>3/08</b>	<b>8 am - noon</b>	<b>Illinois Monument Parking Lot</b>	<b>March, 2025 Work Day</b>
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### April, 2025

<b>4/12</b>	<b>8 am - Noon</b>	<b>Pigeon Hill Parking Lot</b>	<b>April, 2025 Work Day</b>
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The Park staff is conducting Virtual Events on their Facebook Page

<https://www.facebook.com/pg/KMNBP>

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## Current Status Of Park

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

All trails are open, 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.

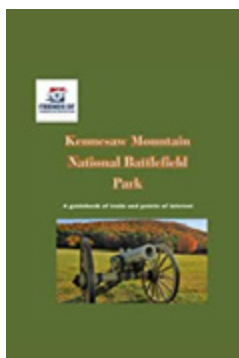
The Mountain Rd. is open to motorized vehicles on weekdays only (excluding major holidays)

***The shuttle bus is now transporting visitor to/from the Visitor Center/Kennesaw Mountain Top Parking Lot on weekends.***

## 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.

*See pages 5-6 for a listing of NPS-sponsored events for the month of June.*



## Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park Guidebook

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

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## List of Abbreviations

FOKM - Friends of Kennesaw Mountain

KMNBP - Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park

KMTC - Kennesaw Mountain Trail Club

NPS/KEMO - National Park Service/Kennesaw Mountain

VHP - Veterans History Project

VC - Visitor Center

## 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!

"Earthworks" is published monthly jointly by the Friends of KMNPB & the Kennesaw Mountain Trails Club.

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***Additional Volunteers needed! Call today!***



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Kennesaw, GA 30152

(770) 427-4686 phone  
[www.nps.gov/kemo](http://www.nps.gov/kemo)

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

## Kennesaw Mountain News Release

Release Date: Immediately

Contact: Marjorie Thomas, [Marjorie\\_thomas@nps.gov](mailto:Marjorie_thomas@nps.gov), 770-427-4686 x 231

### John Ward Creek Crossing Closed to Horseback Riders

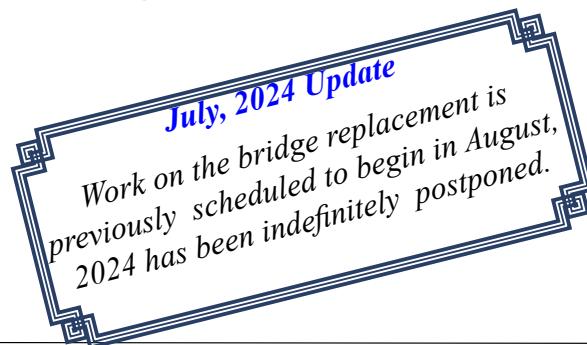
Kennesaw, GA – Effective immediately, the John Ward Creek crossing just south of the Illinois Monument is closed to horseback riders until further notice. This closure stems from a safety concern due to hazardous conditions relating to an unstable streambed. The closure affects the creek crossing between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

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

Please contact the park at 770-427-4686 or visit the park's website at [www.nps.gov/kemo](http://www.nps.gov/kemo) for further information.

[The National Park Service](#)

*About the National Park Service. More than 20,000 National Park Service employees care for America's 423 national parks and work with communities across the nation to help preserve local history and create close-to-home recreational opportunities. Learn more at the [NPS website](#), and on [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#), [Twitter](#), and [YouTube](#).*



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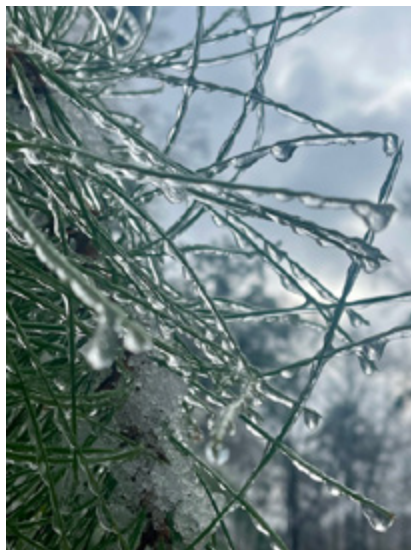
The National Park Service cares for special places saved by the American people so that all may experience our heritage.

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<http://kennesawmountaintrailclub.org>



## Park Moments



*Photos, above, by Kim Bearden.  
Photos, below, by Aron Price.*





## **Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park**

### **Interpretive Programs for February**

\*All outdoor programs are weather- dependent.

\*Unless otherwise noted, all programs will be held at the Visitor Center

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

#### **February 1st, @11 am–African American Inventors**

In telling the story of the United States, creativity and innovation are central themes. During this short presentation, one of our rangers will detail some of the notable people of color that made incredible advancements and inventions.

#### **February 2<sup>nd</sup>, @11 am – 24 – Gun Battery Hike**

“The enemy’s fire ceased after about 10 minutes, but created a path of destruction while it lasted”- *-Confederate Captain James Hoskins* on the U.S. 24-Gun Battery. Join this approximately 1.5 mile, ranger-led hike to the site of this 24-gun position. The hike will include opportunities to see pre – and - post war history in the park, as well as a chance to see some of its wonderful natural resources.

#### **February 8th, @ 11 am – 13<sup>th</sup> Amendment Lecture**

While Abraham Lincoln would not live to see the affect of his Emancipation Proclamation, it’s legacy would be cemented by the 13<sup>th</sup> Amendment. Officially outlawing the institution of slavery in the United States, this amendment would be one of the first large scale steps towards civil rights in the wake of the Civil War. Join us for a ranger - led lecture on the topic.

#### **February 9th, @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.

**\*The hike will begin at the Activity Area 3 parking lot and end at the Illinois Monument.**

#### **February 15<sup>th</sup>, @11 am - Shaping Lincoln: Before the Presidency**

In recognition of Abraham Lincoln’s 215<sup>th</sup> Birthday, this program discusses Abraham Lincoln prior to his presidency and what shaped the 16th President of the United States of America. This program will be held at the Visitor Center patio.

#### **February 22nd, @ 1 pm – Navigating the Great Outdoors: ELMs, Maps, and Compasses**

Learn how to use Emergency Location Markers (ELMs) to stay safe and assist in emergencies while mastering traditional navigation skills with maps and compasses. This hands-on workshop will

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## February Interpretive Programs

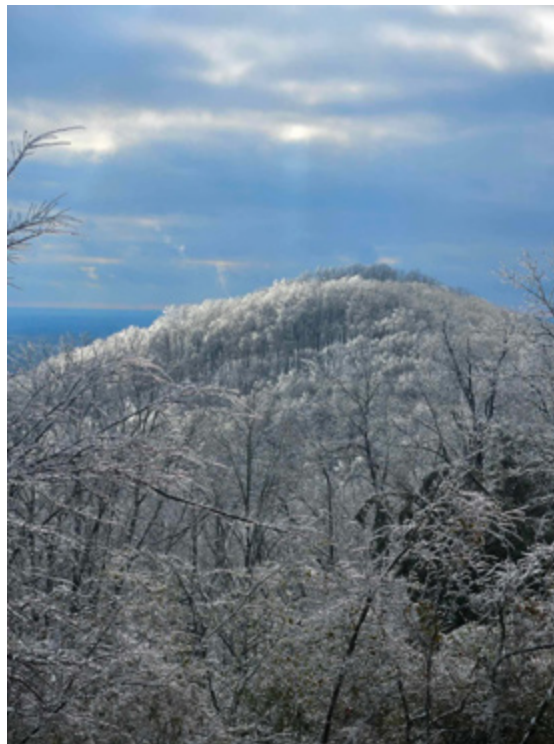
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cover reading topographic maps, using a compass to find your way, and understanding how ELMs can aid in rescue scenarios. Ideal for park volunteers and outdoor enthusiasts. This workshop will be held at the park's Visitor Center.

### **February 23rd, @11 am– All About Artillery**

“Leave the artillerymen alone, they are an obstinate lot” – *Napolean Bonaparte*. Field artillery played a huge role in the tactics and strategies of the Civil War. In this hands on, non-firing program, visitors will get a first hand look at the tools, uniforms, and tactics of 19<sup>th</sup> century field artillery!

\*\*\* *For more program details, please contact Visitor Center at 770-427- 4686, ext. 0.*



*Photo by Ryan Buck.*





## **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 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.

# Help Wanted: Leadership Positions

As a result of the recent merger of the Kennesaw Mountain Trail Club (KMTC) and Friends of Kennesaw Mountain NBP (Friends), as well as position resignations, the following positions are vacant.

These positions are needed to advance the Friend's mission as the Philanthropic Partner of Kennesaw Mountain NBP, NPS.

As you volunteer with Friends' activities, please consider participating in one of the following leadership roles.



## **1. Secretary, Board of Directors, Friends**

2-year term

"The Secretary shall keep, or cause to be kept, accurate records of the deliberation, actions and resolutions of the Board and of the Executive Committee and of such other committees as may be determined by the Board or the Board Chair." By-laws Friends.

## **2. Community Affairs, Staff, Friends**

1-year term

"Responsible for the planning and implementation of registration on scheduled Trail Workdays as well as for approving volunteer hours and volunteer performance certificates. The job requires on-going coordination with the various groups and individuals representing the NPS, KMTC and local volunteer community."

## **3. Grants, Staff, Friends**

1-year term

Identifies grant opportunities to support Friends' efforts. Prepares grant applications. Administers approved grants.

## **4. Volunteer coordinator, Staff, Friends**

1-year term

Coordinates assignment of Friends VIP (volunteers in parks) to support Friends events and requests for support from NPS. Helps develop and refine the volunteer management aspects of the Friends website.

## **5. Member, Fundraising Committee, Staff, Friends (several positions available)**

1-year term

Reports to Board Fundraising Director

Participates in the development and implementation of the fundraising function of Friends.

## **6. Member Website Development Committee, Friends (several positions available)**

1-year term

Reports to Board Social Media Director

Participates in the development and implementation of the Friends website.

## **7. Trail Ambassador Co-Director, Staff, Friends**

1-year term

Coordinates Trail Ambassador support of monthly Trail Club workday.

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**Help Wanted!**  
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**8. 161st Park Anniversary (2025) Coordinator**

1-year term

This individual would head up a volunteer group to coordinate various activities with the NPS staff to conduct the 161st Anniversary of the Battle for Kennesaw Mountain.

Activities might be:

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

**9. Endowment Fund Chair**

2-year term

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

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

**For more details or to be considered for these positions please contact:**

**Jay Haney, (770) 313-4864, [haney69jb@gmail.com](mailto:haney69jb@gmail.com)**

**For the Governance/Nominating Committee**

**18 July 2024**



## 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.



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# Friend's Brochure - 2025 Fund Drive



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.



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:**

- ☐ Hiker up \$249
- ☐ Trail Guide \$250
- ☐ Peak Performer \$500
- ☐ Superintendent's Circle \$1,000
- ☐ Canine Corps \$120
- ☐ Park Sustainer \$10/mo+ (\$120 Annually)
- ☐ Tribute Salute – Amount given in honor/memory of someone



## **Six Ways To Donate**

You can support the Friends in 6 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.



## 2025 Pledge Card

**Note: New category - 2025 Bridge Project!!!!**

**This is a \$60,000 Project - can you pledge \$50, \$100, \$500, or more? If so, please complete the Pledge Card, below, and send it to the address on the card - we've already raised \$5,000!**



### Friends of Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park

#### 2025 Pledge Card

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
 Email \_\_\_\_\_

#### **Complete and mail to:**

Friends of Kennesaw Mountain  
 Attn: 2023 Pledge  
 905 Kennesaw Mountain Drive  
 Kennesaw, GA 30152

- ☐ Hiker up \$249  
☐ Trail Guide \$250  
☐ Peak Performer \$500  
☐ Superintendent's Circle \$1,000  
☐ Canine Corps \$120  
☐ Park Sustainer \$10/mo+ (\$120 Annually)  
☐ Tribute Salute – Amount given in honor/memory of someone

<b><u>Pledge:</u></b>	<b><u>Amt</u></b>
General Fund - Friends	_____
Trail Club -	_____
Living History -	_____
Endowment Fund	_____
<i>Check one or designate amount for each.</i>	

One Payment \_\_\_\_\_  
 Quarterly Payment \_\_\_\_\_  
 Monthly Payment \_\_\_\_\_  
 Does your company match? Y\_\_ N\_\_  
 Invoice me \_\_\_\_\_  
 (Monthly\_\_ Quarterly\_\_)  
 Check enclosed \_\_\_\_\_  
 (Payable to "**Friends of KMNP**")  
 Credit Card Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Expiration date \_\_\_\_\_  
 Security Code \_\_\_\_\_  
 I wish to remain anonymous \_\_\_\_\_





# EARTHWORKS

## Workday 1-11-25

The workday was cancelled on Wednesday, January 8 at about 4:50 due to the park closing for January 10 and 11 due to the snowstorm that occurred.

*Mike Collett*

Trails Director

## February 8, 2025 Workday

The next workday is February 8 from 8:30 to 12:30, we are still on winter hours. We will be working out of the Visitor Center Parking Lot, and we will be cleaning ditches on the Camp Brumby Trails starting at Camp Brumby going as far as we can, to the New Salem Church Trail. We will be working out of the Visitor Center parking Lot.

*Mike Collett*

Trails Director

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## “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 8 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](mailto:trails@kennesawmountaintrailclub.org)

Kathy Van Valkenburg/Wendy Turner -

[ambassador@kennesawmountaintrailclub.org](mailto:ambassador@kennesawmountaintrailclub.org)

## 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 2024 (October 2023- September 2024 and Fiscal 2025 (October 2024- Present):

### FY 2024

*ALLATOONA HS NJROTC*

*ATLANTA OUTDOOR CLUB*

*ETOWAH HIGH SCHOOL EAGLE SERVICE CONNECTION CLUB*

*HILLGROVE HS NJROTC*

*KSU*

### FY 2025

*ALLATOONA HS NJROTC*

*ALLATOONA HS STUDENTS*

*ATLANTA OUTDOOR CLUB*

*HILLGROVE HS NJROTC*

*TROOP 795 (EAGLE PROJECT)*



## This Past Month's Volunteers

The January Workday was cancelled because adverse weather conditions. Hope to see you all at the February workday, weather permitting.

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## Register for Our Work Days!

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



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### February 8, 2025 Work Day -

Parking and registration is in the Field next to Burnt Hickory Parking Lot (Corner of Burnt Hickory and Old Mountain Rd.) - <https://friendsofkmnbp.org/get-involved/volunteer-opportunities/>

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## 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 (**long pants are required**) 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 February's work day, parking and registration will be in the field near the Visitor's Center. Vehicle Entrance Passes will issued at registration. Registration will begin at 8:30 am.

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@](mailto:trails@kennesawmountaintrailclub.org)

[kennesawmountaintrailclub.org](http://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.

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## KMTC Contact List - Updated 9/16/24

### POSITION

Trails Director  
Community Volunteer Director  
Newsletter Editor  
Information/Technology Director  
Trail Ambassador Co-Director  
Trail Ambassador Co-Director  
Plants Director

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Jerry Givan  
Kathy Van Valkenburg  
**Lauri Poppel\***  
Danny Leigh

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[plants@kennesawmountaintrailclub.org](mailto:plants@kennesawmountaintrailclub.org)

KMTC Website

<http://kennesawmountaintrailclub.org/>

NPS Website

<https://www.nps.gov/KEMO>

Facebook Page

<http://www.facebook.com/kmtcsocial>

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## Sponsors/Partners Corner

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<http://americanhiking.org>



## KENNESAW MOUNTAIN NATIONAL BATTLEFIELD PARK

### Trail Maintenance Map

