

# EARTHWORKS



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*long the New Salem Church Trail, by Fred Feltmann*



## June Newsletter Deadline

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

## Calendar of Events - Friends/KMTC

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Event</u>
<b>May, 2025</b>			
5/10	8 am - Noon	Picnic area adjacent to Visitor Center Parking Lot	May, 2025 Work Day
<b>June, 2025</b>			
6/14	8 am - Noon	Picnic area adjacent to Visitor Center Parking Lot	National Trails Day/May 2025 Work Day
<b>July, 2025</b>			
7/12	8 am - Noon	Picnic area adjacent to Visitor	June, 2025 Work Day

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.

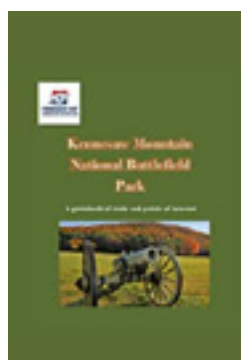
The Mountain Rd. is open to motorized vehicles on weekdays only (excluding major holidays)

***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 x- x 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 KMNB is now available on Amazon.

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### 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

### 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!

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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)

National Park Service, U.S. Department of the Interior, Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park, 900 Kennesaw Mountain Drive, Kennesaw, GA 30152, (770) 427-4686 phone,  
[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

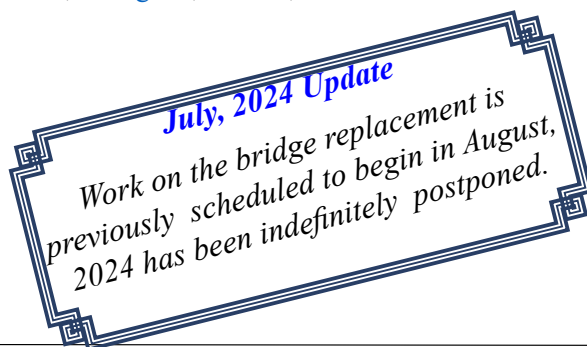
Kennesaw, GA – Effective immediately, the John Ward Creek crossing just south of the Illinois Monument is closed to horseback riders until further notice. This closure stems from a safety concern due to hazardous conditions relating to an unstable streambed. The closure affects the creek crossing between 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](#)

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[HTTP://FriendsOfKMNB.org](http://FriendsOfKMNB.org)

# Beautiful Changes at Kennesaw Mountain

*By Amanda Corman, Volunteer Coordinator*

*“Spring: a lovely reminder of how beautiful chance can truly be.” – anonymous.*

As we enter the last month of spring, it is a beautiful reminder that Kennesaw Mountain NBP experiences change and growth with each season. There have been many changes during this fiscal year; however, with change comes growth. Beginning in May, the park will see large construction projects take place along Stilesboro Road. This will be in preparation for the larger upcoming construction project taking place along Old US Highway 41. This project is to continue throughout 2025. Another construction project that has been scheduled for the park is the construction of the John Ward Creek Crossing. This crossing has been closed since 2021 and has had several setbacks; however, the park has finally been given approval to move forward. More information is to come in the upcoming months. Additionally, the park has been able to post a several volunteer positions on [www.volunteer.gov](http://www.volunteer.gov). Through use of the site, the park will be able to present a wide array of volunteer opportunities and update potential volunteers on how they can give back.

Another change that we can always expect is the unpredictable Georgia spring weather. Please remember to remain safe while volunteering at the park. Here are a few safety tips while enjoying the remainder of spring in Georgia.

- Check the weather before leaving the house.
- Wear non-slip shoes to prevent slipping on wet surfaces.
- Keep an umbrella in your car.
- Apply sunscreen before working/volunteering in the sun.
- Stay hydrated while volunteering having a reuseable water bottle handy.
- Always have an extra layer of clothing (sweatshirt, jacket, etc.) in case the temperature drops while volunteering.

These are just a few of the changes that have and will be taking place at Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park as well as safety tips to remember. Even with these changes, the park has a couple of longstanding events that we hope volunteers will be able to participate in: the 161st Battle of Kennesaw Mountain Anniversary (June 28 – 29, 2025) and the Marietta Let Freedom Ring Parade (July 4, 2025) – more information to come regarding the events.

No matter what changes take place, the park continues to rely on its volunteers. This support enables the park to continue to provide wonderful services to the visiting public.

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**Editor's note:** Amanda's safety tips also pertain to all recreational visitors to the Park, especially when planning a hike over Big or Little Kennesaw Mountain be aware of the weather forecast (in particular when thunderstorms are forecast). See photo on page 8!

## Stilesboro Road Closures - Beginning May 6, 2025

Kennesaw Mountain NBP, Cobb County DOT, and Cobb County Marietta Water Authority (CCMWA) have been working together regarding a large upcoming project regarding Stilesboro Road. Please plan accordingly when coming to the park to volunteer. The park will be providing additional information through the various media outlets; however, if you have any questions, please feel free to contact the park. If any changes to the schedule takes place, you will be notified.

Below is the information provided by the project manager:

Beginning on Tuesday, May 6, the Cobb County Department of Transportation, and Cobb County Marietta Water Authority (CCMWA) contractors will be closing Stilesboro Road to replace and upgrade an underground water piping system that runs underneath the centerline of the road. This closure will occur in three phases and will also tie into the pre-construction work affiliated with the proposed new roundabouts on Old 41 Highway.

- Phase 1 of this closure of Stilesboro Road will span from Gilbert Road to Old Mountain Road. This closure will begin on Tuesday, May 6.
- Phase 2 of this road closure will span from Old Mountain Road to NPS Visitor Center Drive and work is expected to begin early August.
- Phase 3 of this road closure will span from Old 41 Highway to NPS Visitor Center Drive and work is expected to begin late September.

There will be multiple detours to utilize while traveling during this necessary closure. Please reference the approved detour map.

For more information regarding lane and road closures in Cobb County, please visit [www.cobbcommute.org](http://www.cobbcommute.org) - has not been updated as of 4/30/25.

Respectfully,

Amanda Corman

Amanda Corman

Park Ranger/Volunteer Coordinator

Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park

Editor's Note: Please see also the following website for more specific details:

<https://www.ccmwa.org/our-system/construction-projects>







## Park Moments

### The Power of Lightning

We've all seen trees hit by lightning where usually a line zigzags or circles the tree down to the ground. Many times the tree will die from the strike, but sometimes the tree will live.

Now, have you seen a tree explode from lightning? Up until a month ago I had not, but then my younger son saw such a tree along Burnt Hickory Rd just east of the battlefield. A huge storm had gone through that evening and I recall several rumbles of thunder that just shook the house.

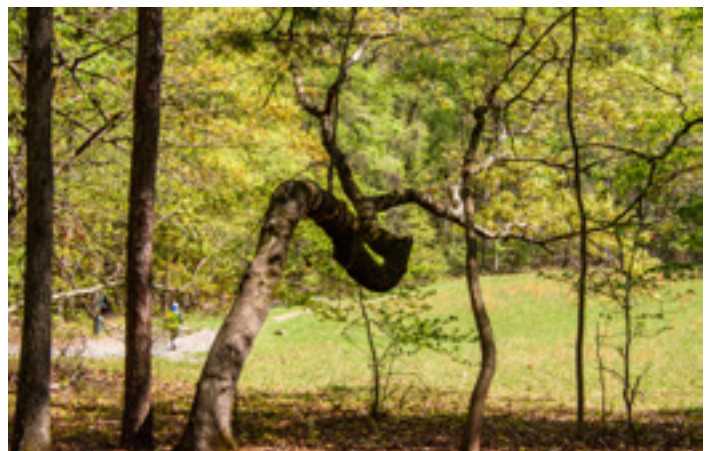
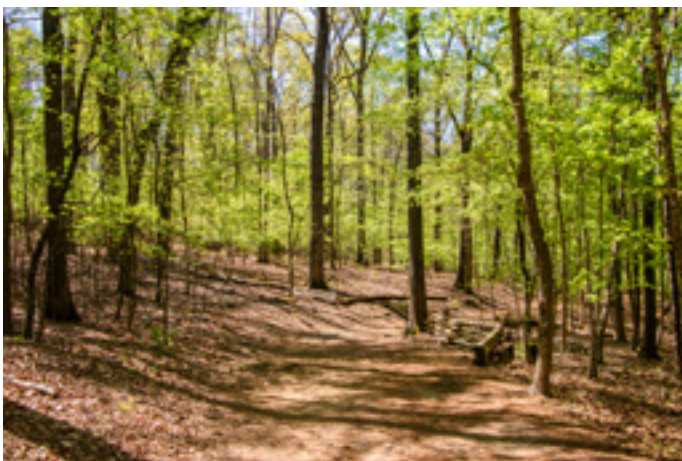
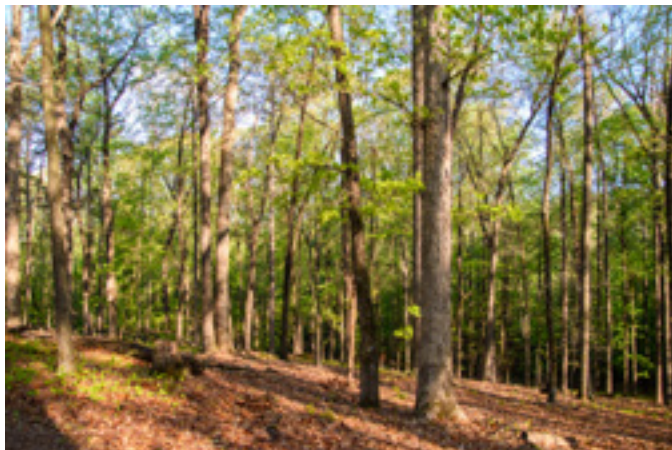
This was a pine tree that just exploded after being hit with a major lightning bolt.

*Danny Leigh*

**Editor's Note:** While on a hike in Tennessee several years ago I came across a similar tree that had been struck by lightning the night before. I was also surprised at how far shards radiated from the trunk of the doomed tree. I would not want to be in the general area when it was struck!

*Fred Feltmann*

*Photos, below, by Fred Feltmann*





## Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park Interpretive Programs for **May**

*\*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!**

#### **May 3, @11 am, 12 pm, 2 pm and 3 pm – Infantry Demonstrations**

The Civil War was the first modern war in history, fought using tactics and techniques still relevant to the battlefield today. Come out and experience our living historians as they encamp and offer rifle firing demonstrations at the above-listed times.

#### **May 4, @ 11 am, 12 pm, 2 pm and 3 pm – 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.

#### **May 10 @11 am – The Fighting McCooks**

On June 27, 1864, Colonel Daniel McCook, Jr. led the Federal assault up Cheatham Hill, where he was mortally wounded. This brave man was not the only McCook to fight for the Federal army. This 30-minute program will introduce the 'Fighting McCooks', the story of 3 Ohio brothers and their 15 sons who joined the Federal forces and fought throughout the Civil War.

*\*Parking is at the end of Cheatham Hill Drive (tour stop 5 on brochure).*

#### **May 11 @ 11 am – Pigeon Hill Hike**

On June 27<sup>th</sup>, 1864, Federal forces advanced against the Confederate trenches north of Burnt Hickory Road. Experience the fight for Kennesaw Mountain as it happened and hear accounts from the soldiers who fought there. There will be some hiking involved up the hill so make sure to have good footwear and plenty of water.

*\*Parking is at the Burnt Hickory Parking Lot (tour stop 4 on brochure).*

#### **May 17 @10 am – Park Safety and Rescue Expo**

Join us for a great time of learning about Search and Rescue as it applies to Cobb County and beyond. You will learn about the Emergency Locator Marker System in place on the trails in Cobb County and how to use them. Activities subjects will include orientation/map and compass skills as well as a Canine Search and Rescue demonstration! This program will take place just outside of the Visitor Center.

#### **May 18, @11 am – Assault Trail Hike**

On June 27<sup>th</sup>, 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.*

#### **May 24, @11 am, 12 pm, 2 pm and 3 pm – Infantry Demonstrations**

The Civil War was the first modern war in history, fought using tactics and techniques still relevant to the battlefield today. Come out and experience our living historians as they encamp and offer rifle firing demonstrations at the above-listed times.

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## Interpretive Programs for May

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#### **May 25 - 26, @ 11 am, 12 pm, 2 pm and 3 pm – 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.

#### **May 26, @1 pm – Memorial Day Veteran's Program**

The origins of Memorial Day stem back to the immediate years just after the American Civil War. The purpose of this day was to honor the fallen soldiers and their sacrifice. Join us for a special Memorial Day program given from the perspective of both a U.S and Confederate veteran of the Civil War.

#### **May 31, @11 am – Life of a Soldier Gear Layout**

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!





## **“A Sip of Tee” Hike**

On Saturday afternoon, April 26, Mike Collett, KMTC Trails Director, lead the Instagram Influencer, A Sip Of Tee, on a hike up and down Kennesaw Mountain for The Friends Group. Several of her followers and REI employees, the event cosponsor, also attended. Kirsten was the sweeper. As they hiked they stopped at several places to talk about Kennesaw Mountain and both its pre- and post-Civil War history.



*Photos by Mike Collett*



## **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.

## 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	_____
Bridge Fund	_____

*Check one or designate amount for each.*

One Payment \_\_\_\_\_  
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Does your company match? Y\_\_ N\_\_  
  
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(Monthly \_\_ Quarterly \_\_)  
  
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(Payable to "**Friends of KMNBP**")  
  
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Expiration date \_\_\_\_\_  
Security Code \_\_\_\_\_  
  
I wish to remain anonymous \_\_\_\_\_



## Volunteering Opportunities!

There are many ways to volunteer at Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park. Through the Friends of Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park these are a few of the options:

### Members of the The Friends of Kennesaw Mountain

Contact Donald Olds for the many opportunities.

President, Friends of KMNBP - [donald.olds962@gmail.com](mailto:donald.olds962@gmail.com)

### Crew Leader

Lead volunteers doing trail maintenance on the second Saturday of every month and on special projects

***Requires attendance at a training course and hands-on-training***

Contact Mike Collett for details

Trails Director, Mike Collett [trails@kennesawmountaintrailclub.org](mailto:trails@kennesawmountaintrailclub.org)

### Trail Ambassador

Staffs registration table and parking on Trail Work Days

Does trail patrols on your own schedule

Supports various field trips led by NPS staff

Supports various NPS activities

***Requires attendance at a training course and hands-on-training***

Contact Kathy Van Valkenburg or Lauri Poppel

Trail Ambassador Co-Director, Kathy Van Valkenburg [ambassador@kennesawmountaintrailclub.org](mailto:ambassador@kennesawmountaintrailclub.org)

Trail Ambassador Co-Directo, **Lauri Poppel** [ambassador@kennesawmountaintrailclub.org](mailto:ambassador@kennesawmountaintrailclub.org)

### Volunteer - general

Signs up monthly to work on our Trail Work Days

<https://friendsofkmnbp.org/get-involved/volunteer-opportunities/>

Contact Amanda Corman at  
the Visitor Center for other  
volunteer opportunities through  
the National Park Service  
(NPS)





March 12, 2025

The Honorable John F Kennedy  
President Pro Tempore  
Georgia State Senate  
321 State Capitol  
Atlanta, GA 30334

The Honorable Harold Jones, II  
Minority Leader  
Georgia State Senate  
121-B State Capitol  
Atlanta, GA 30334

The Honorable Brandon Beach  
Chairman  
Georgia Senate Committee on Economic  
Development and Tourism  
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The Honorable Frank Ginn  
Vice Chairman  
Senate Committee on Economic  
Development and Tourism  
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Atlanta, GA 30334

Dear Georgia Leaders:

We, the undersigned, are writing to express our enthusiastic support for HB 454, Vince Dooley Battlefield Trust Fund Act, introduced by Rep. Houston Gaines (R-Athens). HB 454 passed the Georgia House of Representatives on March 3, 2025, and is pending in the Senate Committee on Economic Development and Tourism.

According to landmark studies by the National Park Service (NPS), Georgia is home to 34 battlefields considered among the most historically significant in the nation. NPS has identified these hallowed grounds as priorities for preservation, with several of them partially protected as federal or state parks. These include such storied battlefields as Brier Creek, Chickamauga, Fort Morris, Fort Pulaski, Kennesaw Mountain, Kettle Creek, Resaca and Savannah. Thousands of acres associated with these struggles remain unprotected and vulnerable to development.

The key to the new program is its 1-to-1 matching grants formula, which encourages federal and private sector investment in battlefield preservation in Georgia. Recognizing the value of attracting out-of-state funding for acquisition of historic open space, Kentucky, Tennessee, Mississippi and Virginia have established similar battlefield preservation programs.

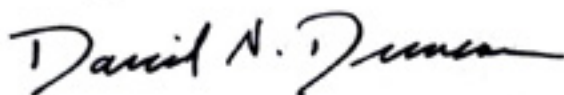
Further, these battlefields are economic engines, attracting out-of-state visitors who spend millions on food, accommodations and the other attractions that Georgia has to offer. For example, in 2023, the three Georgia battlefields administered by the National Park Service – Chickamauga, Kennesaw Mountain and Fort Pulaski – welcomed nearly three million visitors who spent over \$200 million in local gateway regions, supporting more than 2,800 jobs. These figures do not include visitation to state and local battlefield parks such as Allatoona Pass, Fort McAllister, Fort Morris and Pickett's Mill, among others.

A small annual investment of \$1 million via the Vince Dooley Battlefield Trust Fund will bolster historic preservation efforts throughout Georgia, ensuring these special places remain. As

Georgia prepares for our nation's 250th birthday celebration, there has never been a better time to invest in its historic preservation and complete the work begun in the Georgia House last year, when it passed Resolution 1435 recommending creation of the Vince Dooley Battlefield Trust Fund.

We urge you to establish the Vince Dooley Battlefield Trust Fund so the hallowed places where Georgians once fought and fell are not lost for future generations. We stand ready to assist you in this very worthwhile endeavor. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



David Duncan, President  
American Battlefield Trust



Dr. Joseph Trahan, III, President  
Georgia Battlefields Association

  
Brier Creek Revolutionary War Battlef. Assoc.

Stephen Hammond, President  
Brier Creek Revolutionary War Battlefield  
Association



N.W. Chewning, Chairman  
Kettle Creek Battlefield Association



Donald Olds, President  
Friends of Kennesaw Mountain



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## Workday 04-12-25

This workplan covered cyclic maintenance on the original New Salem Church Trail from the intersection of the reroute to the Noses Creek Trail. We celebrated American Battlefield Trust Day / Park Day and everyone received an American Battlefield Trust bandana.

On Friday, April 11th, Asshrith, Bill, and I reviewed the workplan and put out flags.

We had 9 crew leaders for the workday. The Crew Leaders Anna, Bill, Curt, Danny, Donald, Fred, Kirsten, Tom, and me. We 3 Trail Ambassadors, Karen, Laurie, and Yvonne, and 5, Barb, Carl, Kim, Paul, and Scott were under instruction. They did registration and directed parking. We had 23 volunteers. The volunteers were from Allatoona JROTC Unit (1), Hillgrove JROTC Unit (12) the Atlanta Outdoor Club (2, 2 of which Kirsten are crew leaders), Atlanta International Christian Church (3), a scout, 2 individuals that signed up on the Friends website, and 2 that showed up.

On Saturday I welcomed the volunteers, conducted the safety briefing in Hardage Field, and did a brief history of

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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 **xx** 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/Lauri Poppel-

[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*

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*1 BSA SCOUT*

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## This Past Month's Volunteers

We had 9 Crew Leaders, 3 Trail Ambassadors and 23 volunteers for the April Work Day, from the following organizations, along with several individuals:

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*ATLANTA OUTDOOR CLUB*

*1 BSA SCOUT*

*HILLGROVE HS NJROTC*

## May 10, 2025 Work Day

The next workday is May 10 from 8:00 to 12:00. We will be performing earthwork preservation. For May's work day, parking and registration will be in the field near the Visitor's Center. Vehicle Entrance Passes will issued at registration.

*Mike Collett*

Trails Director



the New Salem Community provided by Amanda. We split into three groups.

Team 1, led by Tom with Anna assisting, and 8 volunteers consisting of 4 individuals, and 4 from the Hillgrove JROTC Unit. They worked on cleaning the area inside and outside the fence around New Salem Church.

Team 2 led by Kirsten and 5 volunteers consisting of 2 individuals and the 3 from the Atlanta International Christian Church. They trashed the social trail coming from Burnt Hickory Road.

Team 3, led by Bill with Curt and Donald assisting, and 8 from the Hillgrove JROTC Unit. They started debarbing past New Salem Church.

All three teams leapfrogged along the New Salem Trail debarbing, cleaning ditches and cleaning a conduit after they finished their initial project. This leapfrog continued until we met the Noses Creek Trail.

Danny did invasive species management.

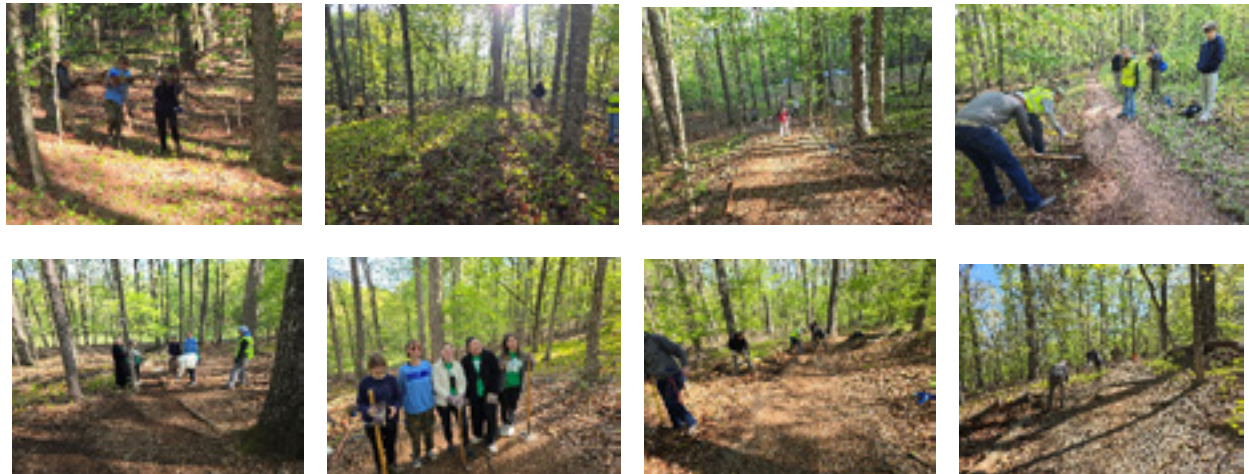
The weather was chilly as we started with a bit of wind as we met in Hardage Field. Once we entered the tree line and started working, we warmed up quickly. We accomplished over 100% of the workplan.

Fred took pictures and I bounced between the teams to ensure they were following the workplan and park regulations.

Before.



During.



After.



*Mike Collett*  
Trails Director

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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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## 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>

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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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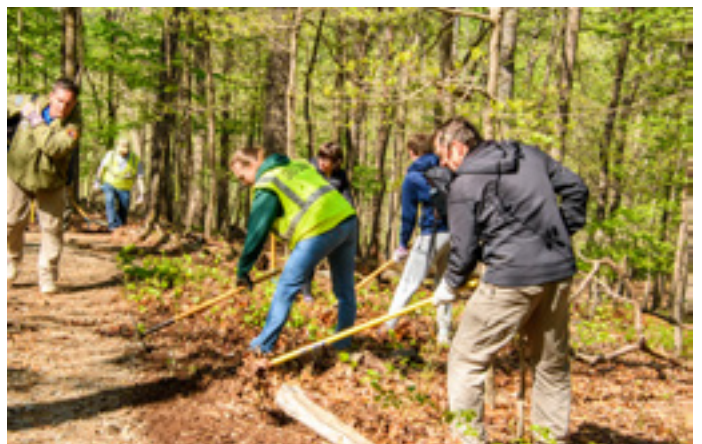
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## April 12, Work Day

*Photos by Fred Feltmann*





## 4/26/25 KSU Work Day

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## 4/25/25 Mount Paran Work Day

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## KENNESAW MOUNTAIN NATIONAL BATTLEFIELD PARK

### Trail Maintenance Map

