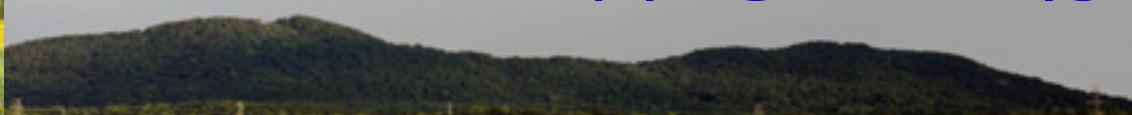


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## Portable Section Maps

Use the QR Code, below, to download the section maps for the Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park.



## September Newsletter Deadline

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

## Calendar of Events - Friends/KMTC

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Event</u>
<b>August, 2025</b>			
8/09	8 am - Noon	Picnic area adjacent to Visitor Center	August, 2025 Work Day
<b>September, 2025</b>			
9/7	4 pm - 7 pm	Marietta Performing Arts Center	Out There, A National Park Story
9/13	8 am - Noon	Pigeon Hill Parking Lot	September, 2025 Work Day/ Public Lands Day
<b>October, 2025</b>			
10/11	8 am - Noon	Gilbert Road parking lot Near Illinois Monument	October, 2025 Work Day

The Park staff is conducting Virtual Events on their Facebook Page

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

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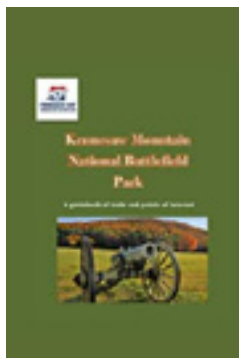
### Current Status Of Park

*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 10 - 11 for a listing of events for the month of August.*



### Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park Guidebook

The Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park Guidebook sponsored by the Friends of KMNBp 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!

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*Additional Volunteers needed! Call today!*



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U.S. Department of the Interior

Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park  
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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

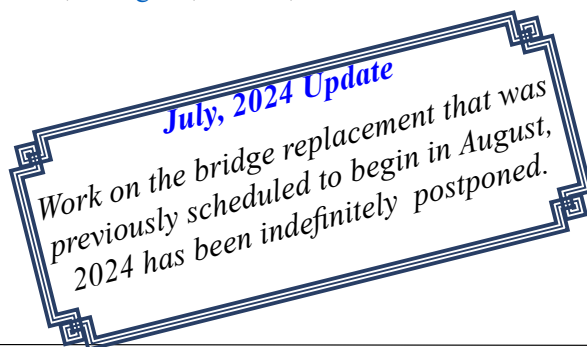
Kennesaw, GA – Effective immediately, the John Ward Creek crossing just south of the Illinois Monument is closed to horseback riders until further notice. This closure stems from a safety concern due to hazardous conditions relating to an unstable streambed. The closure affects the creek crossing between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

*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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<https://friendsofkmnbp.org>

## 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.

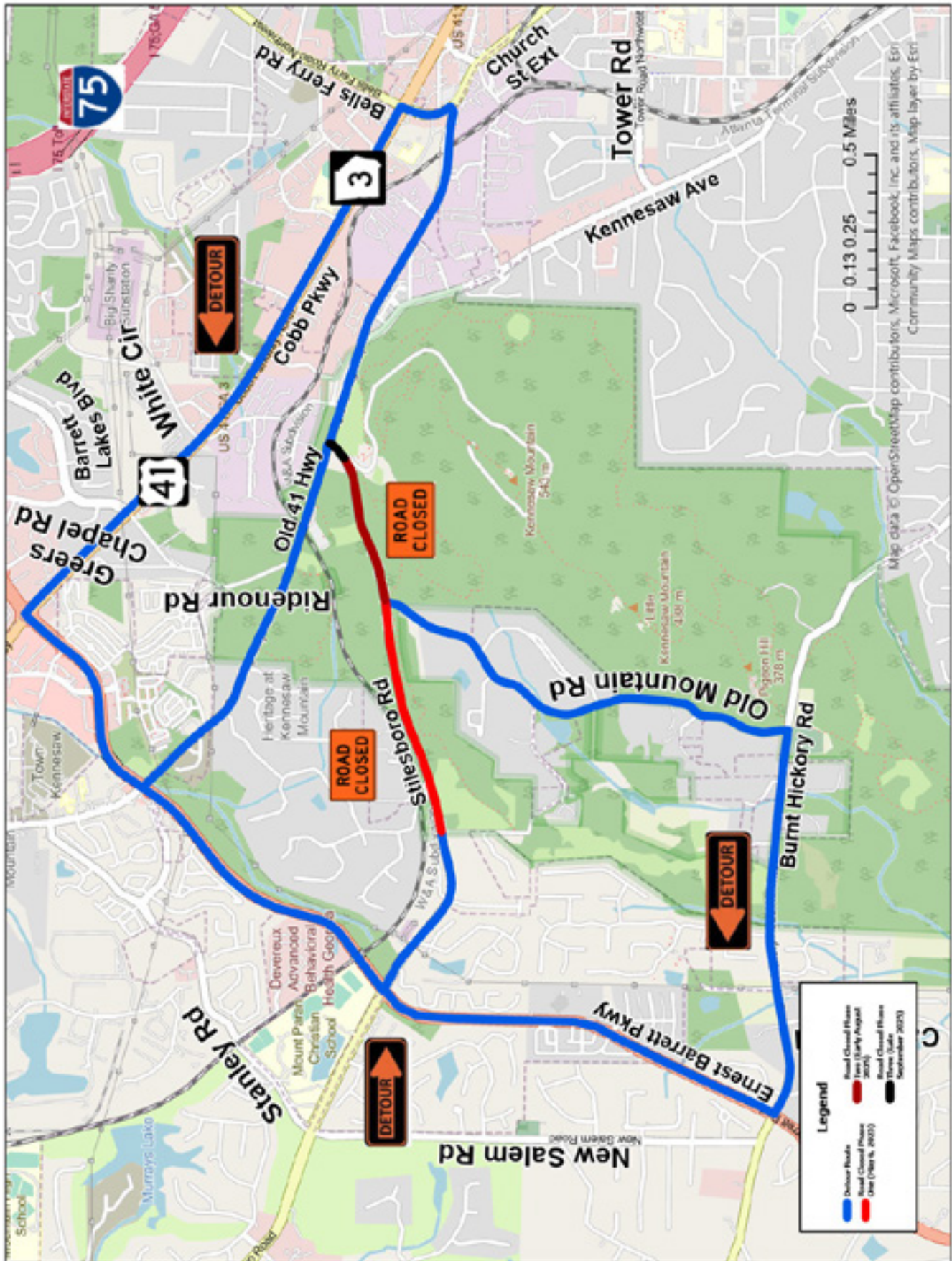
For more information regarding lane and road closures in Cobb County, please visit [www.cobbcommute.org](http://www.cobbcommute.org) - has not been updated as of 4/30/25.

Respectfully,  
Amanda Corman  
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>





# Thank You for Your Dedication during 161st Battle Anniversary

Hello Everyone,

It is hard to believe that the 161st Battle Anniversary was two weeks ago. Although we did not have as many volunteers and cannons as in previous years, the two-days were packet full of quality programs and friendly crowds. Over the course of the two-day event, Kennesaw Mountain NBP staff and volunteers offered 56 programs to the visiting public. Programs included artillery and infantry demonstrations, guided hikes and history walks, shuttle bus talks, and children's games and activities. Based on staff calculations, the anniversary reached nearly 1600 visitors.

With such a large event, the staff was unable to provide programs alone. It is due to the devotion and support of over 75 volunteers that the park was able to offer such an event. The artillery demonstrations were provided by volunteer artillery crews from Kennesaw Mountain NBP and Stephens Light Artillery. Infantry programs were provided by the 125th Ohio Regiment Inc., the 9th Kentucky, and KEMO Infantry with signal flag programs by the Sons of Union Veterans Civil War. Cheatham Hill Living History Walks were provided by the Co. A, 21st Ohio Volunteer and Brad Shumpert.

In addition, the Children's Art Program was provided by Taylor Hegler, Suzy Roche, and Andrew Miller and other volunteers (I apologize that I do not know the instructor's name) with Megan Barnes, Kate Burton, Karen Petrella, Dave Dubelle, and Barb Orsolits managing the children's tent. This is the second successful year for the Children's Art program. The young artists' works are currently on display in the Education Center until July 14, 2025. Lindsey Barnes once again kept everyone hydrated with his water patrol and the PSAR volunteers provided safety information to the public.

With so many people being part of the event, the Friends of Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park kept everyone fed by providing the funding for the lunches. With our own Ray Hamel and Kyle Carlson manning the grill. Of course, we are always grateful for the event preparation by Maintenance staff and keeping the event safe by our Law Enforcement Rangers. Even though only a few volunteer names have been listed, there were so many more that supported hikes, programs, visitor center operations, and food preparation.

It is because of the dedication and support of all volunteers that the park was able to provide such a successful anniversary weekend. There are not enough words to truly express the gratitude of the park staff.

We thank each of you for your support of the 161st Battle of Kennesaw Mountain Anniversary.

Sincerely,

Amanda

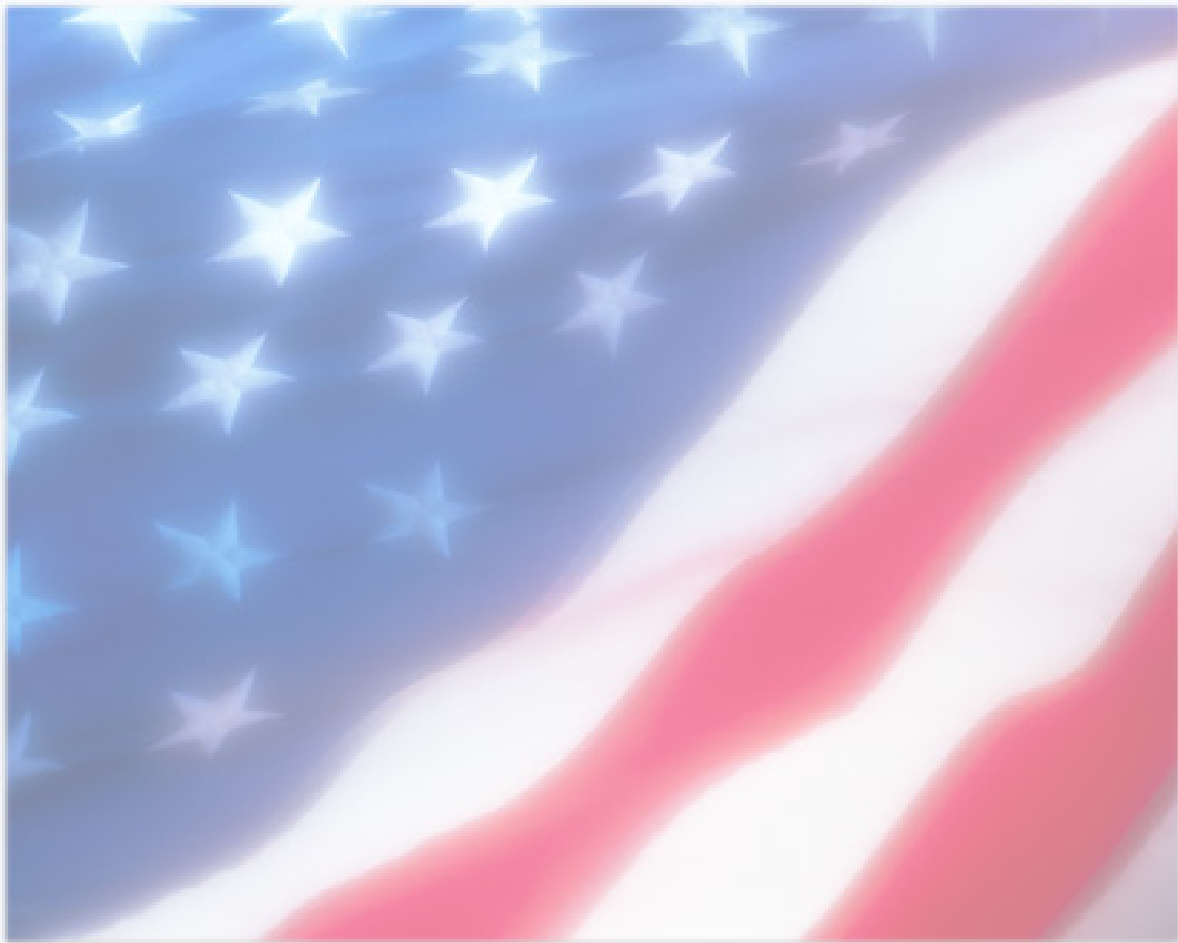
*Amanda Corman*

Park Ranger/Volunteer Coordinator  
Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park



*Photo by Curt Spinney*





## Thank You!

With an estimated 30,000 people who attended the Marietta Let Freedom Ring Parade, each of you were able to make a positive impact for the park. I want to express my gratitude for helping promote Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park and the park's Volunteer program. As we traveled down Roswell and Cherokee Streets, I heard so many positive comments from the crowd. Cheers of "We love the parks" and "thank you for all that you do" could be heard coming from the crowd. This positive reaction is due to the hard work and dedication that you have provided through your volunteer service.

All the best, Amanda

## Park Moments - Marietta Let Freedom Ring Parade - 7/4/25

*Photos by Mike Collett*





# 161st Anniversary of the Battle of Kennesaw Mountain Photos

*Photos by Mike Collett*



## Visit Parks for Free on August 4

In honor of the Great American Outdoors Act anniversary, on [August 4](#) all NPS sites that typically charge entrance fees open their gates at no cost. Just be sure to check for other reservation requirements. It's the perfect day to visit your favorite national park or check another one off your bucket list!

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## Become a Junior Ranger Online

Looking to beat the heat with your children or grandchildren? Kids can [become Junior Rangers online](#) through fun, interactive activities from NPS. Whether you're at home or on the go, these virtual programs invite young explorers to dive into park adventures, earn badges, and discover the wonders of nature and history from across the country.

<https://tinyurl.com/mk88vrt4>

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## Magic Moments - Photography Competition

Share the Experience is an annual photography competition hosted by NPF and Recreation.gov, inviting amateur photographers to submit their favorite views and moments from America's public lands and waters. See the 2024 winners and submit your photos to this year's competition, open now!

<https://tinyurl.com/4avu7y26>

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## **Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park**

### **Interpretive Programs for August**



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

**August 2, @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.

**August 3, @11am – 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!

**August 9, @ 11 am – Red- Tailed Hawks of Kennesaw Mountain**

As the largest continuous green space outside of metro- Atlanta, Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park is home to many kinds of animals. In this program fit for all ages, learn about the one of the most common birds of prey you may encounter while out on our 22 miles of trails.

**August 10 @11 am – Cheatham Hill Battlefield Tour**

Take a walk around the Confederate defenses of the Dead Angle and learn about the site of the heaviest fighting during the Battle of Kennesaw Mountain.

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

**August 16 and 17<sup>th</sup> @ 11 am, 12 pm, 2 pm and 3 pm – 31<sup>st</sup> Alabama 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.

**August 23 @11 am – Pigeon Hill Battlefield Tour**

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).***

**August 24, @11 am, 12 pm, 2 pm and 3 pm – Henry Rifle Demonstrations**

The American Civil War has become known for its rapid advancement in weapons technology. At the foot of Big Kennesaw Mountain, elements of the 66<sup>th</sup> Illinois charged the Confederate works with a weapon that would revolutionize warfare: the Henry Repeater. The programs at the above- listed times include firing demonstrations of this weapon.

**August 30, @11 am- Assault Trail Battlefield Hike**

On June 27, 1864, Colonel Daniel McCook, Jr. led the Federal assault up Cheatham Hill, where he was mortally wounded. Walk in the footsteps of these Union soldiers as we charge up Cheatham Hill, listening to accounts written by veterans of the fight along the way.

***\*Parking is at Activity Area 3 off Cheatham Hill Rd (Tour Stop 6 on brochure)***

**August 31- September 1, @ 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.

***\*All outdoor programs are weather- dependent.***

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

***\*Bring plenty of water and appropriate footwear/ clothing for activities***





## **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.



## 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)



## **Friends of KMNBP Annual Business Meeting**

The Friends of KMNBP Annual Business Meeting is presently scheduled for September 20, 2025 at 9 am in the Education Room of the Park Visitor's Center. Club Officers/Directors will be elected and installed for the coming year, an update on Park status & activities, and a look-ahead to upcoming Club activities will be provided. Also, select Friends Officers/Directors will report on their areas of responsibility. Per our current By-Laws, all Voting Members (Officers, Directors, Trail Ambassadors and Crew Leaders) and Community Volunteers (individuals who have participated in, at least, one club event/activity during the current calendar year) are welcome to attend the Annual Business Meeting.

The proposed slate of nominees for election to office for the 2025 – 2026 year are as noted (*The remainder of Officers and Board members will continue in their appointed roles*):

### **Officers (1 year left of 2 year term)**

Board Chair-Kim Sherk

Board Chair Emeritus--Scott Mackay

President--Donald Olds

Vice President--Lewis Bramlett

Treasurer--Tom Okerberg

Secretary--vacant\*

### **Board members (2 years left of 3 year term)**

Donor Relations--Bart Henderson

Kathy Bearden--Community outreach and events

Social Media and Volunteer Coordinator--Andrew Bramlett

Trail Director--Mike Collett

### **Staff (1-year term)\*\***

Communications/Newsletter Editor--Fred Feltmann

Plants & Wildlife--Danny Leigh

Information Technology--Jerry Givan

Trail Ambassadors--Kathy Van Valkenburg

Youth Projects--Tom Carden

Outreach--Mathew Dobson

***\*Nominations will also be accepted at the meeting from the floor.***

***\*\*This slate of Staff positions will be open for nominations and voted on at the Annual Board meeting.***



Glover Park Brewery Presents

# Cannons, Brews, and Tunes

Benefiting the  
Friends of Kennesaw Mountain

**August 20, 2025**  
**4:00-10:00 PM**

**Music by Sons & Britches:**  
**6:00-8:00 PM**

Glover Park Brewery  
65 Atlanta St. SE,  
Marietta, GA 30060

10% of days sales will be donated to the Friends of Kennesaw Mountain



## “Cannons, Brews, and Tunes”

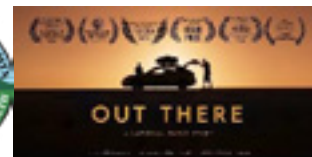
Cannons, Brews, and Tunes benefit for Friends of Kennesaw Mountain NBP at Glover Park Brewery featuring Kennesaw’s own Sons & Britches at 4-10 PM on Wednesday, August 20, 2025. Sons & Britches Band plays 6-8 PM. Friends of Kennesaw Mountain works in partnership with the National Park Service and the local community to raise annual funding for projects and activities in the Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park. The park is an oasis of hiking, history and health within a bustling area and has over 25 million visits annually. Your support improves trail networks, living history demonstrations, and enhances access and comfort within the park. “Our goal is to sustain this living memorial and ensure the park remains a vibrant place for the future as one of Cobb County’s most diverse green spaces”, says Friends of Kennesaw Mountain Chairman of the Board Kimberly Ridley Sherk. We appreciate your support for one of Atlanta’s most important cultural resources.

[Info@friendsofkmnbp.org](mailto:Info@friendsofkmnbp.org)

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**For Immediate Release July 24, 2025**

**Contact:** Kathy Bearden, Friends of Kennesaw Mountain Board Member  
678-640-7108 | [friendsofkmnbp.org](http://friendsofkmnbp.org) | [kathy@kbearden.com](mailto:kathy@kbearden.com)



## **Georgia Premiere of Acclaimed National Parks Film Coming to Marietta**

**Sunday, September 7 | 4 PM | Marietta Performing Arts Center at Marietta High School**

The Friends of Kennesaw Mountain are proud to present the Georgia premiere of the award-winning documentary ***Out There: A National Parks Story***. This exclusive, one-night-only screening brings a powerful national story to local audiences celebrating the healing power of public lands and the people who protect them.

### **About the Film**

***Out There: A National Parks Story*** follows filmmaker Brendan Hall's seven-year, 10,000-mile journey across the U.S., capturing untold stories from America's most iconic landscapes. Through intimate interviews, breathtaking cinematography, and a moving original score, the film reimagines what it means to find belonging in the natural world and reveals the parks as places of resilience, healing, and connection across generations and cultures.

### **Bringing the Film to Marietta**

The effort to bring the film to the Atlanta metro area was led by Friends board member Mike Collett, who first viewed it at a national conference in Yosemite. Inspired by its message, Collett worked to secure this special screening and filmmaker visit for the Marietta community. The film has not been officially released so this is a unique chance to see an extraordinary documentary.

### **Supporting Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park**

"Kennesaw Mountain is a gem right here in our backyard," said Donald Olds, President of the Friends group. "It takes all of us to care for this 3,000-acre park where we hike, run, and experience incredible sights along with sacred history."

The Friends of Kennesaw Mountain is the official nonprofit partner of the park, raising funds for trail improvements, educational programs, and community events. Last year alone, volunteers contributed over 8,400 hours to repair trails, bridges, and common areas. Proceeds from the screening will support continued efforts to protect and enhance the park. Community members are encouraged to donate, volunteer or join a trail workday by visiting the Friends website.

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**Tickets & Info:** [friendsofkmnbp.org](http://friendsofkmnbp.org)

- **General Admission:** \$30
- **Meet the Author VIP Ticket:** \$50 includes a behind-the-scenes meet and greet conversation with filmmaker Brendan Hall and reserved seating
- **Student Ticket:** \$15, including College/University



**Don't miss the Georgia Premiere of the award winning National Park movie  
 " Out There: A National Parks Story" -  
 Sunday 9/7 in Marietta**

Plan to attend the Atlanta / Georgia premiere of *Out There: A National Parks Story*, a documentary by a rising young filmmaker Brendan Hall. This nationally acclaimed 75-minute film covers Brendan's seven-year, 10,000-mile road trip. What begins as a summer road trip becomes an odyssey, capturing untold stories of those who protect, visit, and find healing in the parks. Through intimate interviews, breathtaking cinematography, and a profound original music score, *Out There* uncovers a deeply human portrait of the parks – revealing them as places of reflection, resilience, and connection across generations and cultures. A stunning visual tribute and grassroots love letter, *Out There* reimagines what it means to find belonging in the natural world, and the power of public lands to bring us back to ourselves.

Tickets can be purchased here:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/the-atlanta-georgia-premiere-of-out-there-a-national-parks-story-tickets-1493238389219>

**Ticket Prices: VIP Tickets \$50; Adult \$30; Student \$15(includes College students)**

Brendan will introduce his film and will be part of a Q&A session at the end of the film.

The trailer for the film can be found [here](#) and the film's website can be found [here](#).

This presentation will be limited to an audience of 700 and will only be shown on September 7, 2025 at the Marietta Performing Arts Center, 1171 Whitlock Avenue Northwest Marietta, GA 30064 at 5 pm.

At this time, this is the only showing that will be presented in Georgia.

The doors open to all attendees at 4:00 pm. VIP Ticket Holders will get exclusive backstage access to meet Brendan from 4:00 pm to 5:00 pm, and reserved seating during the film.

This event is a fundraiser for the Friends of Kennesaw Mountain, a 501(c)3 non-profit supporting Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park.

More information about the Friends can be found at <https://friendsofkmnbp.org/>.





## 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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Back

# 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



## 5 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. By mailing a check 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 \_\_\_\_\_  
 Quarterly Payment \_\_\_\_\_  
 Monthly Payment \_\_\_\_\_  
 Does your company match? Y\_\_ N\_\_  
 Invoice me \_\_\_\_\_  
 (Monthly \_\_ Quarterly \_\_)  
 Check enclosed \_\_\_\_\_  
 (Payable to "**Friends of KMNBP**")  
 Credit Card Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Expiration date \_\_\_\_\_  
 Security Code \_\_\_\_\_  
 I wish to remain anonymous \_\_\_\_\_





# Kennesaw Mountain Trail Club

## 07-12-25 Workday

We had 9 crew leaders for the workday. The Crew Leaders were Bill, Curt, Eric, Geoff, Kirsten, Rich, Robert, Tom, and me. We had 6 Trail Ambassadors; they were Debbie, Doug, Karen, Laurie, Scott, and Yvonne. They directed traffic and did registration. We had 19 volunteers, 8 from the Atlanta Outdoor Club (Kirsten and I are in both). Geoff monitored the parking lot. I bounced between groups ensuring they were following the workplan.

I welcomed the volunteers, reviewed the workplan, conducted the safety briefing and mentioned upcoming events. We split into two groups. Both groups performed cyclic maintenance in their assigned areas.

Team 1, led by Tom, with Bill and Curt assisting, had 10 of the volunteers. They started at the picnic area. When they finished, they proceeded to the beginning of the 24 Gun Trail. After finishing that section, they leapfrogged with Group 2.

Team 2, led by Eric, with Kirsten and Robert assisting, had 9 of the volunteers. They started about a third of the way around the Environmental Trail. They stopped at the intersection of the 24 Gun Trail and did the portion of the 24 Gun Trail to Old Mountain

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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 13 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*

*ATLANTA INTERNATIONAL CHRISTIAN CHURCH*

*ATLANTA OUTDOOR CLUB*

*1 BSA SCOUT*

*HILLGROVE HS NJROTC*

*REI*



## This Past Month's Volunteers

For the July Work Day, we had 9 crew leaders, 6 Trail Ambassadors and 19 volunteers; 6 from Atlanta Outdoor Club and 1 BSA Scout.

*AOC*

*BSA SCOUT*

## August 9, 2025 Work Day

We will be performing cyclic maintenance on the Camp Brumby Trail, starting at the Visitor Center, going to the New Salem Church Trail, if we have enough volunteers. We will meet at the picnic area by the Visitor Center. Parking & registration will be in the field next to the Visitor Center Parking Lot.

Road. When they finished this they proceeded on the 24-Gun Trail and leapfrogged with Group 1.

Rich went to the two bridges on the part of the 24 Gun Trail between the Environmental Trail and Old Mountain Road and fixed the screws in both bridges.

We accomplished this month's workplan.

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

Before.



After.



I have more before and after pictures.

*Mike Collett*  
Trails Director

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## 7/12/25 Work Day Photos

*Photos taken by Mike Collett*





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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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### August 9th Work Day -

Parking and registration is in the Field next to Visitor Center Parking Lot - <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 August's work day, parking and registration will be in the field near the Visitor's Center. 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@](mailto:trails@kennesawmountaintrailclub.org)

[kennesawmountaintrailclub.org](https://friendsofkmnbp.org/get-involved/volunteer-opportunities/) 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

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

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<http://kennesawmountaintrailclub.org/>

NPS Website

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

Facebook Page

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

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<http://americanhiking.org>



## KENNESAW MOUNTAIN NATIONAL BATTLEFIELD PARK

### Trail Maintenance Map

