

**Kennesaw Mountain Fundraiser- Sunday 9/7,
5 pm Marietta High School Performing Arts Center**

Don't miss your chance to support the park and see this incredible film!

Friends of Kennesaw present "Out There" A National Park Story.

*Experience incredible cinematography and an original sound track as you journey through
America's National Parks!*

For more information and tickets: (Page 11 or 12)

Out There: A National Park Story



Georgia Premiere

Sunday, September 7, 2025

Marietta Performing Arts Center

1171 Whitlock Avenue NW, Marietta

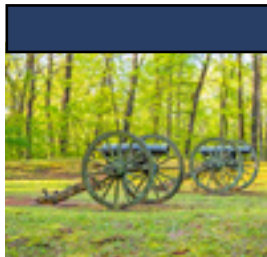
Doors open – 4:00PM VIP Experience – 4:00PM – 5:00PM

Movie starts – 5:00PM Q&A session – 6:15PM to 7:00PM

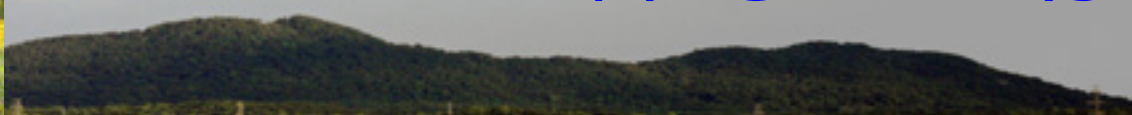
Tickets and more information is available at friendsofkmnbp.org.

All proceeds benefit Kennesaw Mountain NBP





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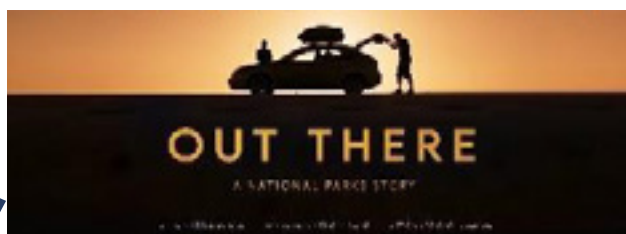
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September 7, Marietta Performing Arts
Center. See pages 11 & 12 for further
details and to get Tickets!!

Click on photo to
see trailer!
Then go to these
pages for tickets!



October Newsletter Deadline

If you wish to have an article published in the October Newsletter, please submit it to Fred Feltmann at faf1948@bellsouth.net no later than September 21st

Calendar of Events - Friends/KMTC

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Event</u>
September, 2025			
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
9/20	9 am - Noon	Education Room - Visitor Center	KMNBP Annual Business Meeting
October, 2025			
10/11	8 am - Noon	Gilbert Road parking lot	October, 2025 Work Day
November, 2025			
11/8	8 am - noon	Illinois Monument Parking Lot	November, 2025 Work Day

The Park staff is conducting Virtual Events on their Facebook Page

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

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.

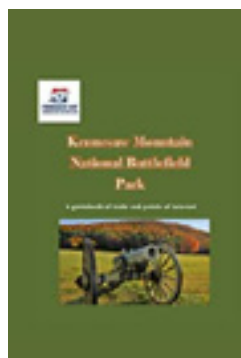
The Mountain Rd.. will be closed to all vehicular traffic, beginning January 1, 2026

The shuttle bus is now transporting visitor to/from the Visitor Center/Kennesaw Mountain Top Parking Lot on weekends and beginning January 1, 2026, daily the shuttle will run daily.

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 page 7 for a listing of NPS-sponsored events for the month of September.



Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park Guidebook

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

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 KMNBP & the Kennesaw Mountain Trails Club.

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Additional Volunteers needed! Call today!



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U.S. Department of the Interior

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Kennesaw, GA 30152

(770) 427-4686 phone
www.nps.gov/kemo

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www.nps.gov/kemo

Kennesaw Mountain News Release

Release Date: Immediately

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

John Ward Creek Crossing Closed to Horseback Riders

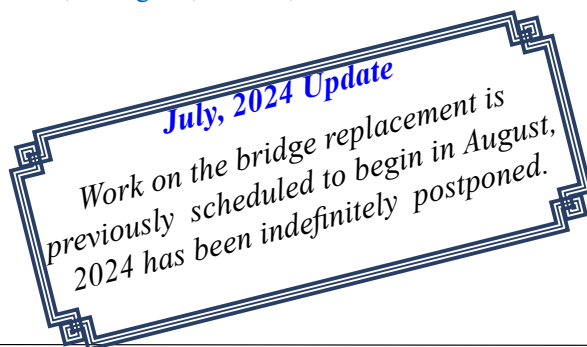
Kennesaw, GA – Effective immediately, the John Ward Creek crossing just south of the Illinois Monument is closed to horseback riders until further notice. This closure stems from a safety concern due to hazardous conditions relating to an unstable streambed. The closure affects the creek crossing between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

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

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

[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 - Update September, 2, 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:

Please be advised that beginning Tuesday, September 2, 2025, the Cobb County Department of Transportation (Cobb County DOT) and the Cobb County Marietta Water Authority (CCMWA) will be closing Stilesboro Road, from Gilbert Road to the Visitor Center's Entrance, to replace and upgrade an underground water main. See the link below for anticipated road closure dates. Access to the visitor center lot will remain open during all phases of construction.

This closure will affect travel routes to the park's Visitor Center. The entrance to the Visitor Center parking lot will only be accessible via Old Highway 41.

Officials from Cobb County DOT have assured that there will be multiple detours around the road closure. This closure is scheduled to occur in three phases and will also tie into the pre-construction work affiliated with the proposed new roundabouts on Old Highway 41.

For more information regarding the project, please visit the link below where you can view CCMWA's project flyer, maps, and contact information:

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

Image Description: Trees with green foliage flank a road entrance to a busy parking lot.

Image Credit: NPS Photo

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

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>







Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park Interpretive Programs for **September**



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

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.

September 2nd, @2 pm – Museum Tour

This 1- hour program is a perfect primer for the Atlanta Campaign and the Battle of Kennesaw Mountain. Our Rangers will tell the story of the war in North Georgia, using the artifacts in the museum as a medium.

September 7th, @ 11 am – Assault Trail 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)***

September 13th @11 am – New Salem Community Talk

As the Civil War raged through North Georgia, the citizens of Cobb County found themselves facing the storm of bullets and shells of the clashing armies. Hear the story of the community that found themselves in the heart of the Battle of Kennesaw Mountain.

****Parking is at the Pigeon Hill Parking Area (Tour Stop 4 on brochure)***

September 14th @ 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).***

September 20th @11 am, 12 pm, 2 pm and 3 pm: Infantry Demonstrations

The Atlanta Campaign was known for the brutal conditions in the trenches and relentless fighting. The soldier that bore the brunt of these hardships was the average infantryman. The programs at the above-listed times explore this profession, including camp life and drill. There will be rifle shoots at the end of each program.

September 21st, @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.

September 27th and 28th, @ 11 am, 12 pm, 2 pm and 3 pm – 33rd AL/4th KY Living History

Join us and our special guests from the 33rd AL regiment for a weekend of infantry and living history programs. These living historians will be faithfully portraying infantry tactics and camp life unique to the Civil War soldier during the Atlanta Campaign.

****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

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

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

Trail Ambassador Co-Directo, **Lauri Poppel** 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--Matthew 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.***

For Immediate Release July 24, 2025

Contact: Kathy Bearden, Friends of Kennesaw Mountain Board Member
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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 had a wide distribution, and has never been screened in Georgia, 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.

Tickets & Info: 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 students



**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) (plus tax)

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](#).

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.

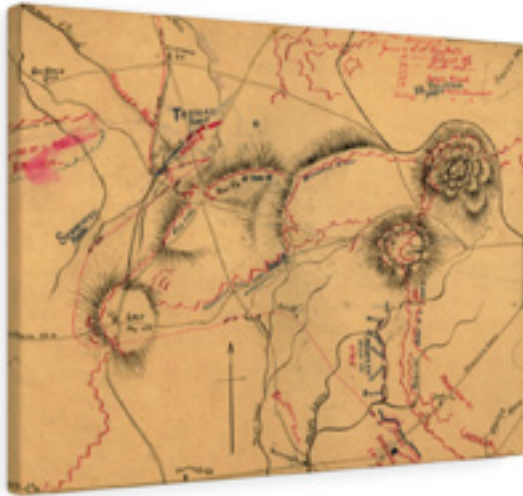
More information about the Friends can be found at <https://friendsofkmnbp.org/>.



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.



Front



Back

Portable Section Maps

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



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



Five 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:



6. 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
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<u>Pledge:</u>	<u>Amt</u>
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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 _____



West Cobb City Article

At last night's meeting, the Friends' article in West Cobb City Lifestyle was mentioned. Here is a link to the article: <https://citylifestyle.com/articles/the-friends-of-kennesaw-mountain>

New Banners!

The Friends have purchased new banners that will be displayed at the Visitor Center and at Special Events

Andrew Bramlett





Kennesaw Mountain Trail Club

August 9, 2025, Workday

On Friday, August 9, Bill, Donald, Eric, Rich, and I put out flags and discussed the workplan.

The workday covered the beginning of the Camp Brumby Trail from the Visitor Center to roughly 2 miles past it.

We had 10 crew leaders for the workday. The Crew Leaders were Aron, Bill, Curt, Donald, Eric, Geoff, Kirsten, Rich, Tom, and me. We had 5 Ambassadors, they were Debbie, Don, Karen, Laurie, and Yvonne. They did registration, helped with parking, and provided an adult presence for the high school students while working. We had 59 volunteers, they were from the Hillgrove High School JROTC unit (29), Allatoona High School JROTC unit (21), the Atlanta Outdoor Club (5), Boy Scout Troop 802 (1), and website signups (3). The total attendance was 74 including Crew Leaders, Ambassadors, and Volunteers.

I welcomed the volunteers at the picnic area, did a safety briefing, talked about the September Workday, encouraged them to attend the September 7 film "Out There", and split our volunteers into three teams. Donald and I each drove

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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 9 for a list of activities/functions needed to maintain the organizations and contact the various department heads to volunteer!

Crew Leader & Trail Ambassador Positions Available!

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

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

Mike Collett - trails@kennesawmountaintrailclub.org

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

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

BSA SCOUT - UNIT UNKNOWN

BSA TROOP 802

HILLGROVE HS NJROTC

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This Past Month's Volunteers

We had 74 total volunteers for the August 9, 2025 Work Day, from the following organizations, along with several individuals:

ATLANTA OUTDOOR CLUB

ALLATOONA HS NJROTC

HILLGROVE HS NJROTC

BSA TROOP 802

September 13 Work Day

Our next workday is Saturday, September 14, 2025. We will be working on the Hardage Mill Trail working out of the Pigeon Hill parking lot.

Mike Collett

Trails Director

August 9th Work Day Continued from Page 17

Gators between Teams with water and additional tools. I also answered questions, ensuring the workplan was being followed. Geoff monitored the parking lot.

Team A was led by Eric with Kirsten assisting. The Allatoona NJROTC unit and members of the Atlanta Outdoor Club (24). They worked on cleaning ditches and debarming from the Visitor Center to the intersection of the Brumby Trail and the Brumby Connector Trail.

Team B was led by Tom with Rich assisting, half of the Hillgrove JROTC unit, the Scout from Troop 802, and members of the Atlanta Outdoor Club (19). They worked on cleaning ditches and debarming from the intersection of the Brumby Connector Trail and Kennesaw Mountain Drive to just before the red 4.5 marker debarming and cleaning drainage ditches.

Team C was led by Bill with Aron and Curt assisting and the other half of the Hillgrove JROTC unit (16). They worked on cleaning ditches and debarming from the end of line 3 to just before red marker 4.



Before.



After.



Pictures of our volunteers working.

Mike Collett
Trails Director

Trail Ambassador Report

July meeting 2025

October 2024 - May 2025.

- 41 education events field trips were staffed, along with the spring break Cobb County story time, and Jr Ranger day.
- This effort involved 2186 students teachers, parents, chaperons
- We definitely are making an impact on the community!
- Participants were made up of Students K — 12 , specials needs groups with students up to age 21, public schools, private schools, Christian schools, home school groups, AP history high school class special needs groups — autistic, hearing impaired, 1 in a wheel chair. All needs were addressed, and students had a positive experience.



June 2025 - training hike with all field trip leaders lead by Jake Boling

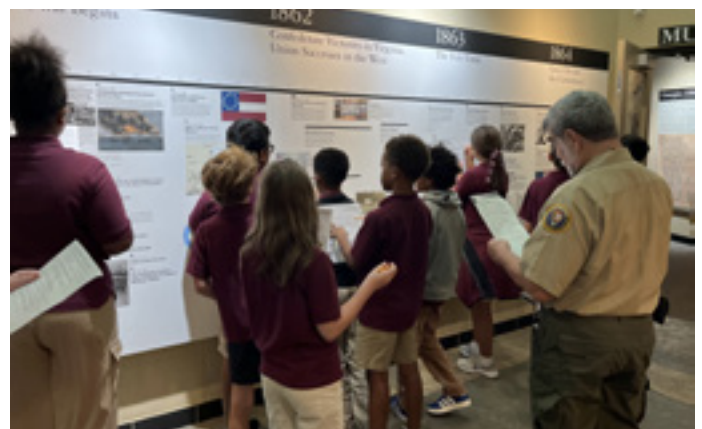
Dave Dubelle, Karen Petrella, Tom Taylor, Noah Mayeux, Kathy Van Valkenburg purpose: To fine tune our teaching points, to ensure that the points in the Georgia Standards of Excellence were addressed (which vary depending on the grade level and also the field trip option that they have signed up for).

August 2025

- Bi-annual training for education volunteers — August 5, 10-1 pm
This was open for any interested in volunteering with field trips.
- Field trip leader training — August 19, 10-1 pm
Sign up for this training was limited to those who have completed the basic field trip training at least once and have volunteered in some field trips events.

Kathy Van Valkenburg
Trail Ambassador Co-Director

Photos by Kathy Van Valkenburg.



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.



September 13th Work Day -

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

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 September's work day, parking and registration will be in the field adjacent to the Pigeon Hill Parking lot (at the intersection of Burnt Hickory and Old Mountain Rd..). Vehicle Entrance Passes will be issued at registration.

If your school, church, business, or community organization would like to schedule a special work day as a team

building or public service activity, e-mail us at trails@kennesawmountaintrailclub.org at least 4 weeks in advance. Trail work can be performed any day of the week.

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

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

Cancellation policy

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

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August 9 Work Day

Photos by Scott Mackay



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KENNESAW MOUNTAIN NATIONAL BATTLEFIELD PARK

Trail Maintenance Map

