



Mark Your Calendar



Hike & Help the Hemlocks Saturday, September 24, 2016

9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Fall Branch Falls / Stanley Creek near Cherry Log



Save Georgia's Hemlocks and the Benton MacKaye Trail Association are teaming up again for our annual **Hike and Help the Hemlocks**, an education and service event in support of the U. S. Forest Service to save the hemlocks on the Chattahoochee National Forest. This year's outing will be in the Fall Branch Falls / Stanley Creek hemlock conservation area in Gilmer County.

Following a short orientation, members of both organizations will work together in small teams to treat (or re-treat) pre-tagged hemlocks to protect them against the hemlock woolly adelgid, the invasive insect that's killing them all across north Georgia. You'll not only be **saving trees on our public lands** but also **learning how to treat your own trees** (if you don't already know).

We'll pause for a picnic lunch beside the waterfall, some interesting lunch-and-learn presentations, and a time to get to know other good folks who share a love of the outdoors. The weather should be good, the scenery lovely, the work rewarding, and the company great! So dust off your boots and invite a friend to come along!

Participants must register in advance. Driving directions and other details will be posted on the SGH and BMTA web sites.

Space may be limited, so please register early. For registration and details:

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