

Volunteers Wanted!

Eastern Hemlock Restoration Project

Team up with Save Georgia's Hemlocks and Trout Unlimited to plant eastern hemlock trees along Rock Creek in Murray County. This is a community project organized by an AmeriCorps VetsWork-sponsored intern assigned with the U. S. Forest Service in the Conasauga Ranger District-to enhance trout habitat on public land, where people can enjoy the experience of fishing on healthy trout waters for generations to come.



- WHAT:** Planting 30 to 60 hemlock saplings on a 1,500-foot segment of Rock Creek.
- WHEN:** Friday, October 20, 2017, 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. (or sooner if we finish early).
- WHERE:** Volunteers will meet at the Mountain View Baptist Church parking lot at [3921 S. Old Federal Rd., Chatsworth, GA](#). Please be on time. The work site itself is on Rock Creek off Peoples Lake Road, GPS heading 84 deg 40' 18.112" W 34 deg 44' 40.389" N.
- SCHEDULE:** 9:30 – 10:00 a.m. Receive overview of project and safety briefing. Caravan to the work site.
10:00 – 10:30 a.m. Prepare for hemlock planting: instruction and demonstration of planting process, team assignments, work kits.
10:30 a.m. – noon – Work in small teams to plant saplings at flagged sites along the waterway. The saplings will have been pre-treated to protect them against the hemlock woolly adelgid and will be staged with the necessary planting materials at the planting sites.
Noon – Picnic lunch (provided by Save Georgia's Hemlocks), fellowship, and maybe a few short lunch-and-learn talks.
1:00 – 2:30 p.m. Resume work if not already finished. Then clean up and depart for home.
- ACCESS:** Mostly level dirt/gravel Forest Service roads; four-wheel drive vehicle a plus.
- TERRAIN:** Level to gently sloping, possibly muddy by waterway.
- WEAR:** Please dress for the weather! Sturdy shoes or boots, long sleeves and pants, work gloves, and rain gear in case of light rain. If you have waterproof boots, wear them as some trees may be planted across the creek.
- BRING:** Shovel and pick ax or mattock if you have them. Personal water bottle; extra bottled water will be provided. If you have any serious allergies (like bee stings), bring whatever you need to manage. No dogs, no glass, no styrofoam please.

LOOKING FOR 20 VOLUNTEERS. PLEASE COME JOIN US!
TO SIGN UP, PLEASE CALL 706-455-2313 OR EMAIL KIMBERLYRAEWOOD@GMAIL.COM.

