



Hemlock Treatment at Blackwell Creek Project Details

DATE: Saturday, April 18, 2015

EVENT: Volunteer hemlock treatment project with the U. S. Forest Service in the Blackwell Creek hemlock conservation area in Union County.

WHERE TO MEET: Meet at Tritt's Country Store (closed) at the intersection of Highway 60 and Cooper Gap Rd. a little bit southeast of Suches. See map and driving directions on next page.



SCHEDULE: **9:00 a.m.** – Meet at Tritt's. From there, we'll caravan down Cooper Gap Rd., which becomes Forest Service Rd. 42, to the parking spot.

9:30 a.m. – Following a short orientation, we'll divide into teams and begin re-treating 150 pre-tagged hemlocks, applying Imidacloprid by soil injection. Then, if time permits, we may scout the area for a few additional hemlocks that are still viable for first-time application of Imidacloprid and treat them too.

Mid-day – Sack lunch at your work site.

2:00 p.m. – We should be finished treating the trees by this time. Then we'll clean the injectors and caravan back to Tritt's by 2:30.

WHAT TO WEAR: Dress for the weather and the activity, including work gloves, sturdy footwear with socks, long pants and long sleeves. Hard hats and nitrile gloves will be provided.

WHAT TO BRING: Pack a sack lunch and personal water bottle, insect repellent and sun screen if you need it, a camera if you like, and a small day pack to carry everything in. We'll provide some snacks, extra bottled water and dessert. If you're allergic to bee stings, bring whatever you need to manage.

WHAT NOT TO BRING: This is an environmentally-friendly, pack-it-in pack-it-out event, so please don't bring any glass or styrofoam items. Also, as much as we love dogs, please don't bring them this time.

QUESTIONS: Call Donna at 706-429-8010 or email donna@savegeorgiashemlocks.org.

Driving Directions

- Just beside Tritt's Country Store, turn onto Cooper Gap Rd. It is paved for the first mile or so. Then it becomes Forest Service Rd. 42-1 and is a good gravel road after that.
- Continue to follow Cooper Gap Rd./FS 42-1 to the fork where Cooper Gap Rd./FS 42-1 goes to the right and Grassy Gap Rd./FS 55 goes to the left. Bear right.
- The next road on the right is FS 42-2. Turn there and park. Then we'll walk ¼ to ½ mile on an old road bed that goes gradually downhill to the 3 work sites. The sites themselves are fairly flat.

