

Project Details - Hemlock Sapling Rescue at Smithgall Woods

Date: Saturday, November 11, 2017

Event: Volunteer hemlock sapling rescue project at Smithgall Woods in White County. See map on next page.



Thanks to the kind permission of the GA DNR, the plan is to rescue (dig up) 100-200 small saplings that are too small to be included in a treatment project and therefore likely to die from the hemlock woolly adelgid. This rescue project will save them for use in educational and service events. They will be treated for adelgid protection as they are being potted the following day (see our [Schedule of Events](#) page).

Where to Meet: Volunteers will gather at the Smithgall Woods Visitors Center, 61 Tsalaki Trail, Helen. *Please be on time.* See maps starting on next page.

Schedule: **11:00 a.m.** – **Volunteers** report to Visitors Center.

After a briefing on the areas where we'll be digging, selection of saplings, leave-no-trace rescue process to be used, and safety reminders, you will be organized into small teams including one experienced SGH Facilitator per team, receive your equipment and supplies, hike a short distance to your rescue site, and begin work.



1:00 p.m. – Volunteers will come together for a group picnic in the campground. After lunch we will resume work, if necessary, to complete the project.

By 3:00 p.m. – We'll stop work, clean up, and then head for home.

Terrain: The terrain at the work sites is level to moderately rolling. We'll make sure everyone is assigned to a work site where they can be safe and comfortable.

What to Wear: Dress for the weather and the activity, including **long pants and long sleeves, sturdy footgear** with socks, work gloves, and rain gear in case of light rain.

What to Bring: Please bring spades / shovels if you have them, marked with you name; also plastic grocery bags for temporary keeping of dug saplings.

Pack a sack lunch, personal water bottle, and a camera if you like. A small day pack to carry things in may come in handy. We'll provide some snacks and extra bottled water. If you have any serious allergies (like bee stings), bring whatever you need to manage.

Don't 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.

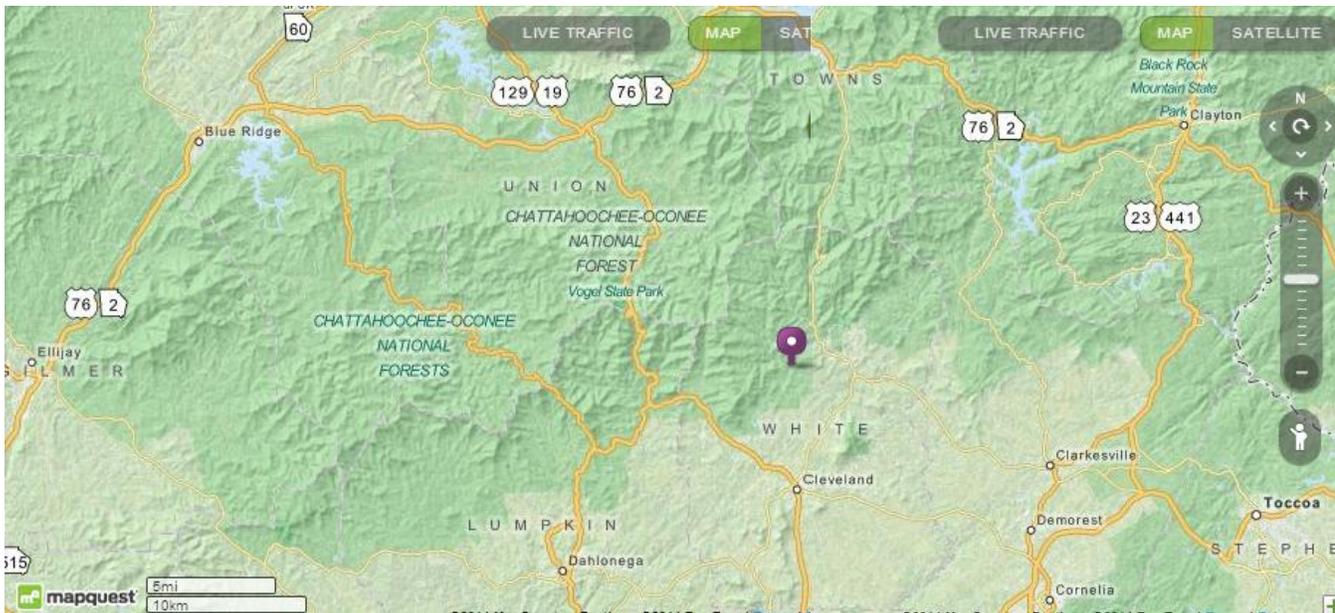
Registration: Participants must sign up in advance by contacting Kim Wood at 706-455-2313 or kimberlyraewood@gmail.com. If you have questions, please call or email before you get to the area as cell communication service may be sketchy.



Smithgall Woods Visitor Center, 61 Tsalaki Trail, Helen, GA 30545.

Phone 706-878-4736

Parking fee \$5 per car, free for volunteers.



Directions From Cleveland:

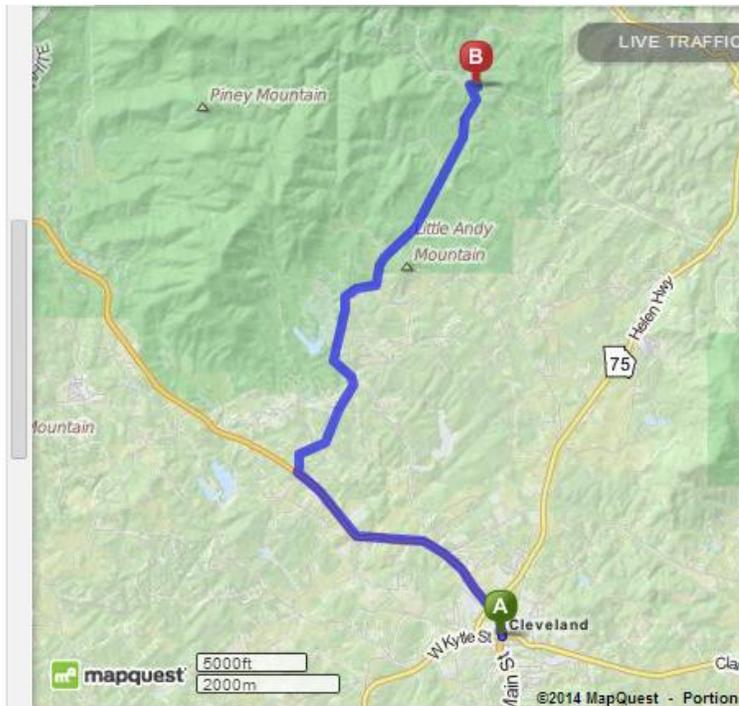
-  1. Start out going west on E Kytie St/GA-115. 0.01 mi

-  2. Take the 1st right onto N Main St/US-129 N/GA-11. Continue to follow US-129 N/GA-11. 3.4 mi
*Allstate Insurance is on the corner
If you are on W Kytie St and reach Courthouse Sq
you've gone a little too far*

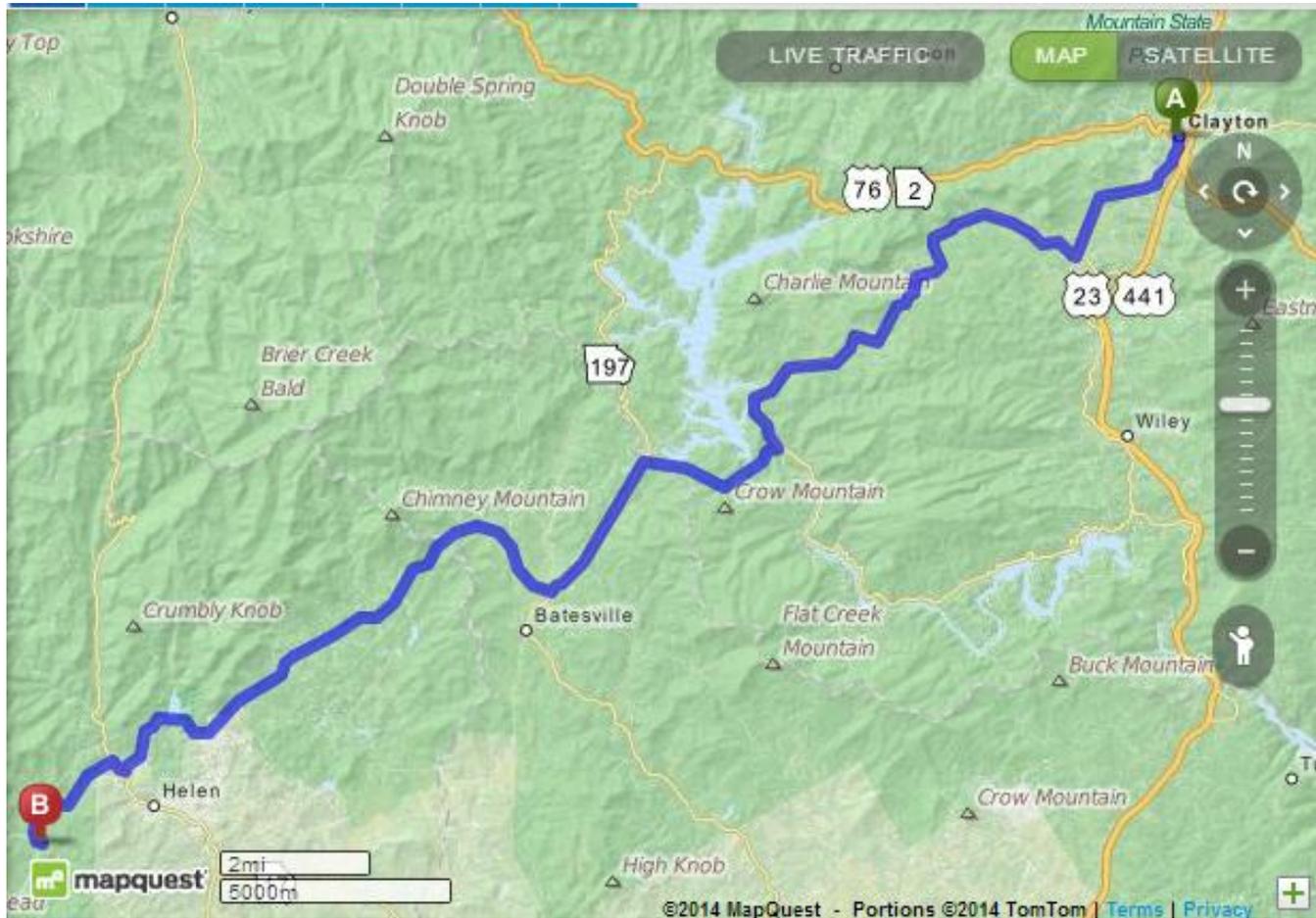
-  3. Turn right onto GA-75 Alt/Highway 75 5.7 mi
Alternate.
*GA-75 Alt is just past Twin Lakes Rd
If you reach Tesnatee Gap Valley Rd you've gone
about 0.4 miles too far*

-  4. Turn right onto Tsalaki Trl. 0.1 mi
*Tsalaki Trl is 0.5 miles past McConnell Dr
If you reach GA-348 you've gone about 0.1 miles
too far*

-  5. **61 TSALAKI TRL** is on the left. 0.2 miles too far
*If you reach Harvest Hill Dr you've gone about 0.2
miles too far*



Directions From Clayton:



- 1. Start out going south on S Main St toward Roane Aly. 0.9 mi

- ↶ 2. Turn slight left onto Old 441 S. 2.4 mi

- ↷ 3. Turn right onto Bridge Creek Rd. 9.7 mi
Bridge Creek Rd is just past Thomas St United States Postal Service is on the corner If you are on Blair St and reach Taylor St you've gone a little too far

- ↷ 4. Turn right onto Burton Dam Rd. 2.9 mi

- 197 5. Turn left onto Highway 197 N/GA-197. 3.1 mi

- 356 6. Turn right onto Highway 356/GA-356. 10.8 mi
Highway 356 is 0.1 miles past Goshen Creek Rd If you reach Meadowview Rdg you've gone about 0.1 miles too far

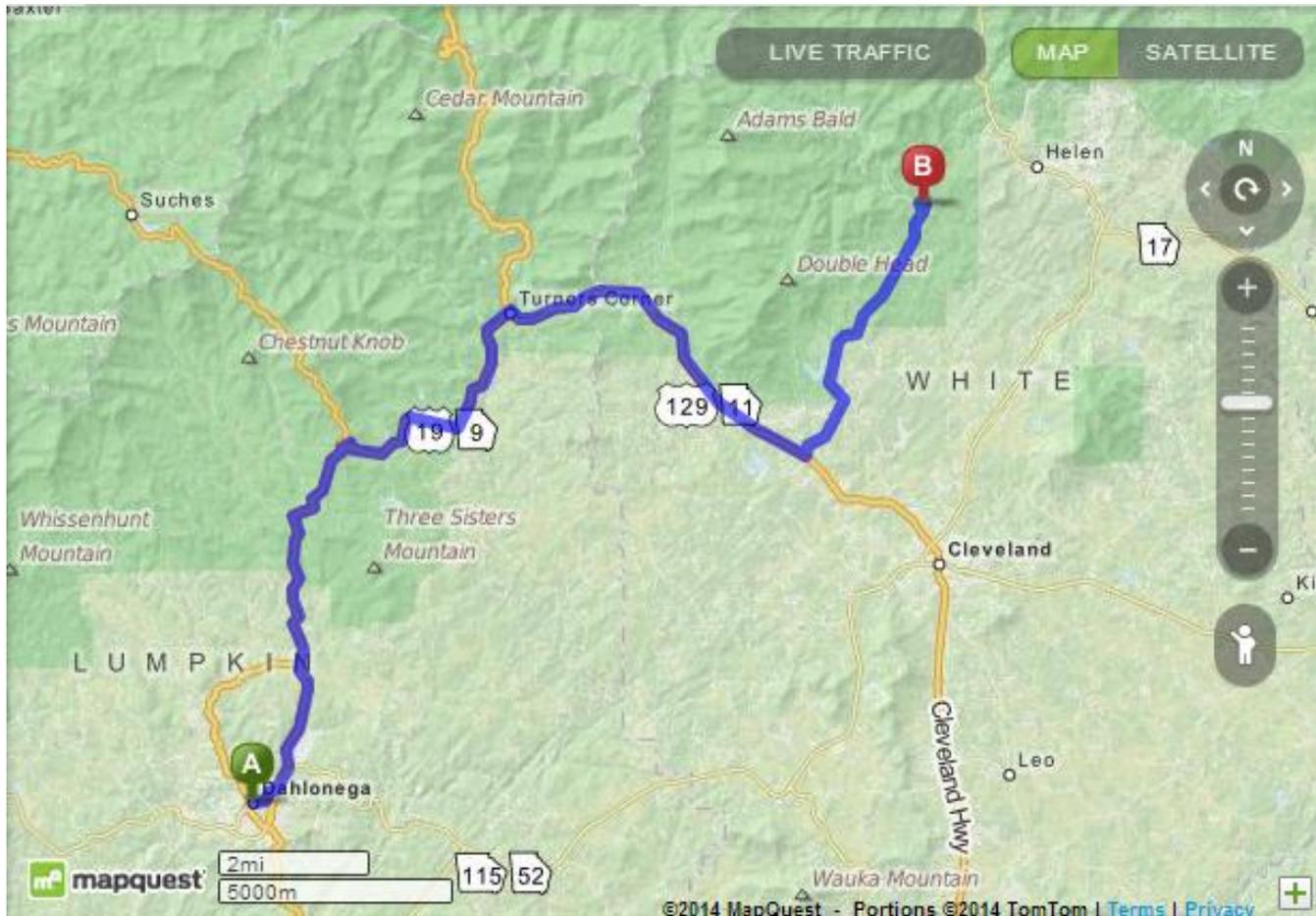
- 17 7. Turn right onto Highway 75 N/GA-17/GA-75. 0.3 mi
Shooters On The River is on the corner

- ALT 75 8. Take the 1st left onto Highway 75 Alternate/GA-75 Alt. 2.4 mi
Highway 75 Alternate is 0.1 miles past Elrod Rd If you reach Clayton Rd you've gone about 0.2 miles too far

- ↶ 9. Turn left onto Tsalaki Trl. 0.1 mi
Tsalaki Trl is 0.1 miles past GA-348 If you reach McConnell Dr you've gone about 0.5 miles too far

- 10. 61 TSALAKI TRL is on the left. 0.2 mi
If you reach Harvest Hill Dr you've gone about 0.2 miles too far

Directions From Dahlonega: 25.38 miles, 35 minutes



1. Start out going east on E Main St/GA-52 Bus 0.5 mi toward Boyd Cir.

2. Turn left onto Morrison Moore Pkwy E/US-19 N/GA-60/GA-52/GA-9. Continue to follow US-19 N/GA-60/GA-9.



*US-19 N is 0.1 miles past Turner Rd
JERRYS SUPERETTE is on the corner
If you are on Walmart Way and reach Consolidated Gold Mine Rd you've gone a little too far*

3. Turn slight right onto Highway 19 N/US-19 N/GA-60/GA-9. Continue to follow Highway 19 N/US-19 N/GA-9.



*Highway 19 N is 0.1 miles past Wards Creek Dr
If you reach the end of Regent Dr you've gone about 0.2 miles too far*

4. Turn right onto Turners Corner Rd/US-129 S/GA-11. Continue to follow US-129 S/GA-11.



5. Turn left onto GA-75 Alt/Highway 75 Alternate.



*GA-75 Alt is 0.4 miles past Tesnatee Gap Valley Rd
If you reach Twin Lakes Rd you've gone a little too far*

6. Turn right onto Tsalaki Trl. 0.1 mi



*Tsalaki Trl is 0.5 miles past McConnell Dr
If you reach GA-348 you've gone about 0.1 miles too far*

7. 61 TSALAKI TRL is on the left.
If you reach Harvest Hill Dr you've gone about 0.2 miles too far