

Project Details for West Fork Campground & Chattooga River Trail (Rabun County)

Date: Saturday, May 12, 2018

Event: Volunteer Hemlock Treatment Project at the West Fork Campground & Chattooga River Trail in Rabun County.

Where to Meet: West Fork Campground is located east of Clayton, GA on Overflow Creek Road (aka FS 86).
Address is: 919 Overflow Creek Road, Clayton.
GPS coordinates are:
DMS: N 34 56 53.47 and W 83 12 13.719
DD: 34.948186 and -83.203811



Directions: From U.S. Highway 441 N in Clayton, GA. Turn east on Warwoman Road and drive 13.2 miles to the intersection with Overflow Creek Road. Turn left on Overflow Creek Road (aka FS 86) and drive 1.0 mile to campground sign & entrance on left.

Schedule: **9:00 a.m.** – SGH volunteer Team leaders report.

9:30 a.m. – Hemlock Helpers will receive a briefing on the condition of the hemlocks, treatment 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, be directed to your treatment site, and begin treating trees.

12:30 p.m. – Treatment teams should come together for a group picnic. After lunch we will resume treatments. Upon completion of the West Fork Campground, we will relocate to the Chattooga River Trail located several miles away on Highway 28 to treat those hemlocks.

By 3:30 p.m. – Our target project completion time is 3:30 p.m. We'll stop work, clean the equipment and then head for home or feel free to explore this beautiful area of north Georgia.

Terrain: The terrain at the West Fork Campground project site is relatively flat to moderately rolling. The terrain at the Chattooga River Trail is a little more challenging and steep at places on either side of the trail. We'll make sure everyone is assigned to a work site or job assignment where they can be safe and comfortable.

What to Wear: Dress for the weather and the activity, including **long pants and long sleeves, sturdy footwear** with socks, gloves, and rain gear in case of light rain. Nitrile gloves will be provided for those who will be handling chemicals. Hardhats will also be provided for your safety.

What to Bring: Pack a sack lunch, personal water bottle and a camera if you like. Your favorite hiking stick and 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 kimberlyraewood@gmail.com or 706-455-2313. If you have questions, please call or email before you get to the area as cell communication service may be sketchy or non-existent.

