

Project Details for West Wildcat Road Hemlock Treatment Project (Rabun County)

Date: Saturday, July 14, 2018

Event: Volunteer hemlock treatment project along West Wildcat Road in Rabun County.

Where to Meet: Wildcat Creek Campground #2 (Upper) is located west of Clayton, GA on West Wildcat Road.
Address is: 4208 West Wildcat Road, Clayton.
GPS coordinates are:
DMS: N 34 49 55.999 and W 83 37 33.999
DD: 34.832222 and -83.626111



Directions: From Clayton, GA, take US Rt. 76 west for 9.7 miles to State Rt. 197. Turn left (south) onto Rt. 197 and go 5.1 miles to West Wildcat Rd. (FS Rt. 26). Turn right (west) onto West Wildcat Road and go 4.4 miles to campground sign & entrance on right. We will be treating both sides of the road which extends north above Campground #2 (Upper) and parallels Wildcat Creek. According to prior treatment logs, 180 trees were last treated in fiscal year 2010.

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.

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 along West Wildcat Road project site is moderately rolling to steep. 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 footgear** 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 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 or. If you have questions, please call or email before you get to the area as cell communication service may be sketchy or non-existent.

