

Come join us for a special day!



Hike & Help the Hemlocks Saturday, November 16, 2019

9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Benton MacKaye Trail & Appalachian Trail at Long Creek Falls



Save Georgia's Hemlocks and the Benton MacKaye Trail Association will be joined this year by Trout Unlimited, the Georgia Appalachian Trail Club, and others for our annual **Hike and Help the Hemlocks**, an education and service event to save the hemlocks on some of our beautiful shared lands. This year's outing will be on the Benton MacKaye and Appalachian Trails around Long Creek Falls near Three Forks, southeast of Blue Ridge.

Following a short orientation, volunteers will work together in small teams to treat (or re-treat) the hemlocks along the trails to protect them against the hemlock woolly adelgid, the invasive insect that's killing them all across north Georgia. Participants will not only be helping to **save trees in the forest** but also **learning how to treat their own trees** (if they don't already know).

We'll pause at midday for a picnic lunch beside the waterfall, some interesting lunch-and-learn presentations, and a time to get to know other good folks who share a love of the outdoors. The weather should be good, the scenery lovely, the work rewarding, and the company great! So dust off your boots and invite a friend to come too.

Participants must register in advance. Driving directions and details will be provided when you sign up.

Space may be limited, so please register early.

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