

**Project Details for
Bob Creek HCA 58 & Lordamercy Cove HCA 66
Hemlock Treatment Project
(USFS Blue Ridge District- Union County)**



Date:	Saturday, August 24, 2019
Event:	Volunteer Hemlock Treatment Project of Bob Creek & Lordamercy Cove Hemlock Conservation Areas (HCAs) in Union County.
Where to Meet:	Bob Creek HCA is located off of Hwy 180 south of Blairsville, GA via Hwy 129 / 19 and north of Vogel State Park. GPS coordinates are: DMS: N 34° 49' 53" and W 83° 49' 26" DD: 34.83139 and -83.82389
Directions:	From Blairsville, GA , drive south on Hwy. 129/19 to intersection with Hwy 180. Turn left onto Hwy 180 & continue on Hwy 180 to Bob Creek Road. Turn left and drive 0.8 mi. From Hiwassee/Macedonia area drive south on Hwy 17-75 (aka Unicoi Turnpike) to Owl Creek Road. Turn right on Owl Creek Road and drive to intersection with Hwy 180. Turn right on Hwy 180 and drive to intersection with Bob Creek Road. Turn right and drive 0.8 mi. From Vogel State Park area drive north on Hwy. 129/19 to the intersection with Hwy 180. Turn right onto Hwy 180. Drive to intersection with Bob Creek Road. Turn left and drive 0.8 mi. From Helen drive north on Hwy 17-75 to intersection with Hwy 75A. Turn left on 75A and drive to intersection with Hwy 348. Right on Hwy 180. Drive to Bob Creek Road. Turn left & drive 0.8 mi. Signs will be posted at the Hwy 180 intersection with Bob Creek Road (FS 292) and at our meeting point. Parking is along the road in several places before and after our meeting site.
Project:	According to prior treatment logs, we expect to treat about 120 trees which were last treated in 2012.
Schedule:	9:00 a.m. – SGH volunteer Team leaders report. 9:15 a.m. – Hemlock Helpers meet to 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. Our morning goal is to complete the treatment of Bob Creek. 12:00 p.m. – Treatment teams should assemble at our meeting site to clean their equipment and to come together for lunch. 12:30 p.m. - After lunch we will caravan to Lordamercy Cove to treat the hemlocks in that HCA. Lordamercy Cove is located along the Richard Russell Scenic Highway (GA Hwy 348). We will caravan via Hwy 180 and 348 to reach the site. Coordinates are: 34.74416, -83.84527 or alternatively 34 44 39 N, 83 50 43 W. By 3:30 p.m. – Our target project completion time is 3:30 p.m.
Terrain:	The terrain in the Bob Creek HCA project area is moderately rolling in one site to almost flat in the other. Lordamercy Cove site is generally along the side of a hill which is steep in places. 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 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 the situation.
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 Bob Pledger at bobpledger49@gmail.com or 706-982-9357. If you have questions, please call or email.

