

Hemlock Treatment at Noontootla Creek, Chester Creek & Long Creek Falls Project Details

Date: Saturday, June 12, 2021

Event: Service event to complete the hemlock treatment around Noontootla Creek, Chester Creek, and Long Creek Falls near Three Forks southeast of Blue Ridge.

Notice: As SGH is committed to protecting the health and safety of our volunteers at all events, we will be following CDC guidelines regarding the *coronavirus* pandemic.

>If you have, or recently have had, a fever or any other symptoms of COVID-19, please do not sign-up and do seek appropriate medical help.

>We will maintain a 6-foot social distancing except for family units.

>Face coverings will not be required but will be available for those wishing to wear them.

>Group size will be limited to 12 volunteers plus the project leader, so please sign up early



Where to Meet: Fellowship Primitive Baptist Church, 5850 Doublehead Gap Rd., Blue Ridge. See driving directions and maps following. Directional signs will be posted. Four-wheel drive is not necessary.

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

9:30 a.m. – All other hemlock helpers, please be on time. First, you'll receive a briefing on the condition of the hemlocks, treatment process to be used, and safety reminders. You'll be organized into small teams including at least one experienced SGH Facilitator per team and receive your equipment and supplies. Then we'll caravan in as few vehicles as possible to the access point for each treatment site and begin treating trees.

12:30 p.m. – Everyone will break for lunch. After lunch, we'll resume work.

By 3:00 p.m. (but probably sooner) – We'll stop work, clean the equipment, caravan back to the church, and head for home.

Access: Access to the treatment sites is via the Forest Service road, and one of the 3 sites has an additional half-mile hike to the site. The hike is easy to moderate.

Terrain: The terrain at the work sites is flat in some places and hilly in others but not dangerously steep anywhere. We'll make sure everyone is assigned to a 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, gloves, and rain gear in case of light rain. Nitrile gloves will be provided for those who will be handling chemicals.



What to Bring: Pack a personal water bottle, sack lunch, hiking stick, and camera if you like. **All 3 sites involve creek crossings, so if you have waders or high-top waterproof boots, bring them!** If you have any serious allergies (like bee stings), bring whatever you need to manage. We'll provide extra bottled water and snacks.

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.** Contact Jim Wentworth, 706-897-0645 or wentwrth@windstream.net. Please provide both your phone number AND email address.

If you have questions, please call or email *before* you get to the area as phone service is sketchy there.

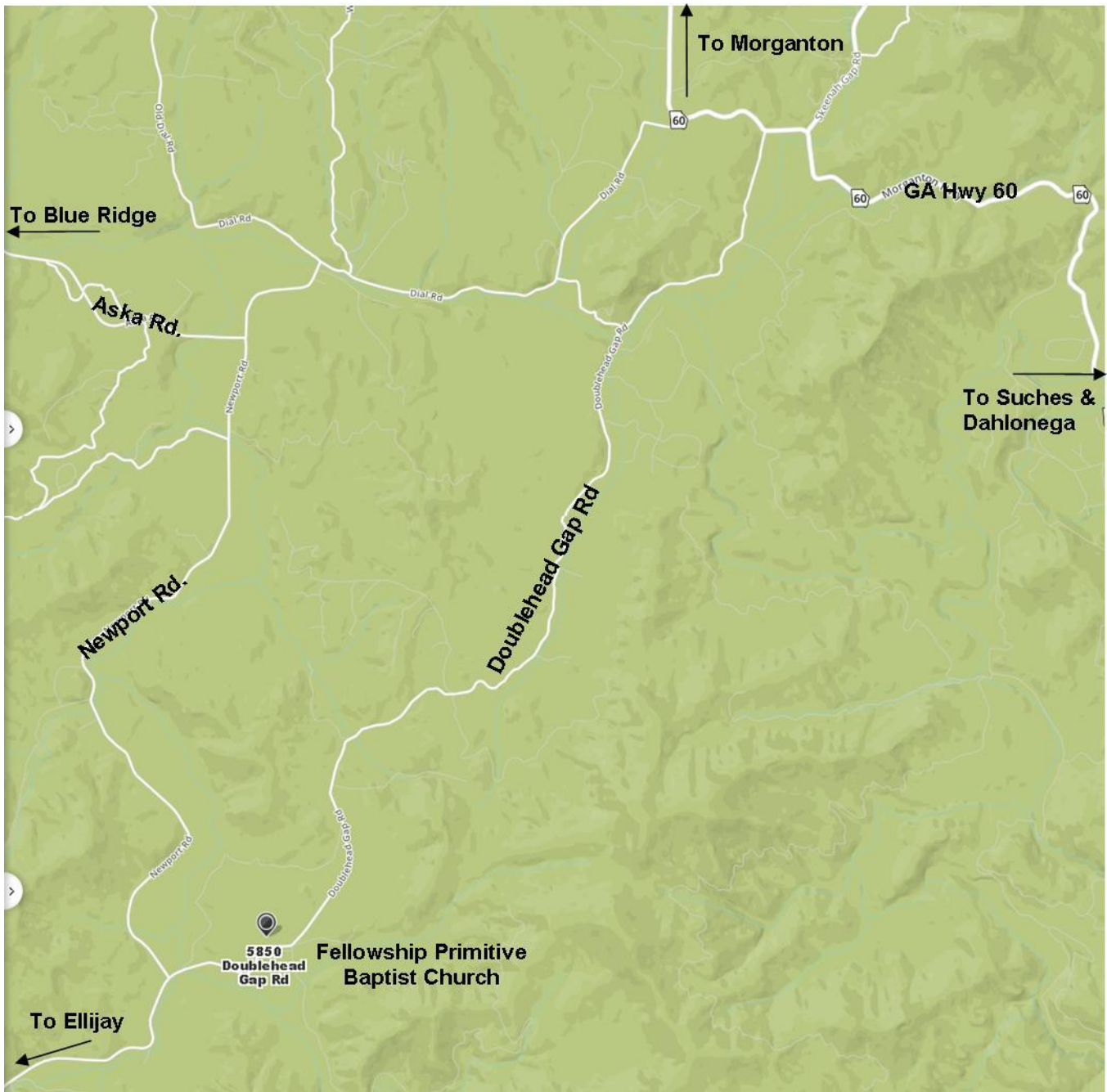
Driving Directions

From Blue Ridge go south on Aska Rd.. Turn right on Newport Rd. Turn left on Doublehead Gap Rd. and travel 0.6 mile to the church.

From Morganton go south on Hwy 60. Turn right on Doublehead Gap Rd. and travel 5.8 miles to the church.

From Dahlonega go northwest on Hwy 60 through Suches. Turn left on Doublehead Gap Rd. and travel 5.8 miles to the church.

From Ellijay go east on Hwy 52, then left on Roy Rd. When Roy Rd. becomes Doublehead Gap Rd., keep going north for 4.75 miles to the church.



See close-up map on next page. 

