

Project Details for Raven Cliffs Trailhead Hemlock Treatment Project (White County)

Date: Saturday, October 13, 2018

Event: Volunteer Hemlock Treatment Project at the Raven Cliffs Trailhead in White County.



Where to Meet: Raven Cliffs Trailhead is located northwest of Helen, GA on Hwy 348 aka Richard Russell Scenic Hwy.

Address is: 3000 Richard Russell Highway, Helen, GA.

GPS coordinates are:

DMS: N 34 42 35.453 and W 83 47 21.433

DD: 34.709848 and -83.78929

Directions: From Helen, GA, head north on GA-17 N/GA-75 N/N Main St./Unicoi for 1.3 miles. Turn left onto GA-75 Alt N and drive several miles to the intersection of Hwy 348. Turn right onto Hwy 348. Drive several miles to the Raven Cliffs USFS sign on the left. Turn left and drive to the parking area. According to prior treatment logs, 125 trees were last treated in 2009. During our 9/15/2018 treatment project we treated 104 trees in this area. However, the areas we were not able to treat contain a high density of hemlocks yet to be treated.

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 as may be needed to complete the area.

By 3:30 p.m. (if not well before) – 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 Raven Cliffs Trailhead project site is moderately rolling. 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 Chris Disser at christinadisser@gmail.com or 678-978-6380. If you have questions, please call or email.

