

Hemlock Treatment at Swallows Creek and Falls Branch Creek Project Details



Date: Saturday, August 7, 2021

Event: Service event to complete the hemlock treatment on Swallows Creek and Falls Branch Creek in Towns County east of Hiawassee

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 has 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 6 volunteers plus the project leader so please sign up early

Where to Meet : Lower Hightower Baptist Church, 3528 Swallows Creek Road, Hiawassee. See maps on last 2 pages. Directional signs will be posted. GPS 34.9207/-083.69590

Schedule: **9:30 a.m.** – All volunteers meet at Lower Hightower Baptist Church. 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.

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, with 3 stream fords. Four-wheel drive is not necessary but will be crossing 3 stream fords and high clearance vehicles recommended.

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. 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.



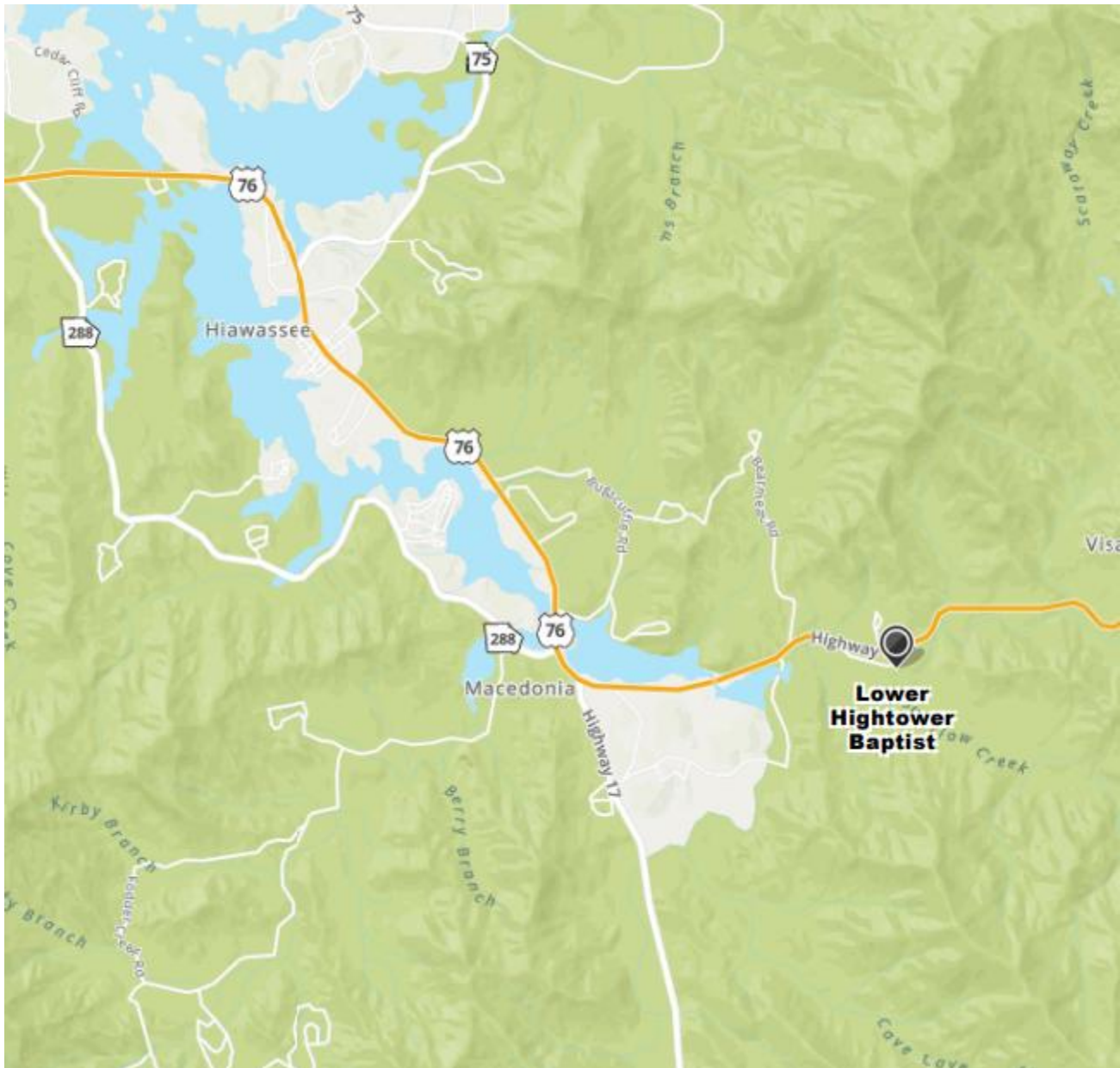
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Driving Directions

From Hiawasse - go east on GA Highway 76 for approximately 5 miles. Turn right on Swallows Creek Road and Lower Hightower Baptist church is 0.1 miles on the right.

From Clayton go west on Georgia Highway 76 for approximately 22 miles. Turn left on Swallows Creek Road and Lower Hightower Baptist church is 0.1 miles on the right.

From Helen go north on Ga Highway 17/75 for approximately 18 miles. Turn right on Georgia Highway 76 and go approximately 2 miles. Turn right on Swallows Creek Road and Lower Hightower Baptist church is 0.1 miles on the right.



See close-up map on next page. 

