

Project Details for Timpson Creek HCA 18 Hemlock Treatment Project (USFS Chattooga River District- Rabun County)



Date:	Saturday, April 10, 2021
Event:	Volunteer Hemlock Treatment Project for Timpson Creek Hemlock Conservation Area (HCA) in Rabun County.
Notice:	<p>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:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If you have, or recently had, a fever or any other symptoms of COVID-19, please do not sign-up and do seek medical help. • All volunteers will be required to wear a face covering. • We will maintain 6-foot social distancing except for family units. • Group size will be limited to 6 volunteers plus the project leader, so please sign up early. Volunteers will be divided into two or three small work teams.
Where to Meet:	Timpson Creek HCA is located off Hwy 76. Turn onto Hwy 76 Loop from Hwy 76. We will meet on the west end of the loop where it intersects with Hwy 76. Parking is restricted. Look for SGH signs on Hwy 76.
Directions:	<p>From Clayton, GA: From downtown Clayton start out going west on Savannah St./GA- Hwy 76 toward Lake Burton and Hiawassee.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continue to follow GA Hwy 76 west for 4.5 miles. • After mile marker 12 look for Hwy 76 Loop on the right, continue for .3 miles on Hwy 76 to the west end of Hwy 76 Loop, turn right. This is our meeting point. See maps attached. <p>From the Bridge over Lake Burton: start by going east toward Clayton on GA Hwy 76 E.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Go 3.9 miles on GA Hwy 76 E. • After mile marker 10 look for Hwy 76 Loop and continue for .3 miles on Hwy 76 to the west end of Hwy 76 Loop and turn left. This is our meeting point. See maps attached. <p>Signs will be posted at the GA Hwy 76, Hwy 76 Loop west end intersection which is our meeting point. Parking is very limited at the meeting site. We will car pool to our treatment sites from the meeting site. If you can car pool to the meeting site, please do.</p> <p>Note: Four-Wheel drive (high carriage) vehicles are required from the meeting point. The road in the treatment area is rough, very narrow with limited parking.</p>
Project:	According to prior treatment logs, we expect to treat 180 trees.
Schedule:	<p>9:30 a.m. – All SGH volunteers report. We will car pool to our first site.</p> <p>10:00 a.m. – Volunteers 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.</p> <p>12:00 p.m. – Treatment teams will assemble at the meeting site/mixing station to clean their equipment and to come together for lunch.</p> <p>12:30 p.m. - After lunch we'll complete site treatment and receive further instructions.</p> <p>By 3:30 p.m. – Our target project completion time is 3:30 p.m.</p>



Terrain:	The terrain in the Timpson Creek HCA is moderately steep with moderate undergrowth. 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 and bring it with you to the treatment site. Bring a 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 Jon Jones at jdjones611@gmail.com or 910-987-0306. Please provide your name, phone number, preferred email address, and your county. If you have questions, please call or email before project date.

