

## Project Details for Hemlock Treatment Project at Smithgall Woods



<b>Date:</b>	Friday, March 25
<b>Event:</b>	Service event to treat or retreat the hemlocks at Smithgall Woods in White County. Park Ranger Will Wagner will be leading the project and has asked for SGH's support.
<b>Notice:</b>	<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 <i>coronavirus</i> pandemic.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>&gt; 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.</li> <li>&gt; We will maintain a 6-foot social distancing except for family units.</li> <li>&gt; Face coverings will not be required but will be available for those wishing to wear them.</li> </ul>
<b>Where to Meet:</b>	Meet in the parking lot next to the Visitors Center. See map on next page.
<b>Schedule:</b>	<p><b>9:00 a.m.</b> – All SGH volunteers report. Please be on time.</p> <p><b>9:10 a.m.</b> – Project leader will give a briefing on the condition of the hemlocks, treatment process to be used, and safety reminders. You will be organized into small teams, receive your equipment and supplies, be directed to your treatment site, and begin treating trees.</p> <p><b>1:00 p.m.</b> – Finish treatment, clean equipment, and depart for home.</p>
<b>Terrain:</b>	The terrain ranges from flat to gently sloping to hilly. We'll make sure everyone is assigned to a work site or job assignment where they can be safe and comfortable.
<b>What to Wear:</b>	Dress for the weather and the activity, including long pants and long sleeves, gloves and sturdy footwear, and rain gear in case of light rain. Nitrile gloves will be provided for those who will be handling chemicals.
<b>What to Bring:</b>	Pack whatever snacks you prefer, personal water bottle, and camera if you like. Your favorite hiking stick and a small day pack to carry things may also come in handy. If you have any serious allergies (like bee stings), bring whatever you need to manage the situation.
<b>Don't Bring:</b>	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.
<b>Registration:</b>	SGH participants must sign up in advance by contacting Donna Shearer at 706-429-8010 or <a href="mailto:donna@savegeorgiashemlocks.org">donna@savegeorgiashemlocks.org</a> . If you have questions, please call or email before the project date.



**Smithgall Woods Visitor Center, 61 Tsalaki Trail, Helen, GA 30545.**  
**Phone 706-878-4736**                      **Parking fee \$5 per car, FREE for volunteers.**

