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Outing Alert

May 16th, 2018

**A Georgia's Mountain Treasures Stroll
 Little Cedar Mountain & Canada Creek
 Sunday, June 3, 2018**

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Canada Creek crossing - photo by Sue Harmon

Hike Leaders: Sue Harmon and Jan Stansell

Hike Location: Little Cedar Mountain (AKA Buzzard Roost) in Suches, GA

Hike Date: Sunday, June 3rd, 2018

Outing Description: Our Suches ForestWatch friends will share the rich history of the area, and of course, we will be checking out all the plants and trees in this beautiful place.

We will ramble up on an old road bed for about one hour before reaching Little Cedar Mountain, where we will take in the undisturbed view. Not a single rooftop in the view shed! Then we will meander another hour and a half, back down the mountain on a trail towards Canada Creek, where we'll have a stable, flat-edged log (10-12 inches wide) for crossing. You need to have enough balance to walk this log without poles, as the log is a bit too high above the water to use them. Next we'll begin a slow climb on an uneven and sometimes steep and rocky trail along Canada Creek to a stunning waterfall and a nearby rock outcrop, where we will break for lunch. There should be some interesting plants along this segment as well.

Our last leg will begin with a short, but seriously steep and tricky climb for about 20 yards up from the waterfall and then a 40-minute, slow and steady bushwhack back towards Hwy 60 in Suches, where we will arrive about 1:30 pm. We will have a short road walk back to the school. Note that the school parking is about equal distance between the dump where we start the walk and Two Wheels of Suches where we end. Both are about 1/3 of a mile along the road shoulder.

Meeting Time, Place and Directions: Meet at 9:30 am at Woody Gap School. [Click](#) for a Google map. We will cozy up into a few cars and shuttle our group to the nearby trail head at the Suches dump, where parking is limited.

Distance and Difficulty: This is a mostly moderate hike of about 4.5 miles total and will be at a leisurely pace, but there are some strenuous stretches and one stream crossing, as described above.

Duration: 9:30 am to 2:00 pm

Participant Limit: 15

What to Bring and Wear: Lunch, plenty of water, rain gear, sturdy footwear. If allergic to bees/wasps, remember to bring your meds/epi-pen. Always watch for ticks.

Cancellation: Hikers will be notified by email by 6:00 pm Saturday, June 2, if the outing is cancelled due to forecast of severe weather, etc.

Pet Policy: No pets, please

Family Safe Policy: Georgia ForestWatch Outings are a smoke-, alcohol-, and drug-free setting.

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Our outings are free of charge and open to everyone on a first come, first served basis, up to the limit. **BUT DON'T FORGET**, ForestWatch members are given early-bird priority on our hikes.** (If you are not a member, please do not register until after May 20th .) To learn how you can become a ForestWatch member, click [here](#) .

To Reserve Your Spot: Register [online](#) or call (706-867-0051) or [email](#) us with the following information:

1. Name of person(s)
2. Your email address
3. Your phone number (preferably cell if you will be carrying it on the outing day)

For more information on the outing, please contact Sue Harmon by [email](#) or call the phone number provided in your confirmation email.

**Members will receive an alert for each outing and the opportunity to register as much as three weeks prior to the event. Non-members will receive the outing alert and be given the opportunity to register four days later. We do not take reservations in advance of the alert posting.

Upcoming Outings & Events Mark Your Calendar and Watch for Alerts!

Tuesday, June 26th - Summer Tree ID, Winfield Scott and Sosebee Cove - *with Sue Harmon, Anne Hughes, and Cliff Shaw*

Tuesday, July 3rd - Medicinal Plants - *with Patricia Kyritsi Howell*

Saturday, July 14th - Cooper Creek Old Growth: Valley of the Giants - *with Sue Harmon, Anne Hughes, and Cliff Shaw*

Saturday, July 21st - Snorkeling - *with the US Forest Service*
(fee to participate; registration opens June 21st)

Saturday, August 4th - Sassafras Mountain Wildflowers - *with Jess Riddle*

