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# ForestWatch Outing

Outing Alert

May 9th, 2018

**A Naturalists' Stroll  
at High Shoals Falls  
Wednesday, May 30, 2018**

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High Shoals Falls - photo by Sue Harmon

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web at [www.gafw.org](http://www.gafw.org)

**Hike Leaders:** Master Naturalists Anne Hughes and Sue Harmon

**Hike Location:** High Shoals Falls Trail

**Hike Date:** Wednesday, May 30th, 2018

**Outing Description:** We will take a slow walk 1.2 miles downhill to the falls, noting anything of interest. Come practice plant and tree ID with us and enjoy sharing your forest knowledge and stories. We will visit Blue Hole Falls and then High Shoals Falls, where we will pause for lunch or a snack. The uphill climb back to the parking area is an elevation gain of about 550 feet over 1.2 miles. We will take it slow and steady with stops as needed, but probably a bit faster than the walk in.

**Meeting Time, Place and Directions:** Meet at 10:00 am at Unicoi Gap Appalachian Trail Parking Area on Hwy 75, north of Helen. See a Google

map [here](#). We will combine into cars and head north on Hwy 75, turning right on Indian Grave Gap Road for a quick ford of the Hiwassee River, then a 1.5 mile drive over a pretty rutted road bed to the trail parking area. High clearance vehicles will be appreciated, but Anne's Subaru could handle it fine and so will Sue's CRV.

**Distance and Difficulty:** Total of 2.5 miles, moderate difficulty--the usual roots, some rock steps, wooden steps, and muddy spots

**Duration:** 2 hours in, lunch, and 1 hour out; should be back to Unicoi Gap by 3:00 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.

**Cancellation:** Hikers will be notified by email by 6:00 pm Tuesday, May 29, 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.

## Sign Up Now! Reservations required

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 12th .) To learn how you can become a ForestWatch member, click [here](#) .

**To Reserve Your Spot:** To register, click [here](#), 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 [here](#) 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!***

Sunday, June 3rd - Little Cedar Mountain Hike - *with Sue Harmon and Jan Stansell*

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*

