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Outing Alert

April 18th, 2018

A Slow Hike at Wit's End: Wildflowers and Conasauga History Saturday, May 5th, 2018

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Wit's End Foot Bridge - photo by John Moeller

Hike Leader: John Moeller

Hike Location: Wit's End, a private parcel that adjoins the Chattahoochee National Forest at the foot of the Cohutta Mountains near Fort Mountain

Hike Date: Saturday, May 5th, 2018 (Cinco de Mayo)

Outing Description: Wit's End is nestled in a verdant valley at the confluence of three streams that flow into Conasauga Creek. Steeped in history, this area was home to the Cherokee and later a thriving settler community which became a traveler's rest waypoint in the east-west travel route from the late 1800s until the advent of cars. A few historic structures remain. We'll take a leisurely one-mile stroll through an acidic cove, a rich north-facing cove, meadows, seeps, and the rich alluvial flood plain, crisscrossing Conasauga Creek multiple times via footbridges. We'll learn about the history of the area as well as the many wildflowers, including pink lady slippers and Vasey's trillium.

Meeting Time, Place and Directions: Meet at 10:00 am at 1199 Conasauga Road, Ellijay, GA 30540. See a Google map [here](#).

Distance and Difficulty: Easy to moderate

Duration: 1.5 to 2 hours of walking, then time for a leisurely lunch

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 Friday, May 4, if the outing is canceled 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**, members are given early-bird priority on our hikes.** 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)

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For more information on the outing, please contact John Moeller by email [here](#). If you need directions on the day of the hike, email Sue Harmon [here](#), or call the phone number provided in your confirmation email. Please note that the ForestWatch office is not open on weekends, so you will need to contact Sue directly.

******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!

Wednesday, May 30th - High Shoals Falls Hike - *with Sue Harmon and Anne Hughes*

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*

