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Outing Alert

American Chestnut Outing with Martin Cipollini Saturday, November 12th, 2016



Burs from a selected third backcross (BC3) chestnut tree at Berry College.

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Outing Leader: Dr. Martin Cipollini, Dana Professor of Biology, Berry

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Outing Location: Fort Mountain State Park

Outing Description: Come learn about chestnut blight and efforts by the Georgia Chapter of the American Chestnut Foundation to help breed advanced hybrids of blight-resistant American chestnuts. Dr. Cipollini will also talk about the American chestnut restoration program. We will visit some wild trees and the Fort Mountain demonstration orchard containing American chestnut advanced hybrids. We may also have the opportunity to plant some American chestnut hybrid seedlings in the demonstration orchard IF the weather turns cooler and wetter.

Outing Date: Saturday, November 12th, 2016

Meeting Time, Place and Directions: We will meet at 11:00am on Saturday. Fort Mount State Park is between Ellijay and Chatsworth, 8 miles east of Chatsworth off Highway 52/2. After turning into the park entrance, stay on the main road, go past the Visitors Center towards the overlook area. There is a parking area on the left side of the road for the only mountain bike trail. We will meet there. Please remember that there will be a \$5 parking fee if you do not have an annual ParkPass.

Distance and Difficulty: Easy, not more than a mile of walking. We will first meet at the parking lot for the mountain bike trail, and take a very short hike to see some pure American chestnuts. We will talk generally about chestnut blight, and then walk back down towards the lake for a presentation in the group shelter. After the presentation we will visit the nearby demonstration orchard.

Participant Limit: None

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: Participants will be notified if 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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Limited Space
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**, Georgia ForestWatch members are given priority on our hikes. To learn how you can become a member, [click here](#).

To Reserve Your Spot: Please email our office at info@gafw.org or call 706-867-0051 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 hike, OR if you need directions on the day of the hike, contact Dr. Cipollini directly at 706-346-7956, since the Georgia ForestWatch office is not open on weekends.

Upcoming Outings & Events - Mark Your Calendars!

November 12th - American Chestnut Outing - *with Dr. Martin Cipollini*

November 19th - Murder Creek RNA Hike, Oconee National Forest - *with Dr. JP Schmidt*

November 26th - Stonewall Trail Hike in Tiger, GA - *with Marie Dunkle*

December 3rd - Geology Hike at Black Rock Mountain State Park - *with Bruce O'Connor*

December 9th - Poetry Hike at Lake Winfield Scott - *with Brenda Smith and Lyn Hopper*

January 1st, 2017 - Rabun Bald Hike - *with Marie Dunkle*

