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**ForestWatch Event**

**Camp Creek Wildflower Hike with SAPS**  
**Saturday, April 6, 2019**

March 13, 2019



Camp Creek - Photo by Jess Riddle

**Hike Leader:** Forest Ecologist Jess Riddle

**Hike Location:** Watergauge Trail and Camp Creek, Rabun County

**Hike Date:** Saturday, April 6, 2019

**Outing Description:** We are teaming up with the Southern Appalachian Plant Society (SAPS) for this mostly easy, two-mile round-trip walk, which will take us down to the Chattooga River and along one of its tributaries. Spring will be in full swing at this low-elevation site. We should see at least half a dozen species of violets, sweet Betsy trillium, and lobed barren strawberry in bloom. We will also stop by the river and see 170-foot white pines, some of the tallest trees in Georgia.

**Meeting Time, Place and Directions:** Meet at 10:00 am. From Clayton, go 8.3 miles south on Hwy 441 and then left on Camp Creek Rd. After 1.5 miles, turn left onto Water Gauge Road. This road will look like a driveway at first, turn to gravel, then pass a conspicuously unmaintained yard. Follow Water Gauge Rd 4.0 miles to its end. (See Google map here.) In the past this road has been navigable for a passenger car, but the couple of rough spots may be worse after our wet winter.

**Distance and Difficulty:** Two miles round trip and easy to moderate in difficulty. The pace will be relaxed as we stop to talk about whatever catches our interest. However, the first half down to the river is moderately steep, and the second half is along an old roadbed with a few saplings grown up in it.

**Duration:** Three to four hours

**Participant Limit:** none

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

**Cancellation:** Hikers will be notified if the hike 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!  
Spaces are limited.  
Reservations are 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 always given priority on our hikes** . To learn how you can become a member, [click here](#) .

**To Reserve Your Spot:** Please register using [this link](#).

**PLEASE READ:** By registering for this event, you certify that you have read and agreed to the ForestWatch [outing waiver of liability](#) .

For more information on the hike, OR if you need directions on the day of the hike, please contact Jess Riddle at [jriddle@gafw.org](mailto:jriddle@gafw.org) or 315-350-1179. Please note that the Georgia ForestWatch office is not open on the weekends, so you will need to contact Jess directly.

## **Upcoming Outings Mark Your Calendar & Watch for Alerts!**

Saturday, March 23 - Three Forks Waterfalls Hike - *with Marie Dunkle*

Saturday, April 20 - Johns Mountain/Blue Springs Branch - *with Jess Riddle*

Saturday, April 27 - Ramp Cove Wildflower Hike - *with Jess Riddle*

Saturday, May 4 - Martin Creek Falls Hike - *with Ted Doll*

Tuesday, May 14 - Medicinal Herbs hike - *with Patricia Kyritsi Howell*

*Georgia ForestWatch outings are advertised first to members, about three weeks in advance.*

*A few days later, if spaces are still available, a notice goes out to all who are on our alert list.  
We do not take reservations in advance of the email alert.*



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