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ForestWatch Outing

Outing Alert

December 18th, 2017

Celebrate New Year's Day With Us!

**Rabun Bald Hike
and Stekoa Creek Park Potluck
Monday, January 1st, 2018**

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View from Rabun Bald

Hike Leaders: Sue Harmon, Becky McSwain, Brenda Smith, and Melanie Vickers

Hike Location: Rabun Bald and Stekoa Creek Park, Clayton, GA

Outing Description: We'll offer two options for celebrating the New Year together, both of which will finish off with a potluck lunch at 1:00pm at the Stekoa Creek Park shelter. If it's cold, we'll crank up the fireplace, so bring your marshmallows. All are welcome, even if you don't plan to hike or walk.

Hike A: Climb Rabun Bald before the crowds arrive!

Hike B: Enjoy a walk in the park at Stekoa Creek, at your leisure, with other ForestWatchers.

Meeting Time, Place and Directions: Both hikes and the potluck meet at Stekoa Creek Park: Click [here](#) for map.

Hike A: Meet at 9:00am to arrange carpool and shuttle over to Rabun Bald.

Hike B: Meet at 12:00noon for the park walk.

Potluck lunch for ALL at 1:00pm at the park shelter.

Distance and Difficulty:

Hike A: Rabun Bald - We'll take a steady, moderate pace for the 1.5 mile climb up the mountain and briefly enjoy the views before heading back down to meet others for the potluck. Total of 3 miles, hike duration 2.5 to 3 hours

Hike B: Stekoa Creek Park walk - Meet at 12:00 at the shelter and enjoy a leisurely stroll before the potluck lunch.

Participant Limit: unlimited

What to Bring and Wear: Food item to share plus your own drink, eating utensils, dinnerware and napkin, plenty of water, rain gear, sturdy footwear. If allergic to bees/wasps, remember to bring your meds/epi-pen.

Cancellation/Rain Date: Hikers will be notified if 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.

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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 register online [here](#), or call or email us (706-867-0051, info@gafw.org) 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, OR if you need directions on the day of the hike, please contact Sue Harmon by email [here](#) or at 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.

Upcoming Outings & Events - Mark Your Calendars!

Wednesday-Thursday, February 7th-8th - Evening Presentation and Winter Tree ID Hike at the [Len Foote Hike Inn](#) - *with Forest Ecologist Jess Riddle*. Participants receive 50% off their reservation at the Inn! Call 1-800-581-8032 for more information or use promotional code GFW to make online reservations [here](#).

Saturday, February 17th - Winter Hike, Wagon Train Trail and Brasstown Bald - *with Sue Harmon and Ken Cissna* (Benton-MacKaye Trail Association)

March 3rd - April 14th - Appalachian Mountain Treasures Photography Exhibit at The Bowen Center for the Arts, Dawsonville, GA

Saturday, April 7th - Geology, Ecology and History along NE GA's Davidson Creek, Habersham County - *with Dr. Bill Witherspoon and Ben Cash*

Saturday, April 28th - Ramp Cove Wildflowers and Big Trees - *with Jess Riddle*



This holiday season, be sure to give the gift that truly keeps on giving with a Georgia ForestWatch membership.

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