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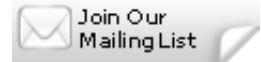
August 30th, 2017

**Family Friendly Hike:
Tesnatee Gap to Cow Rock Mountain
on Saturday, September 16th**

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Hike Leaders: Tom and Sally Colkett

Hike Location: Tesnatee Gap to Cow Rock Mountain (Appalachian Trail Section)

Outing Description: This is an easy to moderate short hike that we think will be fun for families with children. It is steep, but only 1.9 miles round trip. We will take whatever time is needed to accommodate your (or your child's) speed. Taking a leisurely pace, we'll stop to identify plants, trees, birds, etc., as well as to enjoy some views along the way. The top of the mountain provides beautiful views to the East and South and, on a clear day, includes views all the way to Atlanta! We will have lunch at the top, enjoying the views and exploring the area before returning slowly to the cars when everyone is ready. Bring your children!

Hike Date: Saturday, September 16th, 2017

Meeting Time, Place and Directions: We will meet at 9:00am at the parking lot at Tesnatee Gap. (Google Map link [here](#))

Directions from the South: Take Highway 400 north to the end, where it changes to GA 115. Continue on 115 until you reach the traffic light at the intersection of GA 52. Turn right on GA 115/52 and continue approximately 11.5 miles to Tesnatee Gap Valley Road. Turn left on Tesnatee Gap Valley Road and follow to the T-intersection at US 129. Turn left on 129 for 8/10 mile to GA 75-Alt. Turn right on GA 75A and continue for 5.9 miles. Just after the turnoff to Smithgall Woods, turn left on GA 348 (Richard B. Russell Scenic Highway) and drive 7.6 miles to unpaved parking lot on the left. Please allow plenty of time for your drive, as some of these roads, especially GA-348 are very twisty mountain roads!

Distance and Difficulty: Total distance in and out is 1.8 miles.

Duration of Hike: At a leisurely pace and leaving time for lunch and play at the top, this hike should take about 4 hours.

Participant Limit: 12

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 cancellation is required due to forecast of severe weather, etc.

Pet Policy: Friendly, sociable dogs on leash are welcome on this hike.

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**, Georgia ForestWatch members are given early-bird priority. ***Non-members, please register on or after September 2.*** To learn how you can become a member of Georgia ForestWatch, [click here](#).

To Reserve Your Spot: Register [online](#) 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 the day of the hike, contact Tom Colkett by email [here](#) or phone/text the number provided in your confirmation email. Please note that the ForestWatch office is not open on weekends, so please contact Tom directly. Registration for this hike will close at 5:00pm Friday, September 15th.

Upcoming Outings & Events - Mark Your Calendars

Saturday, September 16th - Family Hike (kids & dogs welcome) - *with Sally and Tom Colkett*

Sunday, September 24th - Slow Hike for Artists, Writers and "Forest Bathers" - *with Brenda Smith and Sue Harmon*

Saturday, October 7th - Georgia ForestWatch Fall Retreat and Annual Membership Meeting at Vogel State Park

Friday, October 13th - Hike with Southern Appalachian Plant Society - *with Forest Ecologist Jess Riddle*

Saturday, November 4th - Geology and Natural Communities Walk to Zahnd Tract - *with Leslie Edwards and Bill Witherspoon*

