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# ForestWatch Outing

Outing Alert

January 8th, 2018

**Hemlock Falls Trail Hike  
at Moccasin Creek State Park  
Sunday, January 21st, 2018**

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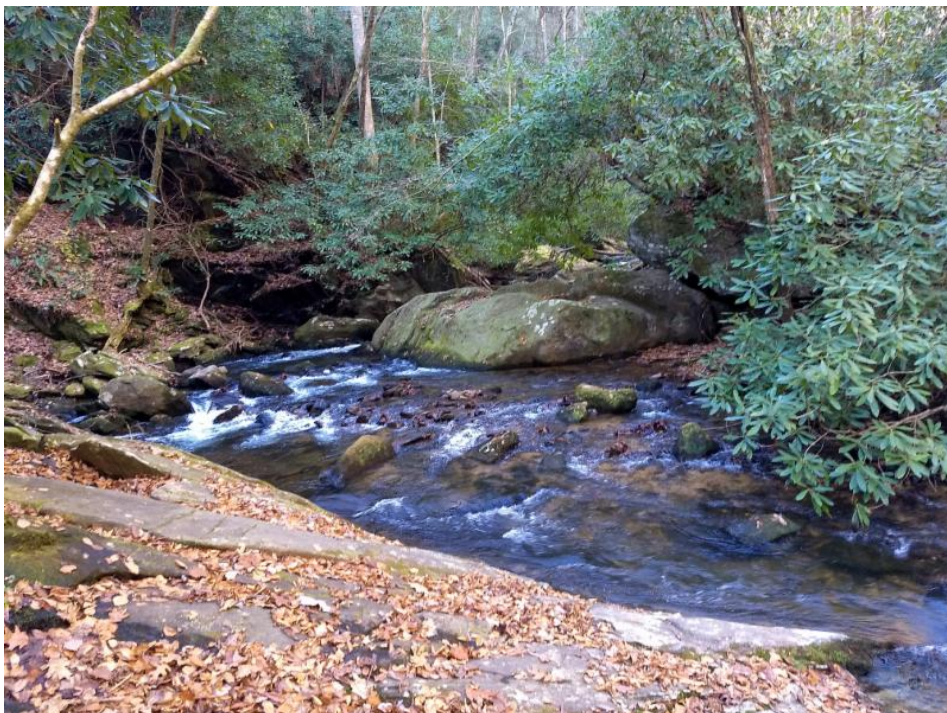
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Moccasin Creek - Hemlock Falls Trail - Photo by Sue Harmon

**Hike Leaders:** Sue Harmon and Becky McSwain

**Hike Location:** Hemlock Falls Trail at Moccasin Creek State Park

**Outing Description:** We will follow the beautiful mossy rocks and tumbling waters of Moccasin Creek on a leisurely naturalist's stroll to Hemlock Falls. The trail can be narrow and slippery in places, but no strenuous climbs are involved. We will take our time to pull out our hand lenses, take photographs, enjoy the plants and maybe even some critters. We will lunch at the falls and return by the same route to our cars.

**Meeting Time, Place and Directions:** Meet at 10:00 am at the trail head parking lot off of Hwy 197, right across from the Lake Burton Trout Hatchery (which is next to the Moccasin Creek State Park Campground on Lake Burton). After you turn off Hwy 197, you will go past the first parking area for the "Wildlife Trail" and continue to the parking area for the Hemlock Falls Trail. Meet-up location map [here](#).

**Distance and Difficulty:**

3 miles total, out and back; moderate/easy

**Participant Limit:** 20

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

**Cancellation/Rain Date:** Hikers will be notified by email if hike is canceled due to forecast of severe weather, etc. *Check your email by 6:00 pm the evening before the hike for confirmation.*

**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**, Georgia ForestWatch members are given priority on our hikes. \*\*If you are NOT a ForestWatch member, please register AFTER Thursday, January 11th.\*\* 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](mailto: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 13th - 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*

