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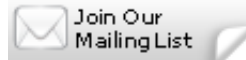
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**Invasive Species Removal
 Logan Turnpike Trail--Raven Cliff Wilderness
 Area
 with Jess Riddle and James Lautzenheiser
 Thursday, December 1, 2016**

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Thursday, December 1, 2016

Hike Leader: Jess Riddle and James Lautzenheiser

Hike Location: Logan Turnpike Trail, Raven Cliff Wilderness Area

Outing Description: We will be making sure native species have a chance by cutting down princess trees. Princess tree is an extremely fast-growing species introduced from Asia. A tornado in 2011 flattened a swath of the wilderness area and created an opportunity for princess tree to invade. We will be using hand tools to cut back princess trees so that they don't outgrow native species.

Hike Date: Thursday, December 1, 2016

Meeting Time, Place and Directions: South side of Cleveland, GA Ingles at 9:30am (55 Helen Hwy, Cleveland, GA 30528). Ingles is a quarter mile north of the square on Hwy 129.

Distance and Difficulty: About two miles round trip, but moderate to difficult. The trail is fairly steep and uphill on the way out. Fallen logs and briars may also make moving around difficult where the princess trees are.

Participant Limit: 9

What to Bring and Wear: Lunch, plenty of water, sturdy shoes, tough clothes, gloves and loppers or pruning saws if you have them. (If allergic to bees/wasps, remember to bring your meds/epi-pen.)

Cancellation: Hikers will be notified if hike 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 outing, OR if you need directions on the day of the outing, contact Jess Riddle at jriddle@gafw.org or 315-350-1179.

Upcoming Outings & Events - Mark Your Calendars!

December 3rd - Murder Creek RNA Hike - *with Dr. JP Schmidt*

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

December 10th - Geology Hike at Black Rock Mountain State Park - *with Dr. Bruce O'Connor*

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

[February 7-8, 2017](#) - Evening presentation and winter tree hike at the [Len Foote Hike Inn](#) - with Forest Ecologist Jess Riddle. Participants can receive up to 50% off their reservation at the Inn. Call 1-800-581-8032 for more information.

