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Outing Alert

March 10th, 2017

Hike the Keown Falls & Johns Mountain Trails with District Leader Robin Hitner on Saturday, March 25, 2017

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District Leader Robin Hitner with hikers at Keown Falls

Hike Leader: District Leader and ForestWatch Board President Robin Hitner

Hike Location: Johns Mountain, Conasauga Ranger District, Chattahoochee National Forest, GA. The hike is located in the Ridge and Valley physiographic province of northwest Georgia.

Outing Description: We will hike up to Keown Falls and see a small 60-foot waterfall (when not in drought). But sometimes it is just a trickle. Thanks to CoTrails, this trail was rerouted to avoid the sharp switchback trails near the falls. Then we will take a short connector trail to the Johns Mountain Trail. The first half of this section is easy while the second half ascends most of the 430-foot gain in elevation. We will then have an excellent view on the Johns Mountain observation deck looking west. We will follow the Johns Mountain trail south along the ridge and eventually head downhill back to the parking lot.

Hike Date: Saturday, March 25, 2017

Meeting Time, Place and Directions: We will meet in the Keown Falls picnic area parking lot at 10:00 am. Restrooms are located in the parking area. Estimated time of return to our cars will be ~3 pm.

From Exit 320 on I-75 at Resaca, GA, go west on GA-136 for 6.2 miles to a stop sign. Turn right on 136W again and go 5.9 miles. Turn left on Furnace Creek Road and go 2 miles. Turn left on Pocket Road and go 2.7 miles. Turn right on FS Road 702 (FS sign - Keown Falls) and go 0.6 miles to the picnic parking lot. (Note: you will pass a Johns Mountain sign on Pocket Road. Do not turn here.)

Distance and Difficulty: An easy to moderate hike that is approximately 5 miles round trip.

Participant Limit: 8

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: If the hike needs to be cancelled due to weather, you'll be notified by email no later than 6 p.m. on March 24th.

Pet Policy: No dogs

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 early-bird priority. 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 more directions, contact Robin Hitner at rjhitner@comcast.net or on his cell phone (678-294-3256). Please note that Robin has AT&T cell service which typically has no service in this area, so you may not be able to contact him after 9:30 am the morning of the hike.

Upcoming Outings & Events - Mark Your Calendars!

March 25th, 2017 - Keown Falls and Johns Mountain Loop Trails - with Robin Hitner

April 8th, 2017 - Poetry Hike at Lake Winfield Scott - with Brenda Smith and Lyn Hopper

April 21st, 2017 - Till Ridge Hike - with Forest Ecologist Jess Riddle and Mike Brod, USFS Fire and Natural Resources Staff Officer

April 29th, 2017 - Wild & Woolly Forest Festival at Sautee Nacoochee Center. Old-growth and spring wildflower pre-event hikes with Jess Riddle and Jim Sullivan are available for Wild & Woolly participants.

