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ForestWatch Outing

Outing Alert

March 14th, 2018

**Keown Falls & Johns Mountain Trail Hike
with Robin Hitner
Saturday, March 24th, 2018**

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Keown Falls - Photo by Robin Hitner

Hike Leader: Robin Hitner, ForestWatch Board President and District Leader

Hike Location: Johns Mountain, Conasauga River District, Chattahoochee National Forest. This is located in the Ridge & Valley physiographic province of northwest Georgia.

Outing Description: We will hike up to the falls to an observation deck to see a small 60-foot waterfall when not in a drought. 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 feet of elevation gain. We will then have an excellent view on the Johns Mountain Trail south along the ridge and eventually head downhill back to the parking lot.

Meeting Time, Place and Directions: Meet at 10:00 am at the Keown Falls Picnic parking lot. Bathroom facilities available.

Directions: From Exit 320 on I-75 at Resaca, GA, go west of 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. (Note: You will pass a Johns Mountain sign on Pocket Road, but do not turn here.) Turn right on FS road 702 (Forest Service sign--Keown Falls), and go 0.6 miles to the picnic parking lot.

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

Duration: About 5 hours

Participant Limit: 8

What to Bring and Wear: Lunch, plenty of water, rain gear, and 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.

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 Friday, March 9th.**** 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 Robin Hitner 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 Robin directly. Note: Robin has AT&T cell service, which typically has no

service in this area.

Upcoming Outings & Events - Mark Your Calendars!

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*

Saturday, May 5th - Slow Hike--Wildflowers and Conasauga History - *with John Moeller*

Wednesday, May 30 - High Shoals Falls Hike - *with Sue Harmon and Anne Hughes*

