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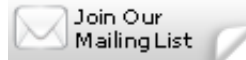
June 7th, 2017

**Cooper Creek Old-Growth Hike to
 "Valley of the Giants"
 on Wednesday, June 21, 2017
 with Sue Harmon & Anne Hughes**

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District Leader Ben Cash in the Valley of the Giants, photo by Sue Harmon

Hike Leaders: Sue Harmon and Anne Hughes

Hike Location: Cooper Creek "Valley of the Giants"

Outing Description: We'll be having a "Naturalist's Stroll," which means we'll take our time botanizing, birding, and practicing our tree ID skills on some of Georgia's biggest and oldest trees. We'll have a walk of about

one mile before reaching a very large old poplar, where we'll lunch and hang out, exploring some more before turning around and heading back at a somewhat faster pace. Sturdy and patient children are welcome!

Hike Date: Wednesday, June 21, 2017

Meeting Time, Place and Directions: After meeting close to our destination at 9:30am in Suches, we'll carpool to the trail head where parking is limited. *Note that specific meetup locations will be sent by email to participants before the hike.*

Distance and Difficulty: Two miles in and out. Leisurely pace. The trail includes some walking on an old road bed, and some on a narrower trail, and is mostly level with minimal elevation change.

Duration of Hike: Four to five hours. We should be back to our cars by 2:30.

Participant Limit: 20

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

Cancellation: Hikers will be notified by email, by 6pm the evening before the hike, 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.

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 June 10.*** 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, contact Sue Harmon by email [here](#) or phone/text the number provided in your confirmation email. Please note that the Georgia ForestWatch office is closed on weekends, so please contact Sue directly. Text or email preferred.

Upcoming Outings & Events - Mark Your Calendars

Saturday, July 15 - Chattooga River Poetry and Music Hike - *with Marie Dunkle and Laurence Holden*

Saturday, July 29 - Naturalist Stroll (Location TBD) - *with Maureen Donohue and Sue Harmon*

Saturday, August 5 - Snorkeling the Conasauga River - *with the US Forest Service*

