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**ForestWatch Event**

**Ramp Cove Wildflower Hike**  
**Saturday, April 27, 2019**

April 9, 2019



The old-growth buckeyes of Ramp Cove dwarf hikers. - Photo by Jess Riddle

**Hike Leader:** Dan Rawlins

**Hike Location:** Ramp Cove

**Hike Date:** Saturday, April 27, 2019

**Outing Description:** Ramp Cove is the quintessential lush Southern Appalachian cove. Facing due north, its moist, rich soils support towering trees and an abundance of wildflowers. We should be there right as the trilliums and other spring wildflowers are really getting going. We'll also see many examples of the rare yellowwood tree and massive yellow buckeyes that were spared by early logging operations. This will be an all-day hike out and back. The pace will be leisurely as we stop to admire wildflowers and look for rare species.

**Meeting Time, Place and Directions:** Meet at 10:00 am at 4797 H. F. Lyons Rd, Hiawassee, GA 30546 (Google map [here](#) ). From Hiawassee, take US 76 east 5 miles and turn right onto Swallow Creek Rd. Follow it 0.4 mile and turn right onto H. F. Lyons Rd. After 0.2 mile, bear left to stay on H. F. Lyons Rd. #4797 will be on the right in 0.3 mile.

**Distance and Difficulty:** A moderate to difficult four miles round trip. We will follow an unmaintained trail, so a number of fallen trees block the trail and there is one stretch where large bushes lean over and crowd the trail. We'll also gain about 1000 feet of elevation, but the grade is very steady.

**Duration:** We should be back at our vehicles by 4:00 pm.

**Participant Limit:** 15

**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:** Hikers will be notified if the 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.

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Spaces are limited.  
Reservations are 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 always given priority on our hikes** . To learn how you can become a member, [click here](#) .

**To Reserve Your Spot:** Please register using [this link](#).

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**PLEASE READ:** By registering for this event, you certify that you have read and agreed to the ForestWatch [outing waiver of liability](#) .

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For more information on the hike, OR if you need directions on the day of the hike, please contact Dan Rawlins at drawlins04@gmail.com or 770-979-3763 . Please note that the Georgia ForestWatch office is not open on the weekends, so you will need to contact Dan directly.

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Saturday, May 4 - Martin Creek Falls Hike - *with Ted Doll*

Tuesday, May 14 - Medicinal Herbs hike - *with Patricia Kyritsi Howell*

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