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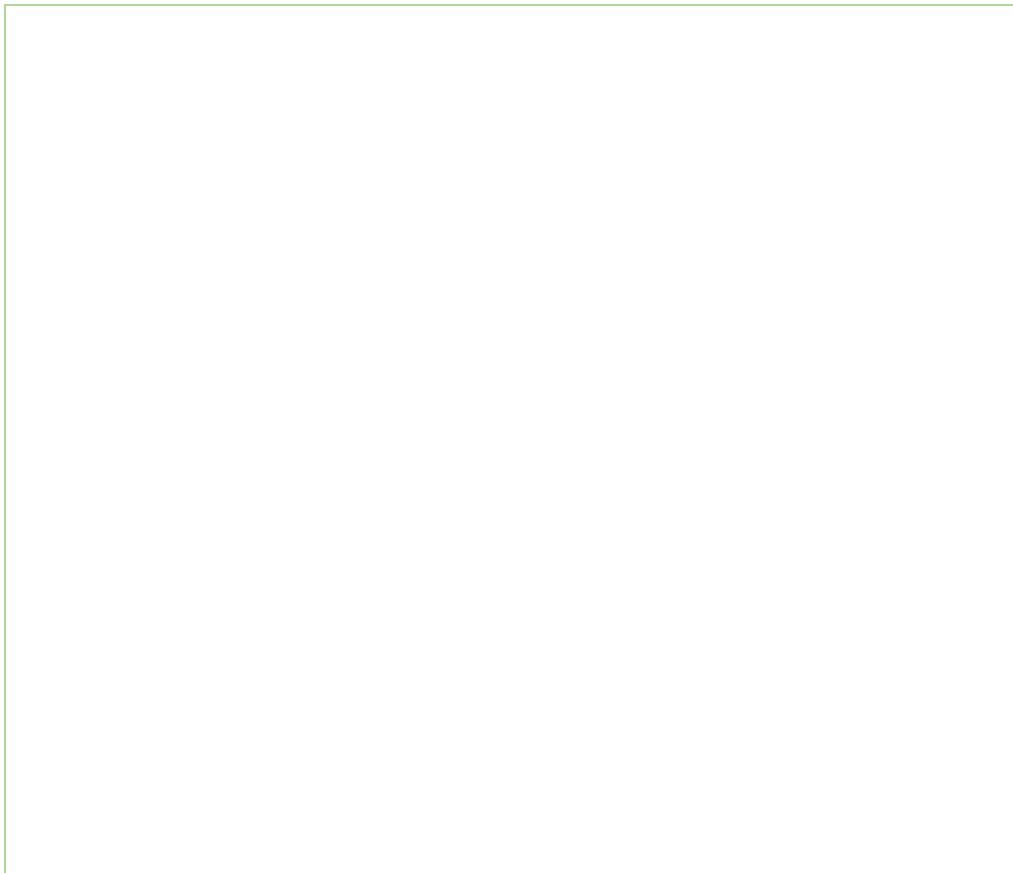
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ForestWatch Outing

Outing Alert

April 13th, 2018

Ramp Cove Wildflowers & Big Trees Saturday, April 28th, 2018



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Yellow Buckeye - Photo by Jess Riddle

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web at www.gafw.org

Hike Leaders: Jess Riddle with the Georgia Botanical Society

Hike Location: Ramp Cove

Hike Date: Saturday, April 28, 2018

Outing Description: Ramp Cove is the quintessential lush Southern Appalachian cove. Facing due north, 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 will 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 out-and-back hike. The pace will probably be leisurely as we stop to admire wildflowers and look for rare species.

Meeting Time, Place and Directions: Meet at 10:00 am at the Hiwassee Ingles (94 N Main St, Hiwassee, GA 30546). From the intersection of US76 and GA75 in downtown Hiwassee, go east (south) on US76 about 0.4 mile. Ingles will be on the left. See a Google map [here](#).

We will leave at 10:00 sharp, so please arrive a few minutes early to sign the safety waiver and coordinate carpooling to the trailhead.

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 will also gain about 1000 feet of elevation, but the grade is very steady. Overall, the hike is strenuous.

Duration: We should be back to our cars by 4:00pm.

Participant Limit: 10

What to Bring and Wear: Lunch, plenty of water, rain gear, sturdy footwear, and possibly sandals or a towel if you plan to ford the creek. If allergic to bees/wasps, remember to bring your meds/epi-pen.

Cancellation: Hikers will be notified if the outing 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**, members are given early-bird priority on our hikes. **If you are NOT a ForestWatch member, please wait until after Monday, April 16th to register.** To learn how you can become a ForestWatch member, click [here](#).

To Reserve Your Spot: To register, click [here](#), or call (706-867-0051) or [email](#) us 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 Jess Riddle by email [here](#), or call 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 Jess directly.

Upcoming Outings & Events - Mark Your Calendars!

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

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

Sunday, June 3rd - Little Cedar Mountain Hike - *with Sue Harmon and Jan Stansell*

Tuesday, June 26th - Summer Tree ID, Winfield Scott and Sosebee Cove - *with Sue Harmon, Anne Hughes, and Cliff Shaw*

Tuesday, July 3rd - Medicinal Plants - *with Patricia Kyritsi Howell*

