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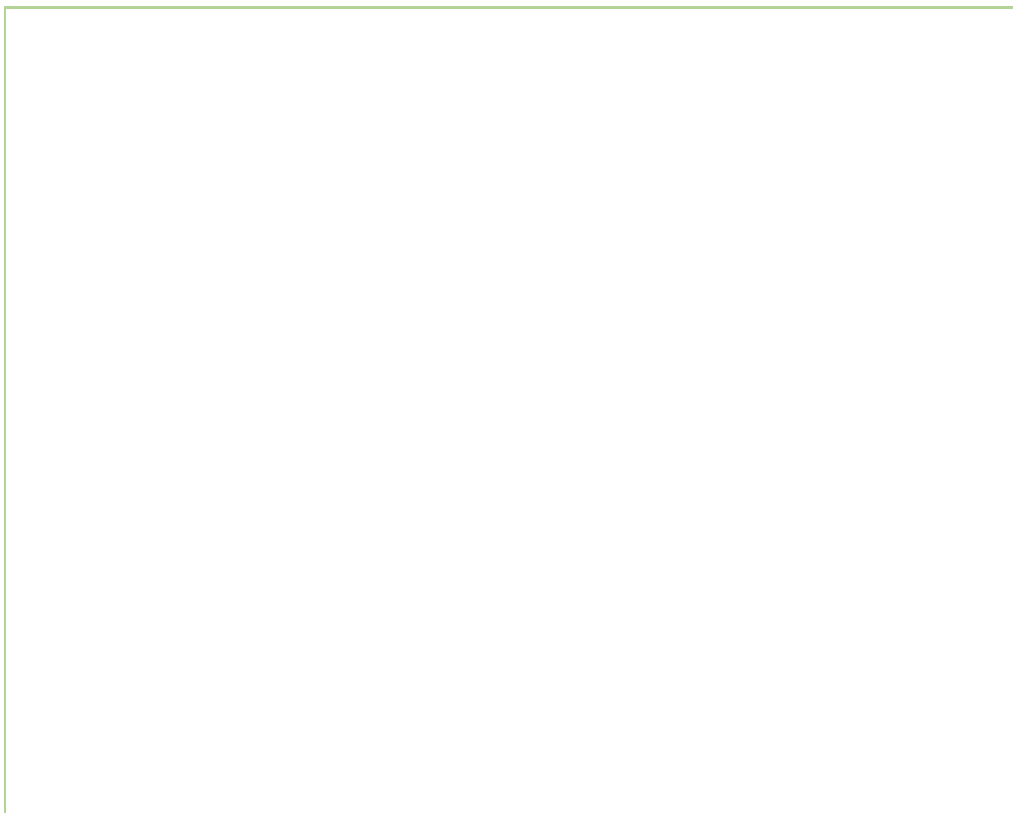
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# ForestWatch Outing

Outing Alert

July 11th, 2018

**Sassafras Mountain Hike  
with Jess Riddle  
Saturday, August 4th, 2018**



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View West from Sassafras Mountain - photo by Jess Riddle

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web at [www.gafw.org](http://www.gafw.org)

**Hike Leader:**

Forest Ecologist Jess Riddle

**Hike Location:** Horse Gap to Sassafras Mountain on the Appalachian Trail

**Hike Date:** Saturday, August 4th, 2018

**Outing Description:** We will hike the Appalachian Trail from Horse Gap to the top of Sassafras Mountain. If we've timed things right, we should see a wide variety of summer wildflowers including American bellflower (*Campanulastrum americanum*) and starry campion (*Silene stellata*). There is also a rock outcrop with a nice view along the way.

**Meeting Time, Place and Directions:** We will meet at 10:00 am and

carpool from the WalMart in Dahlonega, GA (270 Walmart Way, Dahlonega, GA 30533). From the intersection of US 19/GA 60 and GA 9/52 in Dahlonega, go north on GA 60 0.7 miles to the second traffic light and turn right.

**Distance and Difficulty:** Moderately strenuous. The trail has some steep stretches, and total elevation gain will be around 600 feet. However, we will stop often, and the trail is well-maintained. Round trip is about one mile.

**Duration:** We should be back at our vehicles by 3:00pm.

**Participant Limit:** no limit for this outing

**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.

**Pet Policy:** No pets on this hike, please

**Family Safe Policy:** Georgia ForestWatch Outings are a smoke-, alcohol-, and drug-free setting.

**\*\*Please note: NO RESERVATION REQUIRED for this outing\*\***

For more information about the hike, OR if you need directions on the day of the hike, please contact Jess Riddle by phone at 315-350-1179 or with this [email link](#) . Please note that the Georgia ForestWatch office is not open on the weekends, so you will need to contact Jess directly.

### ***Upcoming Outings & Events Mark Your Calendar and Watch for Alerts!***

Saturday, August 18th - Stonewall Falls Trail Hike -  
*with Marie Dunkle*

Saturday, September 8th - Nature Walk at Smithgall Woods - *with Jess Riddle and Tom Hennigan*

Tuesday, September 18th - Princess Tree Removal - *with Ruth Stokes*  
(no reservation required)

Saturday, September 22nd - Princess Tree Removal - *with Jess Riddle* (no reservation required)

Wednesday, September 26th - Bartram Trail--Earl's Ford to Dicks Creek Falls - *with Melanie Vickers*

Saturday, October 20th - Rich Slopes Near Monticello - *with JP Schmidt*

**Please note that we do not take reservations in advance of the alert posting.**

**Save the Date!**  
**Saturday, October 6th**  
**Annual Fall Retreat at Vogel State Park**

