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ForestWatch Outing

Outing Alert

August 15th, 2018

**Smithgall Woods State Park
with Jess Riddle and Tom Hennigan
Saturday, September 8, 2018**

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Leaders: Jess Riddle and Tom Hennigan

Outing Description: We will take a leisurely stroll along the Laurel Ridge Trail and other parts of the park. Along the way, we will take time to look

at plants and other forest dwellers and discuss the importance of forests to North Georgia. This is a loop hike.

Hike Location: Smithgall Woods State Park

Meeting Time and Place: Meet at 2:00pm at the Smithgall Woods State Park Visitor Center.

Directions: From Cleveland, take US 129 North 3.3 miles and turn right onto GA 75 Alternate. Go 5.7 miles and look for the park entrance on the right (61 Tsalaki Trail, Helen, GA 30545). Click [here](#) for Google map.

Distance and Difficulty: About 3 easy to moderate miles. The trail gains about 300 feet elevation, so there will be some moderate ascents and descents.

Duration: 3-4 hours

Participant Limit: 20

What to Bring and Wear: Raincoat, sturdy footwear, and your curiosity. 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!
Space is limited
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 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](#) (for the best chance of a spot) 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, OR if you need directions on the day of

the hike, please contact Jess Riddle [here](#) or call the phone number provided in your confirmation message. Please note that the Georgia ForestWatch office is not open on weekends, so you will need to contact Jess directly.

Upcoming Outings & Events - Mark Your Calendars!

Tuesday, September 18th - Invasive Species Issue Hike - *with Ruth Stokes*

Saturday, September 18th - Invasive Species Issue Hike - *with Jess Riddle*

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

Saturday, October 6th - ForestWatch Annual Membership Meeting and Fall Retreat at Vogel State Park

Saturday, October 20 - Rich Slopes Near Monticello (Dog-Friendly Hike) - *with JP Schmidt*

