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# ForestWatch Outing

Outing Alert

**Smithgall Woods State Park Hike  
with Jess Riddle and Will Wagner  
Saturday, September 24th, 2016**



**Saturday, September 24, 2016**

**Hike Leader:** Forest Ecologist Jess Riddle and Will Wagner

**Hike Location:** Smithgall Woods State Park

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**Outing Description:** We'll take a leisurely stroll on the Laurel Ridge Trail. Along the way we'll take time to look at the late summer wildflowers and discuss the plants and animals that live in the ridge top forests. This is a loop hike.

**Hike Date:** Saturday, September 24, 2016

**Meeting Time, Place and Directions:** 2:00 PM at the Smithgall Woods State Park Visitor Center. 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. Address is 61 Tsalaki Trail, Helen, GA 30545.

**Distance and Difficulty:** 1.6 easy to moderate miles. The trail gains about 300 feet elevation, so there will be some moderate ascents and descents.

**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:** Participants will be notified if outing 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!**  
**Limited Space**  
**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 priority on our hikes. To learn how you can become a member, [click here](#).

**To Reserve Your Spot:** Please email our office at [info@gafw.org](mailto:info@gafw.org) 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 outing, OR if you need directions on the day

of the outing, contact Jess Riddle at [jriddle@gafw.org](mailto:jriddle@gafw.org) or 315-350-1179. 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 Calendars!***

September 24th - Smithgall Woods Hike - *with Jess Riddle and Will Wagner*

October 8th - Georgia ForestWatch Fall Retreat, *Celebrating 30 Years of Watching Your Forests*

November 12th - American Chestnut Outing - *with Dr. Martin Cipollini*

November 19th - Murder Creek RNA, Oconee NF - *with Dr. JP Schmidt*

November 26th - Tiger, GA Hike - *with Marie Dunkle*

January 1, 2017 - Rabun Bald Hike - *with Marie Dunkle*

