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Outing Alert

June 22nd, 2018

**Swim With the Fishes!
Snorkeling the Conasauga River
Saturday, July 21, 2018**

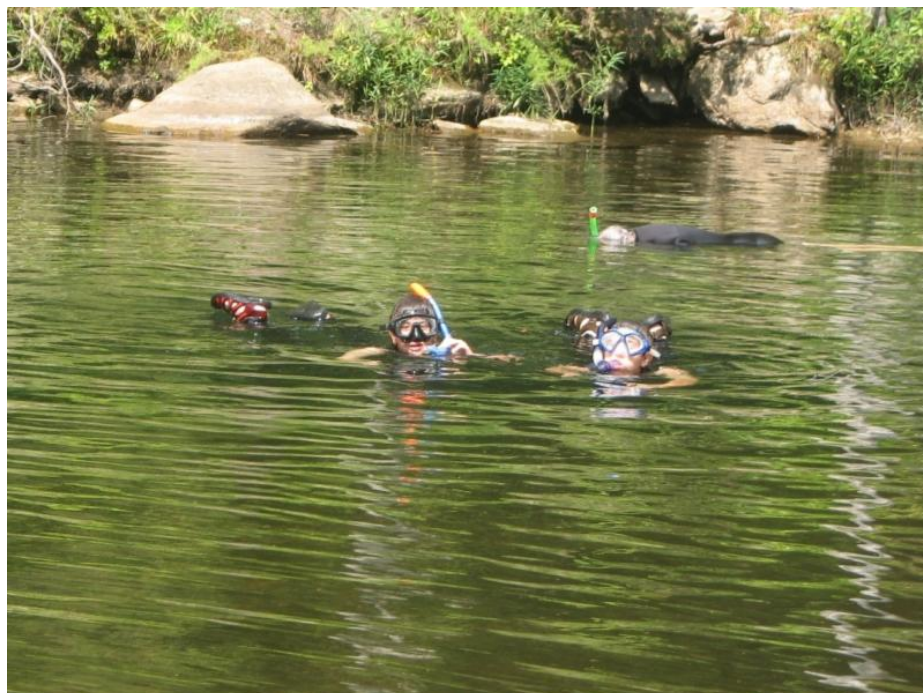


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Cool off this summer with some freshwater fun! Join ForestWatch and the Forest Service for our annual snorkeling outing in the Conasauga River, where up to 47 species of fish have been documented. The Forest Service will provide equipment including wetsuits, masks, and snorkels. Plus, we'll have available special viewing boxes that let you see underwater without going under--great for those not quite ready to take the plunge.

General Info: Wet suits, masks and snorkels will be provided. We will offer a private changing area for those who wish to change clothes before or after snorkeling. The outing runs from approximately 10:00 am to 2:00 pm. We'll break around noon for a picnic lunch.

Date of Outing: Saturday, July 21st, 2018

Meeting Time, Place, and Directions: We will meet at 9:15 am at the Subway, 79 Highway 286, Suite E., Chatsworth, GA, and caravan to the snorkel site from there. Click [here](#) for a Google map of the meeting spot. More information will be provided upon reservation and payment (see below).

Leaders: USFS Guide and Georgia ForestWatch Board Member Sue Harmon

Outing Location: We'll be snorkeling in a 1/4-mile stretch of the Conasauga River, north of the Cohutta Wilderness.

Difficulty: Easy, family friendly. Anyone over the age of 12 is welcome to attend. The water is deep in places, so weak swimmers will need to bring a safety float.

Bring: You are welcome to bring your own mask & snorkel. Note: Due to the sensitive nature of this ecosystem, fins/flippers will not be allowed. Please bring swimsuit, water shoes, towel, safety float if desired, snack or lunch, water, and a small bag for wet clothes. If you are allergic to bees/wasps, remember your meds/epi-pen.

Number of Participants: Minimum: 12; Maximum: 24

Rain Date: Rain or Shine. This snorkel outing will only be cancelled (or at least pause for a time) if there are thunderstorms in the area, or if heavy rains and flooding occur prior to the event.

Pet Policy: Thank you for not bringing your pet friends to this outing.

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

Reserve your spot today!

Register and pay online [here](#). Or call 706-867-0051 to sign up.

While most Georgia ForestWatch outings are free, this outing does carry a non-refundable fee of \$25 per person regardless of age. This fee is required by the US Forest Service, and will only be refunded in case of cancellation due to inclement weather. Payment must be made to Georgia ForestWatch **no later than noon on Wednesday, August 2nd**, or your reservation will be cancelled.

Payment Options:

Cash, check, or credit card accepted.

Refund Policy:

There are no refunds for this outing (unless it is cancelled), as we must secure your spot with the US Forest Service. You are welcome to send someone in your place if you are unable to attend.

**We look forward to swimming with the fishes
with you!**

Upcoming Outings & Events - Mark Your Calendars!

Saturday, July 14th - Cooper Creek Old Growth; Valley of the Giants -
with Sue Harmon, Anne Hughes, and Cliff Shaw

Saturday, August 4th - Sassafras Mountain Wildflowers - *with Forest
Ecologist, Jess Riddle*

Saturday, August 18th - Dog-Friendly Hike on the Stonewall Falls Trail -
with Marie Dunkle

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

Saturday, October 6th - Annual Fall Retreat at Vogel State Park

Saturday, December 1st - Dog-Friendly Hike on the AT - *with Tom
Colkett*



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