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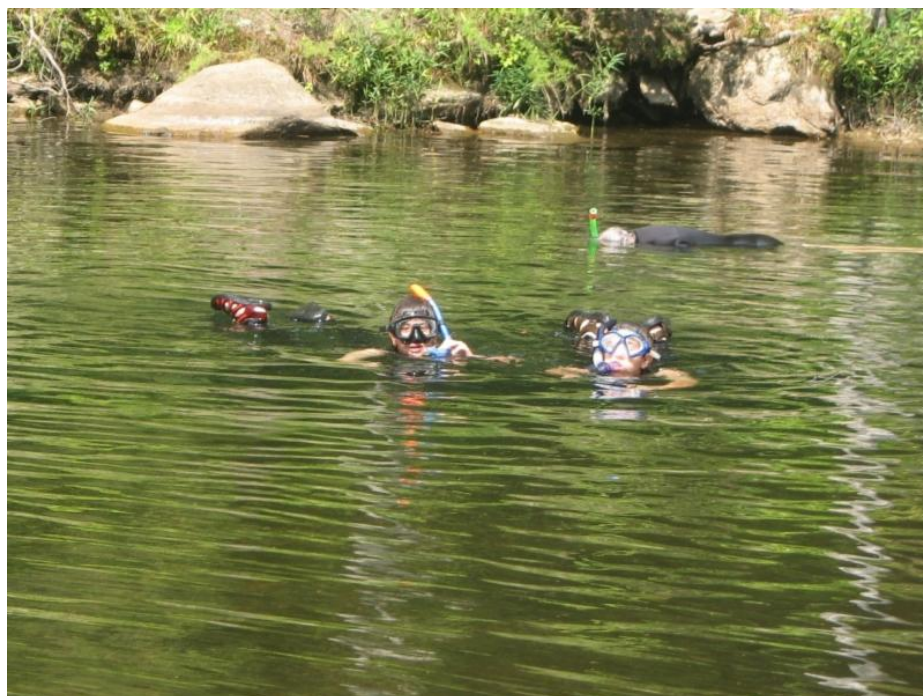
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# ForestWatch Outing

Outing Alert

July 26, 2016

## Snorkeling the Conasauga River with the US Forest Service August 13, 2016



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### Another Chance to Swim with the Fishes!

We'll be snorkeling in a 1/4-mile stretch of the 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 10:30 am to 2:00 pm. We'll break around noon for a picnic lunch.

**Date of Outing:**

Saturday, August 13, 2016

**Meeting Time, Place, and Directions:**

We will meet at 9:15 am at the Subway, 79 Highway 286, Suite E, Chatsworth, GA (Eton community), and caravan to the snorkel site from there. More information will be provided upon reservation and payment (see below).

**Leaders:**

USFS Guide and Georgia ForestWatch Board Member, Sue Harmon

**Outing Location:**

Conasauga River, north of the Cohutta Wilderness.

**Difficulty:**

Easy, family friendly. Anyone age 12 or older 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. (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; thank you.

**Reserve your spot today!**

Reservations will be taken by phone only. 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 of the event. Payment must be made no later than noon on Wednesday, August 10th, or your reservation will be cancelled.

Provide your name, number of participants and their ages and email addresses, and phone number (preferably home and cell) when you sign up.

**Payment Options:**

Cash, check, or credit card accepted. Payment information provided when you call in to reserve your spot(s).

**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!***

August 2nd - Georgia ForestWatch Board Meeting in Dahlonega - *Please contact us at [info@gafw.org](mailto:info@gafw.org) if you'd like to attend.*

August 13th - Another chance to Swim with the Fishes - Conasauga Snorkeling - *with the US Forest Service*

September 23rd - Medicinal Plants Hike - *with Patricia Kyritsi Howell*

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

October 8th - Georgia ForestWatch Fall Retreat at Vogel State Park - *Celebrating 30 Years of Watching Your Forest*

