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ForestWatch Outing

Outing Alert

May 19th, 2017

**Summer Tree ID Walk
with Georgia Champions
Friday, June 2, 2017**

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Sosebee tree hugger, photo by Sue Harmon

Hike Leaders: Maureen Donohue, Anne Hughes, Sue Harmon

Hike Location: Lake Winfield Scott Recreation Area and Sosebee Cove Scenic Area

Outing Description: Want to practice your tree ID skills? Come join us and learn about Georgia's native trees. We'll begin at Lake Winfield Scott and hike the Jarrard Gap Trail for a little over one mile, a steady climb up to the AT. Then we'll return and picnic near the lake. After lunch, we'll carpool about 5 miles, 10 minutes down the road, to make a visit to several State Champion trees found in Sosebee Cove, a high-elevation north-facing cove forest known for its rich plant diversity.

Hike Date: Friday, June 2, 2017

Meeting Time, Place and Directions: We will meet at 10am at the Lake Winfield Scott parking area at the southern end of the lake, off Lake Winfield Scott Road, which turns off of Hwy 180. (Note that this is NOT the parking area near the dam, directly off Hwy 180.) A \$5 cash parking fee or a National Park Pass is required.

Distance and Difficulty: Three miles total at a leisurely pace on trails, with typical trail features to navigate: narrow, winding ups and downs, with roots and rocks.

Duration of Hike: Approximately four hours. We should be finished about 2pm.

Participant Limit: 15

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.

Cancellation: Hikers will be notified by email, by 6pm the evening before the hike, if hike 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! **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 early-bird priority. ***Non-members may register after May 22 if space is still available.*** To learn how you can become a member of Georgia ForestWatch, [click here](#).

To Reserve Your Spot: Register [online](#) 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, contact Sue Harmon by email [here](#) or phone/text the number provided in your confirmation email.

Upcoming Outings & Events - Mark Your Calendars!

Saturday, May 20th - Post-burn and Wildflower Hike on Chestnut Lead Trail - *with Jess Riddle*

Friday, June 2nd - Sosebee Cove and Jarrard Gap Area Hike - *with Anne Hughes, Maureen Donohue, and Sue Harmon*

Saturday, June 3rd - National Trails Day , 9am to noon, Vogel State Park - *for more information, contact Sue Harmon at email address above*

Saturday, August 5 - Snorkeling the Conasauga River - *with the US Forest Service*

