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ForestWatch Outing

Outing Alert

June 4th, 2018

**Summer Tree ID Walk
with Georgia Champions
Tuesday, June 26, 2018**

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Sosebee Tree Hugger - photo by Sue Harmon

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web at www.gafw.org

Hike Leaders: Master Naturalists Sue Harmon and Anne Hughes and retired Forester, Cliff Shaw

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

Hike Date: Tuesday, June 26th, 2018

Outing Description: Want to practice your tree identification skills? Come join us and learn about Georgia's native trees. We will begin at Lake Winfield Scott and hike toward the Jarrard Gap Trail for a little over one mile, a steady climb up to the AT, if we get that far. Then we'll return and picnic near the lake. After lunch, we will carpool about 5 miles (10 minutes), 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. Expect a flight of stairs down into the cove and a 1/2-mile meandering loop trail which includes the State Champion Yellow Buckeye.

Meeting Time, Place and Directions: Meet at 10:00 am at the Lake Winfield Scott parking area at the southern end of the lake, off Lake Winfield Scott Rd, which turns off of Hwy 180. (This is NOT the parking area near the dam that is directly off Hwy 180.) You can park in either location, but will need to walk past the lake to the southern parking area to meet up with the group. See a Google map [here](#). A \$5.00 cash parking fee is required, but the Interagency Senior and Access Passes, Golden Age and Access Passports are accepted. These passes entitle the passholder to a 50% discount on day use fees.

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: 10:00 am to 2:00 pm

Participant Limit: 20

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 6:00 pm the evening before the hike, if the outing is cancelled due to forecast of severe weather, etc.

Pet Policy: No pets on this hike, 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**, ForestWatch members are given early-bird priority on our hikes. If you are not a member, please do not register until after June 8th . To learn how you can become a ForestWatch member, click [here](#) .

To Reserve Your Spot: Register [online](#) or call (706-867-0051) or [email](#) us 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, please contact Sue Harmon by [email](#)

or call the phone number provided in your confirmation email.

***Upcoming Outings & Events
Mark Your Calendar and Watch for Alerts!***

Tuesday, July 3rd - Medicinal Plants - *with Patricia Kyritsi Howell*

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

Saturday, July 21st - Snorkeling - *with the US Forest Service*
(fee to participate; registration opens June 21st)

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

Saturday, August 18th - Stonewall Falls Trail Hike - *with Marie Dunkle*

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

Please note that we do not take reservations in advance of the alert posting.

