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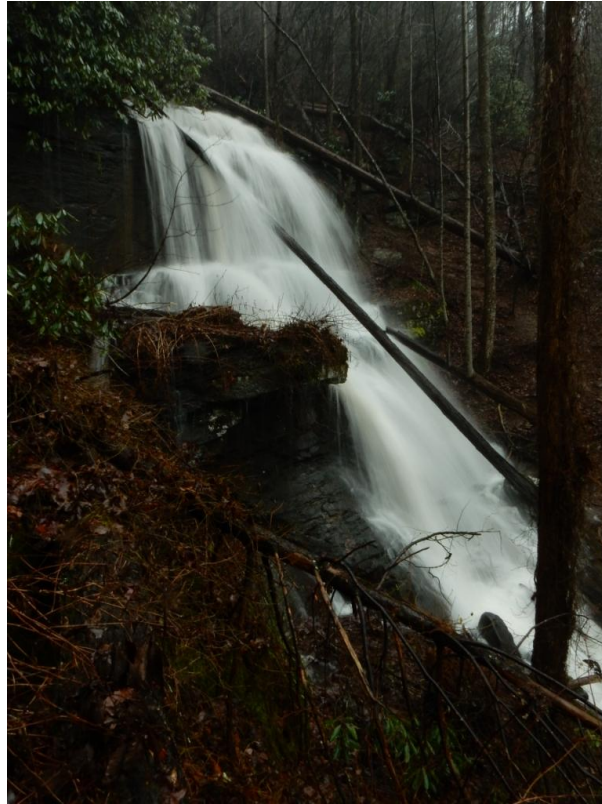


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ForestWatch Event

Winter Tree ID Hike at DeSoto Falls
Saturday, February 16, 2019

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Lower DeSoto Falls after a heavy rain - Photo by Jess Riddle

Hike Leader: Forest Ecologist Jess Riddle

Hike Location: DeSoto Falls, Lumpkin County

Hike Date: Saturday, February 16, 2019

Outing Description: Trees don't put on disguises in the winter. For several common species, we will focus on learning how they proclaim who they are. We will also get to know each species a bit: where they live; what they do; and what people are saying about them.

Meeting Time, Place and Directions: Meet at 10:00 am. We will carpool from the Walmart in Dahlonega, GA. From the intersection of US 19 and GA 60 and GA 9/52 in Dahlonega, go north on GA 60 0.7 miles to the second traffic light and turn right. (Click [here](#) for a Google map.)

Distance and Difficulty: Easy. Total hiking will be about two and a half miles. Most of the trail is broad and level, but some short stretches are narrow and moderately steep.

Duration: Everyone will be back at their vehicles by 3:00pm.

Participant Limit: 25

What to Bring and Wear: Lunch, plenty of water, raincoat, and sturdy footwear. If allergic to bees/wasps, remember to bring your meds/epi-pen. Note: DeSoto Falls has a \$3.00 parking fee.

Cancellation: Hikers will be notified if the hike is canceled 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!
Space is limited.
Reservations are 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 always given priority on our hikes** . To learn how you can become a member, [click here](#) .

To Reserve Your Spot: Please register using [this link](#) (for the best chance of securing a spot).

PLEASE READ: By registering for this event, you certify that you have read and agreed to the ForestWatch [outing waiver of liability](#) .

For more information on the hike, OR if you need directions on the day of the hike, please contact Jess Riddle at 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 Mark Your Calendar & Watch for Alerts!

Saturday, March 2 - Kelly Ridge Big Trees - *with Jess Riddle*

Saturday, March 23 - Georgia Mountain Treasures Hike (location TBD) - *with Marie Dunkle*

Saturday, April 6 - Camp Creek Wildflowers - *with Jess Riddle and SAPS*

Saturday, April 20 - Johns Mountain/Blue Springs Branch - *with Jess Riddle*

Saturday, April 27 - Ramp Cove Wildflower Hike - *with Jess Riddle*

*Georgia ForestWatch outings are advertised first to members, about three weeks in advance.
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We do not take reservations in advance of the email alert.*



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