

ForestWatch Fall Retreat at LAKE WINFIELD SCOTT

We will have Raffles and ForestWatch swag for sale!

Being fully vaccinated is required.

9 - 11am: Check-in at the Large Day Use Shelter at Lake Winfield Scott (near the beach and the bathhouse | [See on Google Maps](#)). There is a \$5 entrance fee.

9:30 - 11am Morning Activities - Registration is required (through confirmation email) for guided hikes

- (FULL) "*Plants of the Cherokee: as useful today as they were 600 years ago*" Walk with Mark Warren, author of the 4-volume series, [Secrets of the Forest](#).
- (FULL) *Botanical Ramble* around Lake Winfield Scott with Linda Chafin, author of [Field Guide to the Wildflowers of Georgia](#) and [Field Guide to the Rare Plants of Georgia](#).
- Paddle! Bring your own boat or use one of the spares we've rounded up. Kayaks, a paddleboard, paddles, and PFDs will be available first come, first served. Check in sheet will be near the boats
- Bring your own camp chair, relax on the shady beach with your ForestWatch friends and watch the paddlers.

11:30 Lunch - We'll have a variety of pre-made rollup sandwiches for you to choose from including vegetarian options + chips + homemade pasta salad (by our own Melinda Edwards) and a cookie to top it off. We'll have sparkling waters, teas, juices, and beer.

12:00 Program - Settle in with included lunch and take in an update on all things ForestWatch:

- Brian Gist with Southern Environmental Law Center: Legislative updates
- Words from OUR NEW Executive Director!
- Anne Heikkila, Board President: Member Meeting
- Andrew Linker, Outreach Coordinator: Outreach updates
- Cliff Shaw, Slideshow: History and shaping of Chattahoochee-Oconee National Forests

2:30 Afternoon Activities

- (FULL) *Tree Identification Hike* with Jess Riddle, previous ForestWatch Executive Director and author of [Georgia's Mountain Treasures](#).
- Walk with Cliff Shaw. Continuation of History and shaping of Chattahoochee National Forests with stories of the Civilian Conservation Corps and Forest Ranger Arthur Woody. [Sign up here](#)
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- "Bio Blitz" with Naturalist, Irene Paye. Take pictures of as many living things as you can!
- Medicinal Plant Walk with Patricia Howell

4:00-5:00 - Happy Hour & RAFFLE DRAWING at the Shelter - drinks + fresh snacks.

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