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Outing Alert

January 20th, 2017

**Wagon Train Trail Hike
with Sue Harmon and Ken Cissna
Saturday, February 4, 2016**



Photo of ice patterns by Dietrich Hoecht

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Hike Leaders: Sue Harmon (Georgia ForestWatch) and Ken Cissna (Benton-MacKaye Trail Association)

Hike Location: Wagon Train Trail, Brasstown Bald, GA

Outing Description: Georgia ForestWatch and the Benton MacKaye Trail Association are teaming up to co-sponsor this hike on the Wagon Train Trail. Come join us and learn about our organizations. After a short climb from the Brasstown Bald Visitor's Center, it's all downhill to Young Harris. We'll take our time for close looks at anything of interest including the spectacular ice formations on the trailside cliffs (if temperatures cooperate), wonderful views of the Young Harris valley, and the beautiful high elevation yellow birches.

Hike Date: Saturday, February 4, 2017

Meeting Time, Place and Directions: We'll meet in Young Harris at 9:00 a.m. (at the end point of our hike) in the parking lot to the right of the Sharp United Methodist Church, 1114 Main Street, Young Harris, GA 30582. We'll carpool up to the Brasstown Bald parking lot, about 30 minutes away, where we'll begin our hike. Estimated time of return to our cars, including the shuttle, will be ~3 p.m.

Distance and Difficulty: Hike is 7 miles; normally easy but moderate if the trail is icy and slippery

Participant Limit: 12

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: We will have a built-in backup date of February 18. Please make sure you give us both a phone number and an email address. If the hike needs to be cancelled due to weather, you'll be notified by email no later than 6 p.m. on February 3.

Pet Policy: Well-behaved trail dogs are welcome.

Family Safe Policy: Georgia ForestWatch Outings are a smoke, alcohol and drug-free setting.

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Limited Space
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**, BMTA and Georgia ForestWatch members are given priority. To learn how you can

become a member of Georgia ForestWatch, [click here](#).

To Reserve Your Spot: Please email the GFW office at info@gafw.org or call 706-867-0051 with the following information.

1. Name of person(s) and which organization you belong to (BMTA and/or GFW)
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, OR if you need directions on the day of the outing, contact either Sue Harmon, suepharmon@gmail.com, 770-540-3672 or Ken Cissna, kcissna@usf.edu, 706-636-1741.

Upcoming Outings & Events - Mark Your Calendars!

January 29, 2017 - Rock Creek Hike in Putnam County- *with Dr. JP Schmidt*

February 7-8, 2017 - Evening presentation and winter tree hike at the [Len Foote Hike Inn](#) - *with Forest Ecologist Jess Riddle*. Participants can receive up to 50% off their reservation at the Inn. Call 1-800-581-8032 for more information.

March 4, 2017 - Raven Cliffs Hike - *with Bruce O'Connor and Sue Harmon*

April 8, 2017 - Poetry Hike at Lake Winfield Scott - *with Brenda Smith and Lyn Hopper*

