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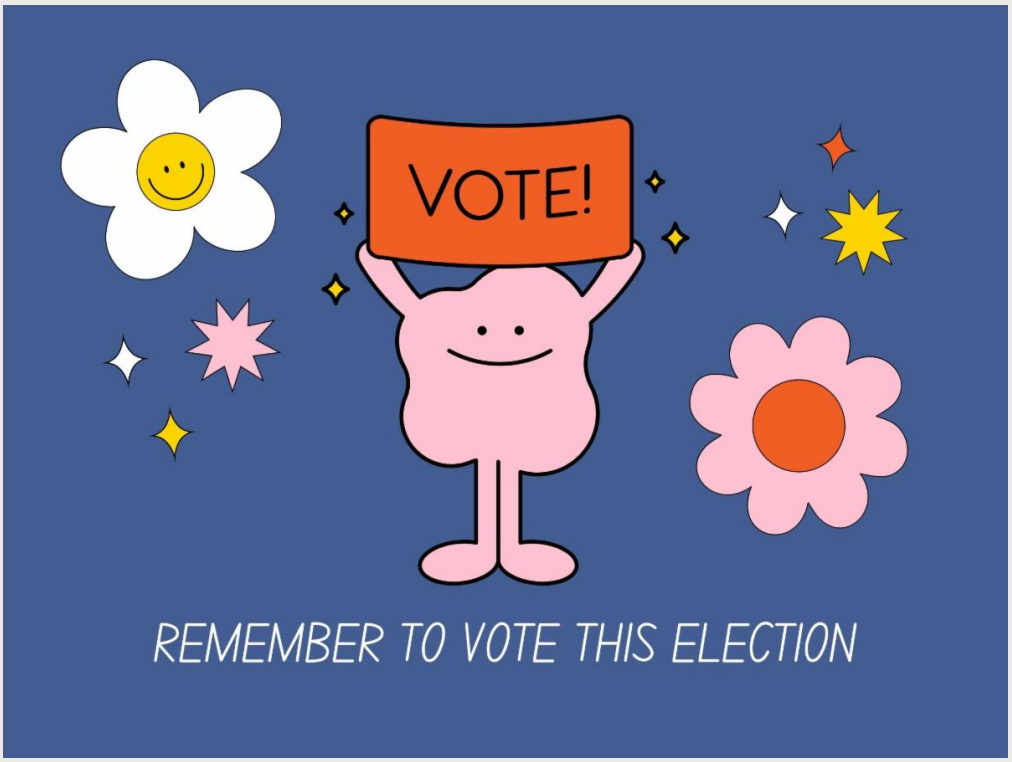

Vote

Today is Election Day for the Georgia Primaries. If you have not voted already, this is the last day to vote. Polls are open until 7:00 pm. As long as you are in line at 7:00, you will be able to vote. GAFW wants to make it as easy as possible for you to participate in the process.

- What is on your ballot? Who are the candidates? Where do they stand on issues that matter to you? Who funds them?
  Visit l4d.branch.vote and build your ballot!
- Do you know your voting precinct? CLICK HERE and sign up with your voter information.

The most important act you can do to ensure theChattahoochee-Oconee National Forests remain healthy for future generations is voting.

Updates from GAFW

GAFW signed onto an Environment America campaign to urge Georgia-based UPS to electrify its delivery trucks. We are asking UPS to commit to all zero-emission trucks by 2040, with interim goals of 50% zero-emission

purchases by 2025 and 100% zero-emission purchases by 2030. You can learn more about the Electrify UPS campaign here.

In the Media

Recently GAFW was interviewed by Sam Bermas-Dawes, Georgia Public Broadcasting, for the article "Georgia has many trees, but few old-growth forests. And advocates say they need to be protected."

GAFW Partners

June 7, Foxfire Birds and Botany: During Foxfire's Native Plant Week, Brent Martin of the Blue Ridge Bartram Trail Conservancy and a member of the GAFW Advisory Committee will lead a two-mile walk exploring the rich flora and fauna of Foxfire and discuss the 18th-century naturalist William Bartram's travels through the area in May of 1775.

Participants will learn basic birding techniques and bird species in the area, with an emphasis on neotropical migrants, as well as plant and tree identification. Bring lunch, water, field journal, binoculars, and hand lens, if available. Register at: https://www.foxfire.org/event/native-plant-week-2022-1/

GAFW Outings

May Mountain Madness

LESSER KNOWN NATIONAL FOREST PEAKS CHALLENGE
*Summit all three with us and receive a Membership!

Friday, May 27th, 10 am – Dick's Knob 4,600 ft. 3rd Highest Peak in GA

A variety of forest management areas and lesser known trails will be explored including Wilderness, old-growth, Wildlife Management Areas, Georgia's Mountain Treasure areas, Scenic Areas, and more!
Space is limited. Registration is required.

Photos! Recent Outings

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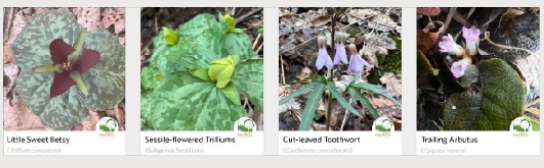
Community Science and species identification!



Upcoming Events

Tuesday-Friday, May 24-27, 2022–Southern Blue Ridge Fire Learning Network & Consortium for Appalachian Fire Managers and Scientists, Dillard, GA.

Thursday, May 26–Environmental Health & Climate Protection Conference, Macon, GA.

Saturday, June 4–National Trails Day. GAFW participating in GATC led event @ Vogel State Park.

Thursday, June 9–2022 GPFC Meeting for North Georgia @ Chattahoochee Technical College in Jasper, GA.

Saturday, June 11–Wild and Scenic Film Festival, Gainesville, GA.

If this email was forwarded to you, please register here to receive updates from Georgia ForestWatch.

Ways to Help GAFW

Donate items

Donate items to our annual retreat auction fundraiser. GAFW's annual membership retreat is scheduled for October 15, 2022, at Lake Winfield Scott near Suches, GA. As part of our retreat each year, we host an online fundraising auction. We search for donated items such as art, crafts, or outdoor gear, vacation stays such as mountain cabins, gift cards from businesses, or recreational activities such as rafting, fishing, biking, or exploring. Don't hesitate to contact us at info@gafw.org for more information, and thank you

Need a Camp Reservation?

Planning to join us at Lake Winfield Scott for the annual retreat? Send us an email at info@gafw.org if you would like to reserve a camping spot at Lake Winfield Scott or Vogel State Park.

Thank You

Georgia ForestWatch is the only nonprofit organization with a mission solely dedicated to ensuring the Chattahoochee-Oconee National Forests remain healthy and available for future generations, and we can only pursue our mission with the support of the community.

Please support our mission by ensuring your membership is up to date and providing additional support as you are able.

On behalf of our entire national forests in our beautiful state, we thank you for your support.

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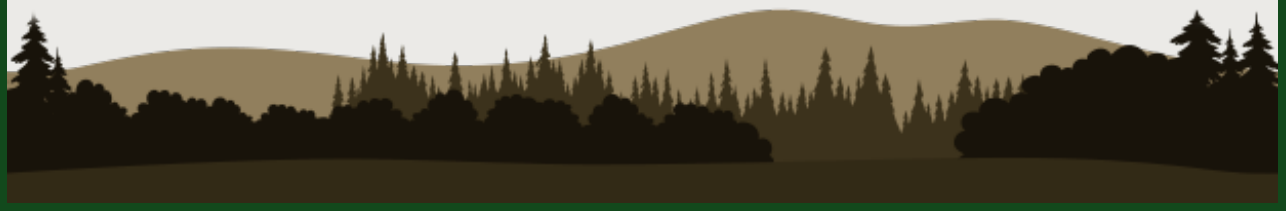
Our Mission

Our mission is to enhance the health of over 867,000 acres of Georgia's national forest by protecting our forests and streams, advocating for natural processes, and identifying opportunities to improve forest management. Visit Georgia ForestWatch (GAFW) to learn more.