



Save Georgia's Hemlocks

Helping Hemlocks on Georgia's Public Lands

Treating Hemlocks on Public Lands

The U. S. Forest Service and Save Georgia's Hemlocks have established an agreement under which SGH Facilitators and other trained volunteers can chemically treat hemlocks in designated Hemlock Conservation Areas (HCAs) of the Chattahoochee-Oconee National Forest. We have a similar agreement with the Georgia Department of Natural Resources to treat hemlocks in state parks on a project-by-project basis. Anyone interested in treating hemlocks on a public lands project should call the Hemlock Help Line 706-429-8010.

*Note: Except when you are working on an authorized USFS-SGH or DNR-SGH project, **do not** chemically treat hemlock trees growing on public lands. It is illegal and could also cause a serious problem for the beetle labs which harvest infested branches from trees on public lands.*

Helping Hemlocks in Other Ways

You can e-mail the U. S. Forest Service, Georgia Forestry Commission, or State Parks Division of the Georgia Department of Natural Resources and ask to be put on a volunteer list. Then, when volunteer opportunities arise, they can contact you to see if you're available to help. The nature of the activities will vary widely but might include measuring and tagging trees that will be or are being treated or monitoring sites that have been treated with beetles or chemicals. Here are the contact names and e-mail addresses.

U. S. Forest Service Jim Wentworth jwentworth@fs.fed.us	Georgia Forestry Commission Chip Bates cbates@GFC.state.ga.us	Georgia Department of Natural Resources Brian Nichols brian_nichols@dnr.state.ga.us
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Some of our state parks have Friends of the Park organizations that provide volunteer support either as special projects or ongoing maintenance activities. The chart below lists the north Georgia parks where there are likely to be hemlocks needing help and for which the Georgia State Parks web site indicates there is a Friends of the Park organization. However, there may be others as well, so if the park you're interested in helping isn't listed here, please visit www.gastateparks.org to get the phone number of the park manager and then call to inquire.

Georgia State Park	Contact Info for Friends Organization
Amicalola Falls in Dawsonville Park phone #: 706-265-4703 Park web site: www.GeorgiaStateParks.org/AmicalolaFalls	Friends of Amicalola Falls http://www.friendsofamicololafalls.org/angelwings-9@myway.com , 706-265-1969
Black Rock Mountain in Mountain City Park Phone #: 706-746-2141 Park web site: www.GeorgiaStateParks.org/BlackRockMountain	Black Rock Buddies Call park manager for contact info.
Smithgall Woods in Helen Park phone #: 706-878-3087 Park web site: www.GeorgiaStateParks.org/SmithgallWoods	Friends of Smithgall Woods 706-878-3087
Tallulah Gorge in Tallulah Falls Park phone #: 706-754-7970 Park web site: www.GeorgiaStateParks.org/TallulahGorge	Friends of Tallulah Gorge State Park Call park manager for contact info.
Unicoi in Helen Park phone #: 706-878-2201 Park web site: www.GeorgiaStateParks.org/Unicoi	Friends of Unicoi State Park 800-573-9659 ext. 305
Vogel in Blairsville Park phone #: 706-745-2628 Park web site: www.GeorgiaStateParks.org/Vogel	Vogel Volunteers 706-745-2628

For more information, please call the Hemlock Help LineSM 706-429-8010 or visit www.savegeorgiashemlocks.org.