

Project Details for Tate Branch & Sandy Bottom Campgrounds (Rabun County)

Date: Saturday, April 14, 2018

Event: Volunteer Hemlock Treatment Project at Tate Branch & Sandy Bottom Campgrounds in Rabun County.

Where to Meet: Tate Branch Campground is located west of Clayton, GA on Tallulah River Road (aka FS 70).
Address is: 4049 Tallulah River Road, Clayton.
GPS coordinates are:
DMS: N 34 57 19.08 and W 83 33 27.863
DD: 34.9553 and -83.55774



Directions: Take US 76 west from Clayton for approximately 8 miles. Turn right (north) on Persimmon Road and drive 4.2 miles. Turn left (northwest) on Tallulah River Road (aka FS 70) and drive 4.3 miles to campground sign.

Schedule: **9:00 a.m.** – SGH volunteer Team leaders report.

9:30 a.m. – Hemlock Helpers will receive a briefing on the condition of the hemlocks, treatment process to be used, and safety reminders. You will be organized into small teams including one experienced SGH Facilitator per team, receive your equipment and supplies, be directed to your treatment site, and begin treating trees.

12:30 p.m. – Treatment teams should come together for a group picnic. After lunch we will resume treatments. Upon completion of Tate Branch, we will move 1 mile up to Sandy Bottom Campground to treat those trees.

By 3:30 p.m. – Our target project completion time is 3:30 p.m. We'll stop work, clean the equipment and then head for home or feel free to explore this beautiful area of north Georgia.

Terrain: The terrain at the project site is relatively flat to moderately rolling. We'll make sure everyone is assigned to a work site where they can be safe and comfortable.

What to Wear: Dress for the weather and the activity, including **long pants and long sleeves, sturdy footwear** with socks, gloves, and rain gear in case of light rain. Nitrile gloves will be provided for those who will be handling chemicals. Hardhats will also be provided for your safety.

What to Bring: Pack a sack lunch, personal water bottle and a camera if you like. Your favorite hiking stick and a small day pack to carry things in may come in handy. We'll provide some snacks and extra bottled water. If you have any serious allergies (like bee stings), bring whatever you need to manage.

Don't Bring: This is an environmentally-friendly, pack-it-in pack-it-out event, so please don't bring any glass or Styrofoam items. Also, as much as we love dogs, please don't bring them this time.

Registration: Participants must sign up in advance by contacting Kim Wood at kimberlyraewood@gmail.com or 706-455-2313. If you have questions, please call or email before you get to the area as cell communication service may be sketchy.

