

# Helping Hemlocks on Georgia's Public Lands

## Treating Hemlocks on Public Lands

Save Georgia's Hemlocks and the U. S. Forest Service 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 and wildlife management areas.

**If you're interested in treating hemlocks on public lands, please call the Hemlock Help Line to volunteer.**

*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 on Public Lands in Other Ways

If you're interested in helping to save hemlocks on public lands in ways that don't involve actually treating trees, you can contact the U. S. Forest Service, Georgia Forestry Commission, or Georgia Department of Natural Resources and ask to be put on a volunteer list. The nature of the opportunities varies but could include activities such as measuring and tagging trees that will be treated in the near future or monitoring the condition of trees in sites that have already been treated. Here are the contact names and e-mail addresses.

U. S. Forest Service – Blue Ridge District (central)	Jason McGaughey	<a href="mailto:jasonamcgaughey@fs.fed.us">jasonamcgaughey@fs.fed.us</a>
U. S. Forest Service – Chattooga River District (east)	Ryan Foote	<a href="mailto:rfoote@fs.fed.us">rfoote@fs.fed.us</a>
U. S. Forest Service – Conasauga District (west)	Jeff Gardner	<a href="mailto:jeffgardner@fs.fed.us">jeffgardner@fs.fed.us</a>
GA Forestry Commission	Chip Bates	<a href="mailto:cbates@gfc.state.ga.us">cbates@gfc.state.ga.us</a>
GA Dept of Natural Resources – Wildlife Mgt. (east)	Ken Riddleberger	<a href="mailto:ken.riddleberger@dnr.state.ga.us">ken.riddleberger@dnr.state.ga.us</a>
GA Dept of Natural Resources – Wildlife Mgt. (west)	Chuck Waters	<a href="mailto:chuck.waters@dnr.state.ga.us">chuck.waters@dnr.state.ga.us</a>
GA Dept of Natural Resources – State Parks	Phil Delestrez	<a href="mailto:phil.delestrez@dnr.ga.gov">phil.delestrez@dnr.ga.gov</a>

Some of our state parks have Friends of the Park organizations that provide volunteer support for special projects and/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](http://www.gastateparks.org) to get the phone number of the park manager and then call to inquire.

Georgia State Park	Park Manager	Contact Info for Friends Organization
<b>Amicalola Falls in Dawsonville</b> Park web site: <a href="http://www.GeorgiaStateParks.org/AmicalolaFalls">www.GeorgiaStateParks.org/AmicalolaFalls</a>	706-265-4703	Friends of Amicalola Falls 706-265-1969
<b>Black Rock Mountain in Mountain City</b> Park web site: <a href="http://www.GeorgiaStateParks.org/BlackRockMountain">www.GeorgiaStateParks.org/BlackRockMountain</a>	706-746-2141	Black Rock Buddies Call park manager for contact info.
<b>Cloudland Canyon in Rising Fawn</b> Park web site: <a href="http://www.GeorgiaStateParks.org/CloudlandCanyon">www.GeorgiaStateParks.org/CloudlandCanyon</a>	706-657-4050	Friends of Cloudland Canyon 979-236-3882
<b>Smithgall Woods in Helen</b> Park web site: <a href="http://www.GeorgiaStateParks.org/SmithgallWoods">www.GeorgiaStateParks.org/SmithgallWoods</a>	706-878-3087	Friends of Smithgall Woods Call park manager for contact info.
<b>Tallulah Gorge in Tallulah Falls</b> Park web site: <a href="http://www.GeorgiaStateParks.org/TallulahGorge">www.GeorgiaStateParks.org/TallulahGorge</a>	706-754-7970	Friends of Tallulah Gorge State Park Call park manager for contact info.
<b>Unicoi in Helen</b> Park web site: <a href="http://www.GeorgiaStateParks.org/Unicoi">www.GeorgiaStateParks.org/Unicoi</a>	706-878-2201	Friends of Unicoi State Park 800-573-9659 ext. 305
<b>Vogel in Blairsville</b> Park web site: <a href="http://www.GeorgiaStateParks.org/Vogel">www.GeorgiaStateParks.org/Vogel</a>	706-745-2628	Vogel Volunteers Call park manager for contact info.

For more information, please call the Hemlock Help Line<sup>SM</sup> 706-429-8010 or visit [www.savegeorgiashemlocks.org](http://www.savegeorgiashemlocks.org).



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