



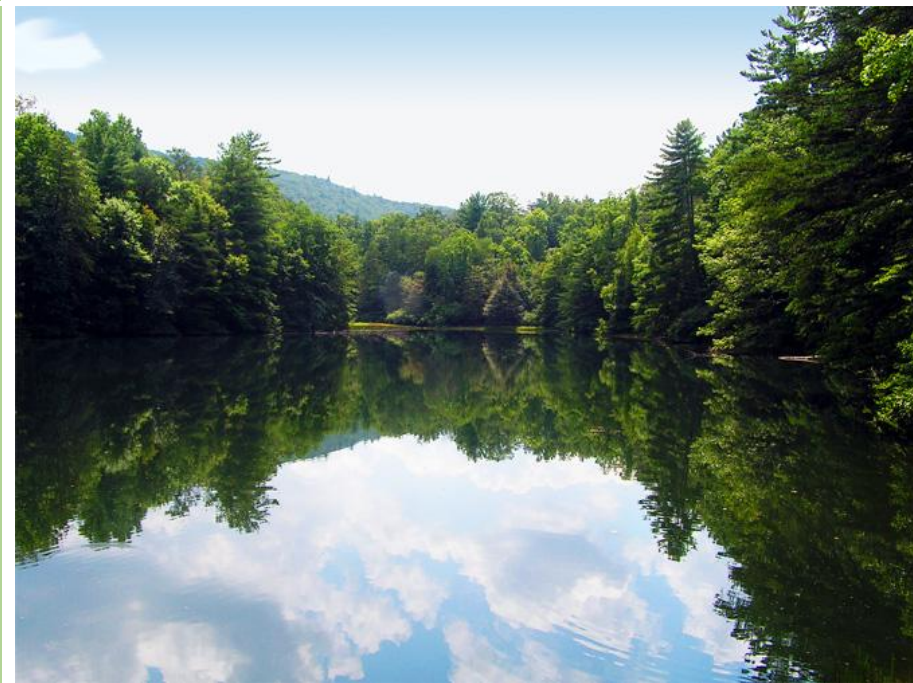
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# ForestWatch Outing

Outing Alert

August 11th, 2014

## Hemlock Hike at Dockery Lake Saturday, August 23rd, 2014



*Dockery Lake photographed by Donna Shearer*

**Hike Leader:** Jim Sullivan and Bruce Granger

**Hike Location:** Dockery Lake

**General Description of Hike:**

Georgia ForestWatch is pleased to host an educational hike to the Dockery Lake area to see first-hand the effects and treatments for the Hemlock Woolly Adelgid.

Since 2007 Georgia ForestWatch has provided funds that have helped support research on the biological control of Hemlock Woolly Adelgid (HWA). Predatory beetles that are adelgid specialists may

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offer the best hope for long-term management of HWA in forests, particularly since resistant populations of native hemlock have not been found. On this hike, you'll learn more about the HWA predator lab research and visit some of the beetle release sites near Dockery Lake with Jim Sullivan, a Georgia ForestWatch advisor who has been assisting on the project in his capacity with the Georgia Forestry Commission.

Bruce Granger and Donna Shearer of Save Georgia's Hemlocks will also be participating in the hike and can answer any questions you may have about efforts to help private property owners save their own hemlocks and the assistance their volunteers are providing to the U. S. Forest Service and the Georgia Department of Natural Resources.

**Hike Date:** Saturday, August 23rd, 2014

**Meeting Time, Place and Directions:**

We will meet at the trailhead in the campground at Dockery Lake. There will be signs to this area. The hike will begin at 10 am from the trailhead. Try to park in the picnic area where there are more spaces.

From Dahlonega, GA take GA Highway 60 north approximately 13 miles to Forest Service Road 654 on the right. Turn right, go 1.0 mile to campground.

From Blairsville, GA take U.S. 19/129 south for 10.0 miles, turn right on GA Highway 180. Go approximately 11.0 miles. Turn left on GA Highway 60, go 4.0 miles to Forest Service Road 654 on the left. Turn left, go 1.0 mile to campground.

**Distance and Difficulty:** Easy. Since this hike will be more focused on hemlocks than actually hiking, it is doubtful that we will go further than 1 mile. We may just end up strolling along the lake.

**Bring:** Lunch, plenty of water, magnifying glass, appropriate clothing / footwear, hiking poles, camera if you like, etc. Allergic to bees/wasps? Remember your meds/epi-pen.

**Cancellation:** Participants will be notified if the hike is cancelled due to forecast of severe weather, etc.

**Pet Policy:** Please, no dogs on this hike.

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

**Limit:** 15 participants

For more information on the hike, OR if you need directions on the day of the hike, please contact Jim Sullivan at 678-316-0704 or Bruce Granger at 404-931-0693, since the Georgia ForestWatch office is not open on the weekends.

**Sign Up Now!**

## Space is Limited 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**, Georgia ForestWatch members are always given priority on our hikes. To learn how you can become a member, [click here](#).

### To Reserve Your Spot

Please email our office at [info@gafw.org](mailto:info@gafw.org) or call 706-867-0051 with the following information.

1. Name of person(s)
2. Your email address
3. Your phone number (preferably cell if you will be carrying it on the outing day)

### **Upcoming Outings & Events - Mark Your Calendars!**

August 27th - Moccasin Creek to Hemlock Falls - *with Brenda Smith*

August 30th - Nature & Art at Denton Falls - *with Dietrich & Petra Hoecht*

September 6th - 50th Anniversary of the Wilderness Act Celebration

September 17th - Locust Stake - *with Ben Cash*

September 20th - Lake Winfield Scott to Wolfpen Gap - *with Tom Colkett*

October 3rd-5th - **Fall Retreat at Vogel State Park**

October 18th - Poetry & Music - *with Marie Dunkle and Laurence Holden*