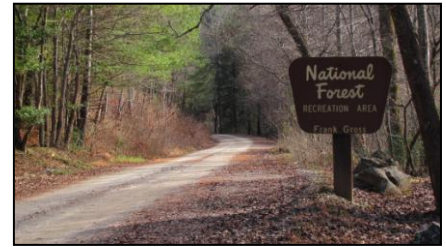




Hemlock Treatment at Frank Gross Campground Project Details

DATE: Tuesday, March 31, 2015

EVENT: Volunteer hemlock treatment project with the U. S. Forest Service in the Frank Gross Campground hemlock conservation area. It's in Union County on Rock Creek Rd / Forest Service Rd 69, off Highway 60 north of Suches. See map on next page.



WHERE TO MEET:

At the campground on Forest Service Rd 69, a mile past the Fish Hatchery. There will be directional signs along the road.

SCHEDULE: **10:00 a.m.** – Hemlock helpers will receive a short orientation about the area you'll be working in, condition of the hemlocks, the treatment process, and safety reminders. You'll be organized into small teams including at least one experienced SGH Facilitator per team, receive your equipment and supplies, walk a short distance to your treatment sites, and begin treating hemlocks.

We'll be treating or re-treating a total of 57 pre-tagged hemlocks, applying Imidacloprid by soil injection. The terrain is flat to gently rolling.

Mid-day – Sack lunch beside Little Rock Creek.

2:00 p.m. – We should be finished and cleaned up by this time.

WHAT TO WEAR:

Dress for the weather and the activity, including sturdy footgear with socks, long pants and long sleeves. Hard hats and nitrile gloves will be provided.

CAMPING & AMENITIES:

Anyone who wishes to camp the night before the project may do so in the Frank Gross Campground. They don't take reservations; it's first come, first served, but that shouldn't be a problem on a Monday night. There is a comfort station at the site.

WHAT TO BRING:

Pack a sack lunch and personal water bottle, insect repellent and sun screen if you need it, a camera if you like, and a small day pack to carry everything in. We'll provide some snacks, extra bottled water and dessert. If you're allergic to bee stings, bring whatever you need to manage.

Children K – 12 are welcome but will need to stay with their parents at all times. We won't be doing anything that would be dangerous to them, but we will be in the woods and near a stream.

WHAT NOT TO 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.

QUESTIONS: Call Donna at 706-429-8010 before you get to the forest service roads – there's no cell phone reception in the outback.

Driving Directions

Frank Gross Campground HCA is off Highway 60, north of Suches. You access it from Rock Creek Road (Forest Service Rd. 69) that goes to the fish hatchery. Rock Creek Road / FS 69 is the purple dot on the map below.

From Atlanta take GA 400 north until it ends, turn left on Highway 60 to Dahlonega, and then follow the instructions from Dahlonega below.

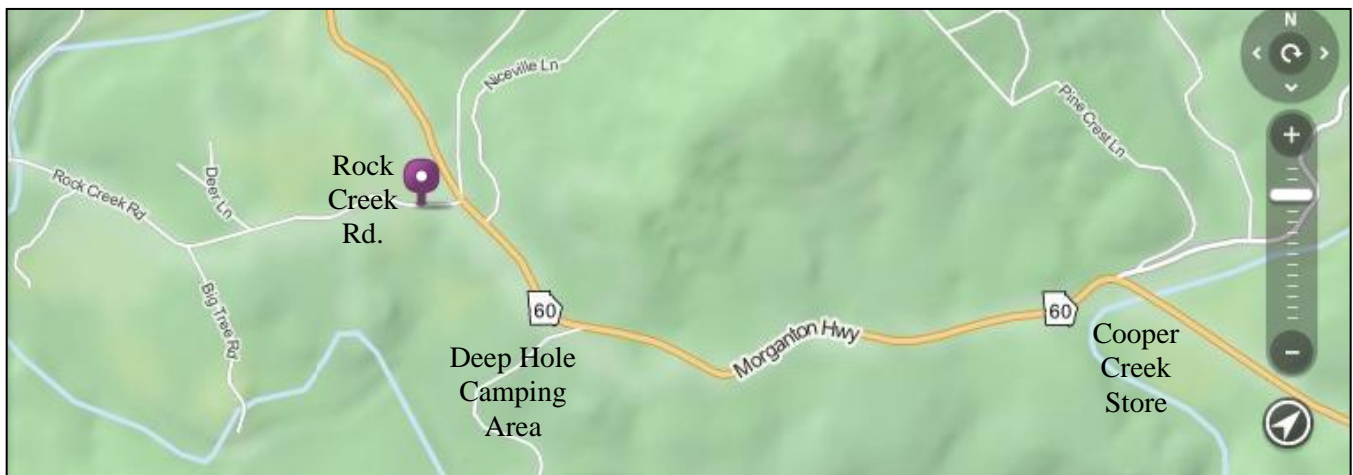
From Dahlonega take Highway 60 north 15 miles to Suches. Continue on Highway 60 north for about 12 miles to Rock Creek Rd.

From Blairsville take the Blue Ridge Highway west 7.4 miles. Turn left onto Skeenah Gap Rd. and go 7.8 miles. Turn left onto Highway 60 and go 3.5 miles to Rock Creek Rd.

From Blue Ridge take Highway 76 east and go 4 miles. Turn right onto Highway 60 south and follow it 16.4 miles to Rock Creek Rd.

At the intersection of Highway 60 and Rock Creek Rd., there's a big brown Forest Service sign pointing to the Fish Hatchery. Turn onto Rock Creek Rd. (FS 69).

- After 1.1 mile the pavement ends, and it become FS 69.
- Continue straight on FS 69 for 2.8 miles to Shady Grove Baptist Church on the right.
- Stay straight on FS 69 for 1 mile and pass the Fish Hatchery.
- Go 1 more mile, and you'll arrive at the campground.



A more detailed map and additional information about the campground are on the pages that follow.

You can also go to this web site:

<http://www.fs.usda.gov/recarea/conf/recreation/camping-cabins/recarea/?recid=10526&actid=29>



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2042 Highway 515 West
Blairsville, GA 30512
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Location

From Blue Ridge, GA take US 515 north for 4 miles to GA Hwy. 60; turn right and go 2 miles to Morganton. In Morganton, turn right on GA 60 south for 14.5 miles. Turn right on Forest Service Road 69 (Chattahoochee National Fish Hatchery Road) for 5.2 miles to campground.

From Blairsville, GA take US 515 south 2.5 miles to Kiutuestia Rd. Turn left, go 1.3 miles. Turn right on Old Hwy. 76, go 4.5 miles. Turn left on Skeenah Gap Rd., go 8 miles. Turn left on GA Hwy. 60, go 3.5 miles. Turn right on Forest Service Road 69 (Chattahoochee National Fish Hatchery Road) for 5.2 miles to campground.



Open Dates

Year-round

Fees



Camping
\$8.00 /site/night

Water

No drinking water



Restrooms

Portable toilets (Not available during off season camping)



Trash Receptacles

Located throughout campground



Fishing

In nearby Rock Creek and Mill Creek - check State fishing regulations before fishing
www.gofishgeorgia.com



Welcome To The Frank Gross Recreation Area!

Located along the banks of Rock Creek and far from civilization, this area offers camping, hiking and trout fishing. Fishing in Rock Creek and Mill Creek for stocked and wild trout is popular. Hikers can enjoy the Appalachian Trail nearby and it can be accessed easily from Forest Service Road 69. Another beautiful hike is along the Benton MacKaye Trail to the north of Frank Gross; this trail crosses the Toccoa River on a suspension bridge that is 260 feet long.

The Frank Gross Recreation Area consists of nine camping sites. Each campsite is equipped with a tent pad, picnic table, lantern pole, and grill. There are no water or electric hook-ups or dump station available in the campground. All of the sites are within easy walking distance of the creek. Campsites are available on a first-come, first-served basis.

The Chattahoochee National Fish Hatchery is also located on Rock Creek approximately 1/4 mile downstream from Frank Gross. The facility offers an informational visitor kiosk, outdoor raceway viewing, picnicking, and an Environmental Education Center.

Rules and Regulations

Rules and regulations are designed to permit all users of the area to get the maximum enjoyment from the facility without damage to the environment or disturbing other users. A complete set of rules is posted at the information boards. Please keep these points in mind during your stay with us:

- At least one person must occupy a camping site during the first night after camping equipment has been set up.
- Pets must always be restrained or on a leash.
- A campsite cannot be occupied by more than 5 persons or an immediate family.
- Only two vehicles for camping purposes are allowed per campsite.
- Camping equipment cannot be left unattended for more than 24 hours.
- Carry water to your campsite for all washing. Do not use faucets or bathrooms for cleaning dishes, fish or personal items.
- Use only dead and down trees for firewood. Do not cut standing trees.

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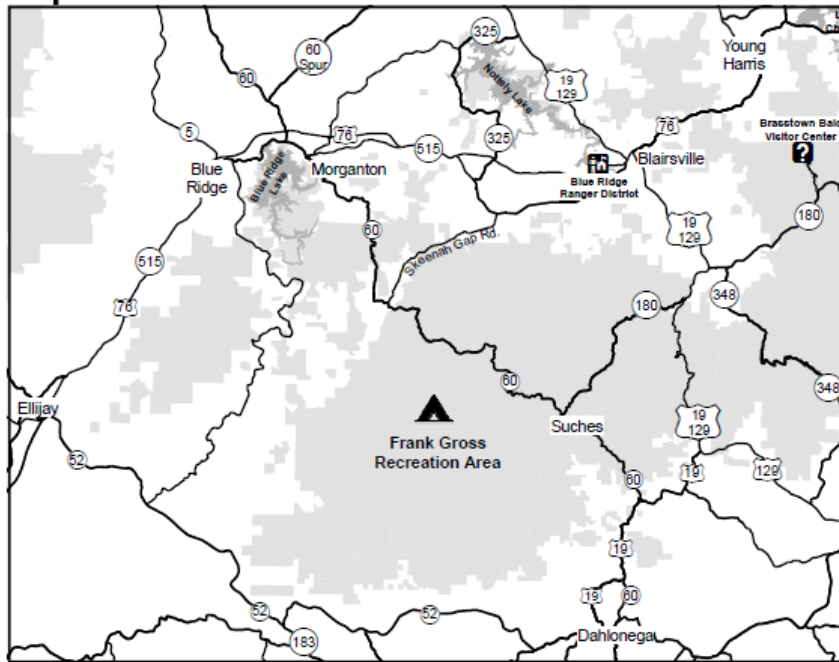
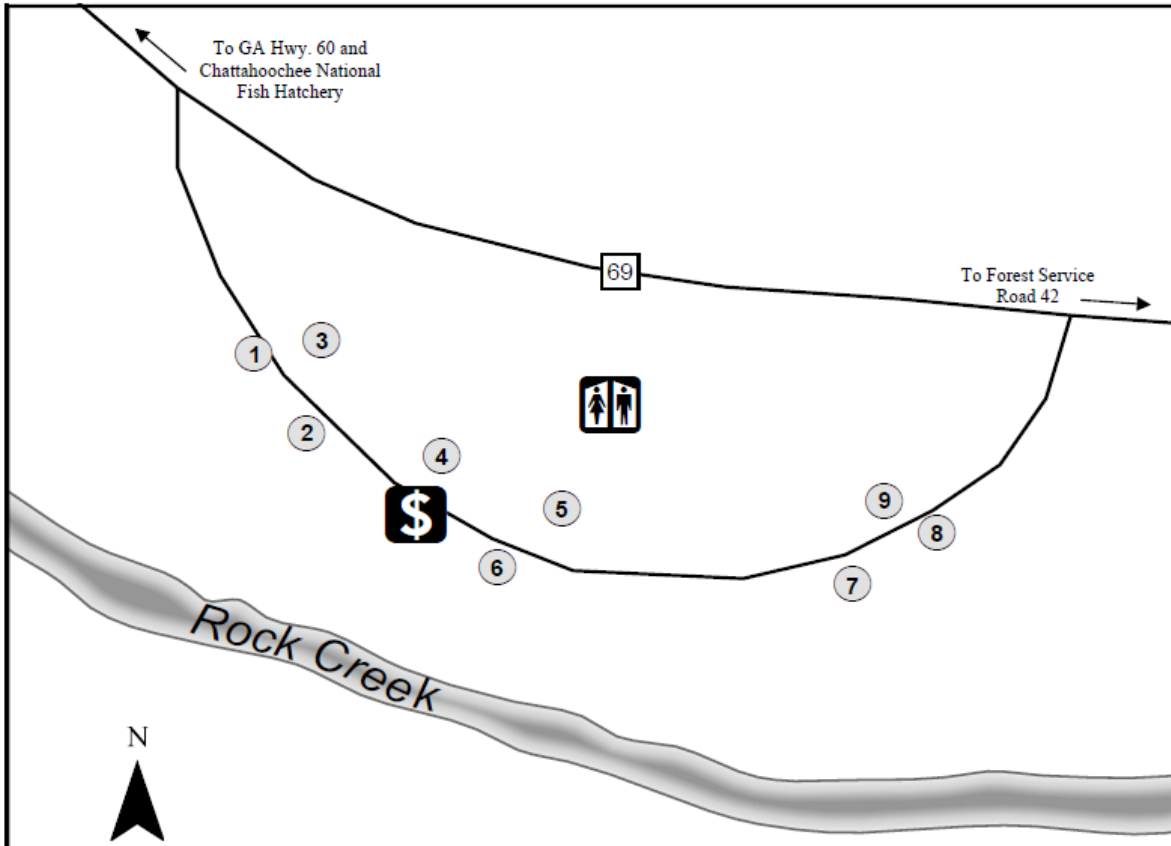
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


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Legend

-  Campsites
-  Portable Toilets
-  Fee Area
-  Forest Service Road