

## **Helton Creek Falls Hemlock Treatment – November 10** **Joint Project of Save Georgia's Hemlocks & U. S. Forest Service**

**EVENT:** Includes a family-friendly trail hike ( only about ½ mile), volunteer hemlock treatment service project, picnic beside Helton Creek Falls

**PURPOSE:** To help the U. S. Forest Service treat hemlocks in the conservation area and have a good time together in the great outdoors.

**WHERE:** Meet at the parking lot on Helton Creek Rd. See maps and driving directions on next page.

### **WHO CAN**

**PARTICIPATE:** Facilitators and newbies alike are encouraged to participate. If you're new to the treatment process, we'll teach you what you need to know, and you'll work in a team with some experienced Facilitators. All work will be done under the supervision of the Forest Service and SGH.

As always, this event is free, but **registration is required**. Please call 706-429-8010 or e-mail [donna@savegeorgiashemlocks.org](mailto:donna@savegeorgiashemlocks.org) to sign up or get more information.

**SCHEDULE:** **Be at the parking lot at 10 a.m. sharp.** After a brief orientation, we'll hike to the work site and begin treating tagged hemlocks in the conservation area with Imidacloprid by soil injection. This is a re-treatment project as the trees were originally treated 5-6 years ago.

We'll break at mid-day for a picnic lunch, and then continue work until we finish or 3 p.m., whichever comes first. Anyone who needs to leave early can do so.

### **WHAT TO WEAR -- REQUIRED**

- Dress for the weather – it may be cool.
- Long pants
- Long sleeved shirt
- Sturdy shoes/boots with socks
- Good work gloves

### **WHAT TO BRING**

- A sack lunch and personal water bottle
- Camera and cell phone if you like
- Rain gear in case of light rain
- A lightweight back pack might be good too.

### **WHAT NOT TO BRING**

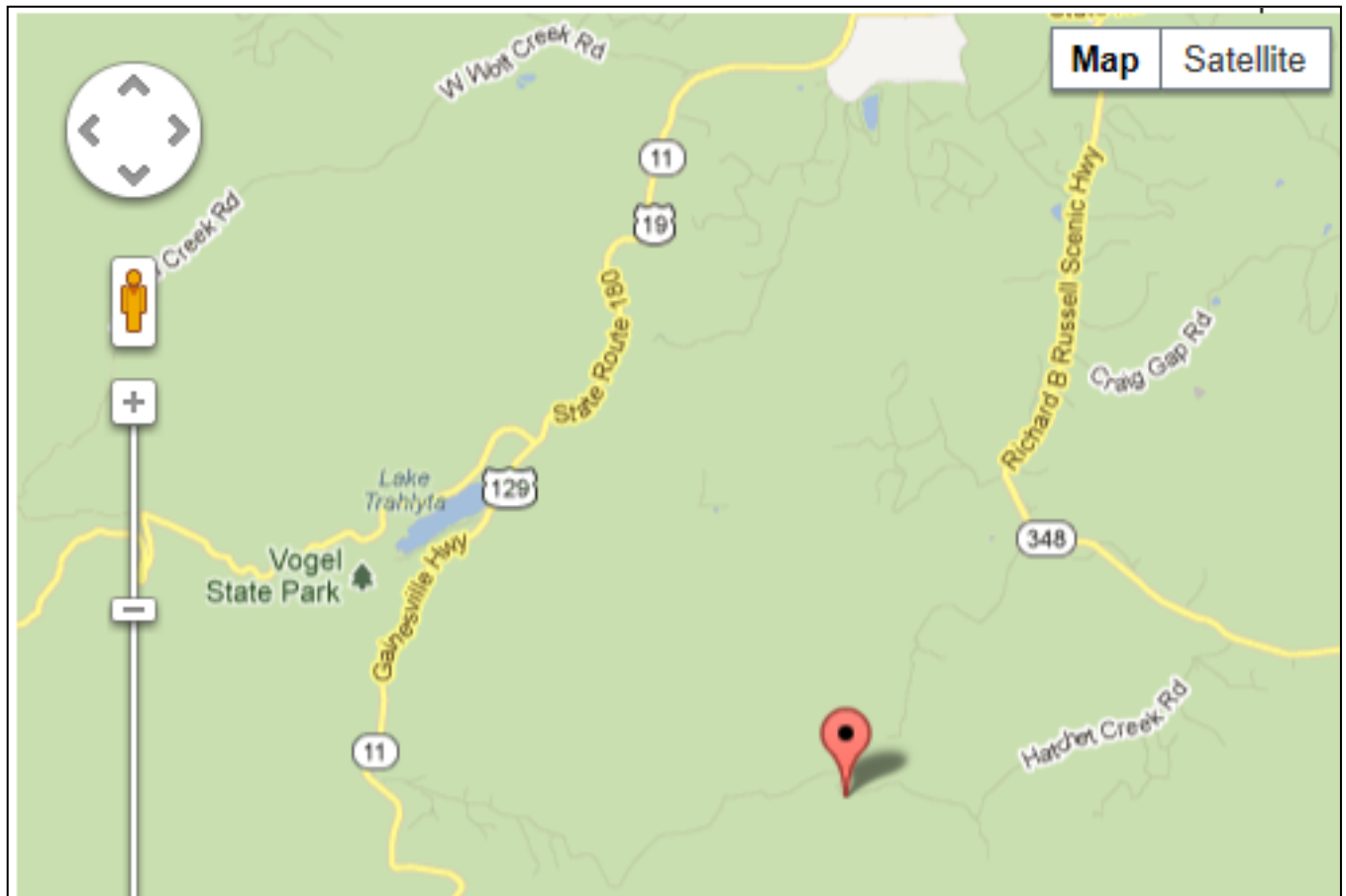
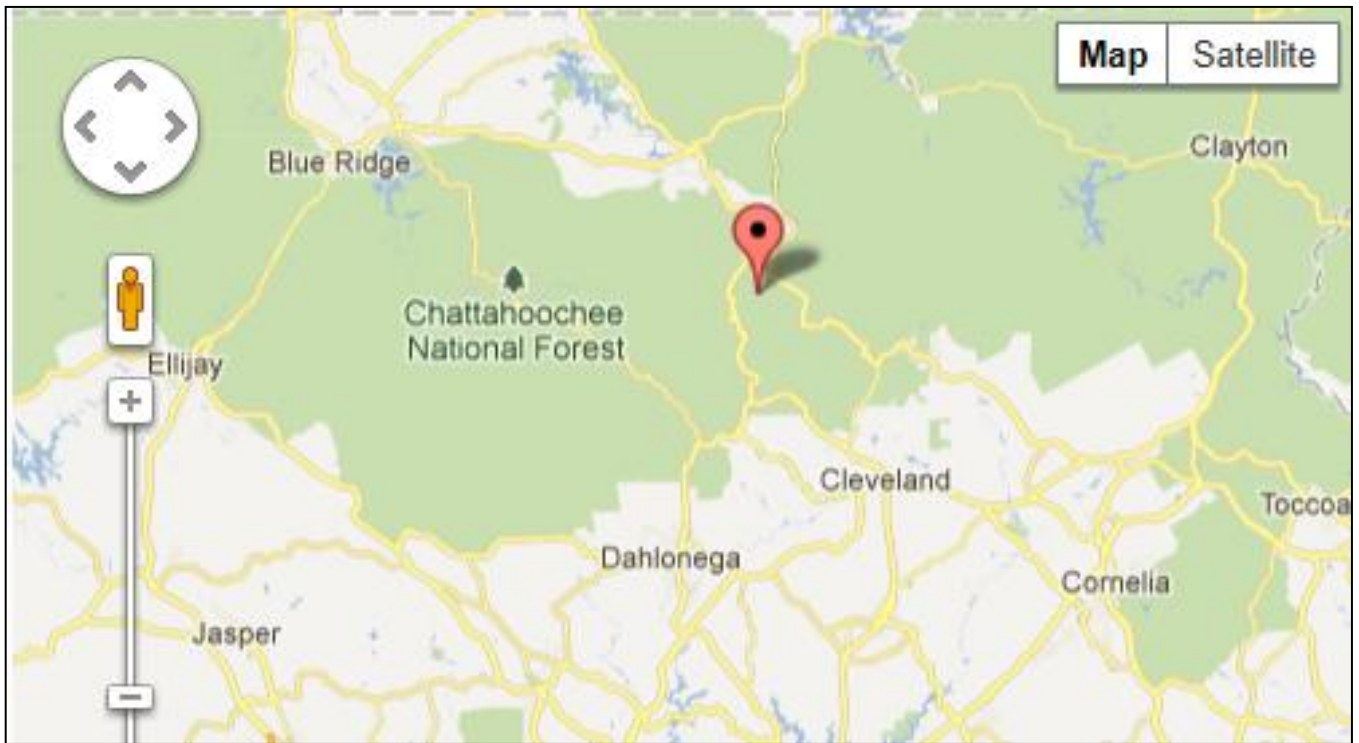
This is an environmentally-friendly, pack-it-in pack-it-out event, so please don't bring any glass or styrofoam items. Also, as much as we love dogs, please don't bring them this time.

### **WHAT USFS AND SGH WILL PROVIDE**

- Soil injectors and chemicals
- Mixing containers and gallons of warm water
- Pocket instruction cards
- Work aprons
- Hard hats (required)
- Extra measuring tapes, calculators, notepads, pens
- Nitrile gloves to go under your work gloves
- First aid kit and spill kit

**AMENITIES** As far as we know, there are no comfort stations here, so be “woods-ready” (if ya know what I mean).

MAPS



## **DRIVING DIRECTIONS**

Helton Creek Falls is on Helton Creek Rd, which runs between Hwy 129 and Hwy 348 (Richard Russell Hwy) in Union County just south of Vogel State Park.

From Blairsville – Take Hwy 129/19 south and go 11.3 miles. Turn left onto Helton Creek Rd.

From Blue Ridge – Take Hwy 76/515 east (Appalachian Highway) and go 23 miles. Turn right onto Hwy 129/19 and go south 11.5 miles. Turn left onto Helton Creek Rd.

From Ellijay – Take Hwy 515 north and go 36 miles to Blue Ridge. Then follow the Blue Ridge directions above.

From Dahlonega – Take Hwy 19 north and go 7.3 miles. At the Stone Pile, turn right to stay on Hwy 19 north and go 5 miles to Turners Corner. Turn left onto Hwy 129/19 north and go 9.3 miles. Turn right onto Helton Creek Rd.

## **MORE INFORMATION ABOUT HELTON CREEK FALLS**

[http://www.georgiatrails.com/gt/Helton\\_Creek\\_Falls](http://www.georgiatrails.com/gt/Helton_Creek_Falls)