



Hemlock Treatment in Anderson Creek HCA Project Details



DATE: Saturday, May 14, 2016

EVENT: Volunteer hemlock treatment project with the U. S. Forest Service in the Anderson Creek Hemlock Conservation Area of Gilmer County. See attached map.

WHERE TO MEET: We'll gather where the Forest Service road turns off Old Bucktown Rd. See attached map.

SCHEDULE: **9:00 a.m.** – Team leaders report.

9:30 a.m. – Hemlock helpers, please be on time.

First, you'll receive a briefing on the condition of the hemlocks, treatment process to be used, and safety reminders. Then you'll be organized into small teams including at least one experienced SGH Facilitator per team, receive your equipment and supplies, drive to your treatment sites, and begin treating trees.

Note: The Forest Service road is mostly level but is gravel, so if you have a 4-wheel-drive vehicle, please bring it so we can carpool the teams to the works sites.

12:30 p.m. – Depending on the proximity of the work sites to each other, treatment teams may have lunch at their work sites or may come together for a group picnic. We'll decide during the morning briefing. After lunch we'll resume work for another couple of hours to finish treating the trees.

By 3:00 p.m. (or sooner if we finish early) – We'll stop work, clean the equipment, and then be on our way home.

TERRAIN: The terrain is quite hilly, and the work sites are downhill from the road as the trees to be treated are located along the creek. 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 footgear with socks, work gloves, and rain gear in case of light rain. Nitrile gloves will be provided for those who will be handling chemicals.

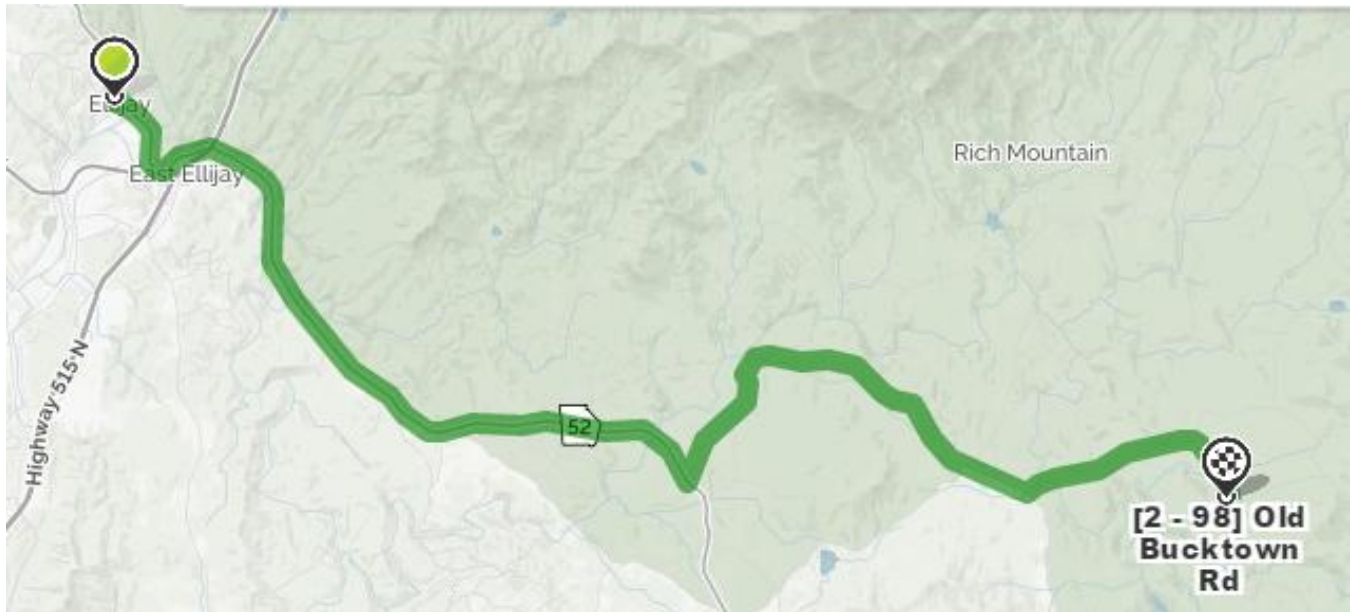
WHAT TO BRING: Pack a sack lunch and personal water bottle, and a camera if you like. Your favorite hiking stick and a small day pack to carry things in may come in handy while getting down to the work sites and back up again. We'll provide some snacks and extra bottled water. If you have any serious allergies (like bee stings), bring whatever you need to manage.

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.

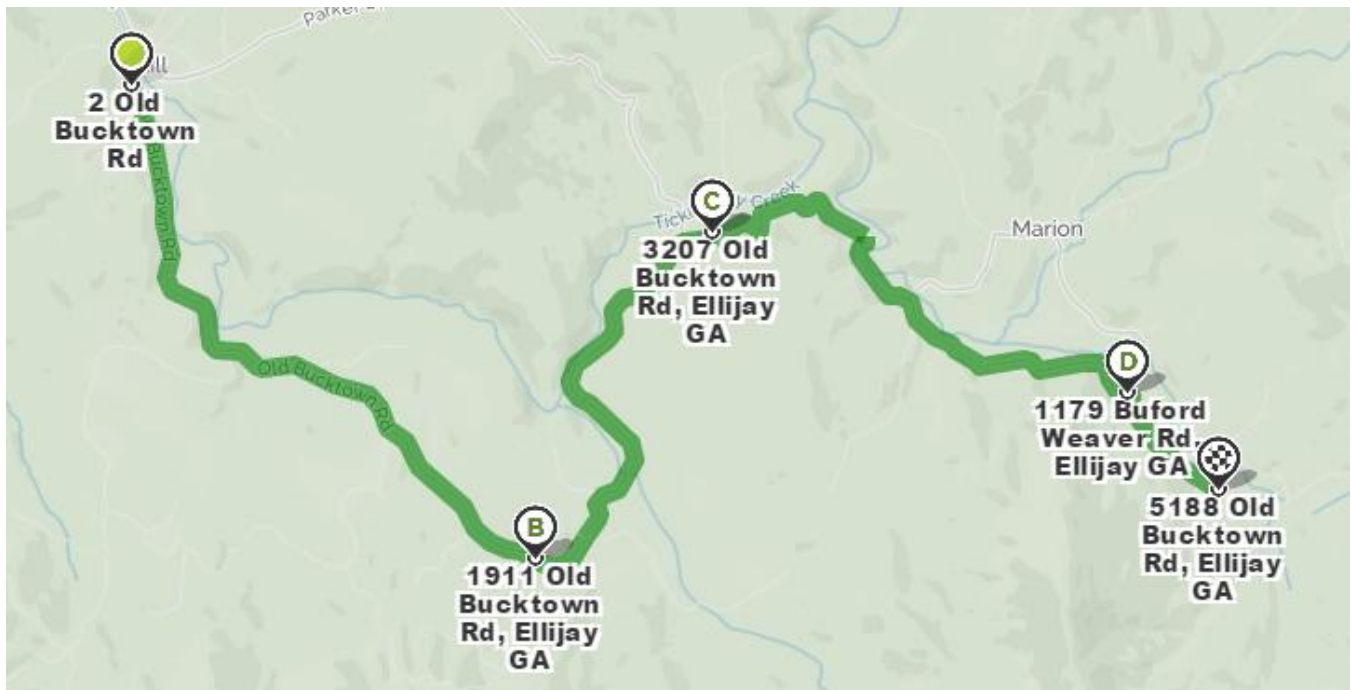
REGISTRATION: Participants must sign up in advance by contacting Donna Shearer by phone at 706-429-8010 or by e-mail at donna@savegeorgiashemlocks.org. If you have questions, please call or email before you get to the area as cell phone service is sketchy there.



Anderson Creek Hemlock Conservation Area Off Old Bucktown Rd. east of Ellijay



1. From Ellijay, take GA-52 east and go 7.53 miles.
2. Turn left onto Roy Rd. Go 4.4 miles.
3. Turn left to stay on Roy Rd. and go 2.53 miles.
4. At the 3-way stop, turn right and cross the bridge on Old Bucktown Rd.



5. On Old Bucktown Rd., go 3.2 miles to the fork with Tickanetley Rd. Keep right to stay on Old Bucktown.
6. Go another 1.8 miles on Old Bucktown. You'll pass Buford Weaver Rd on the left *twice* (it makes a loop to the left of Old Bucktown). Just after you pass Buford Weaver the second time, you'll come to the Forest Service road on the right. If you get as far as Holly Branch, you've gone a bit too far.
7. Pull up inside the gate on the Forest Service road and park on the side so you don't block the road.