

# Project Details for Hemlock Treatment Project

## Anna Ruby Falls Recreation Area HCA # 601



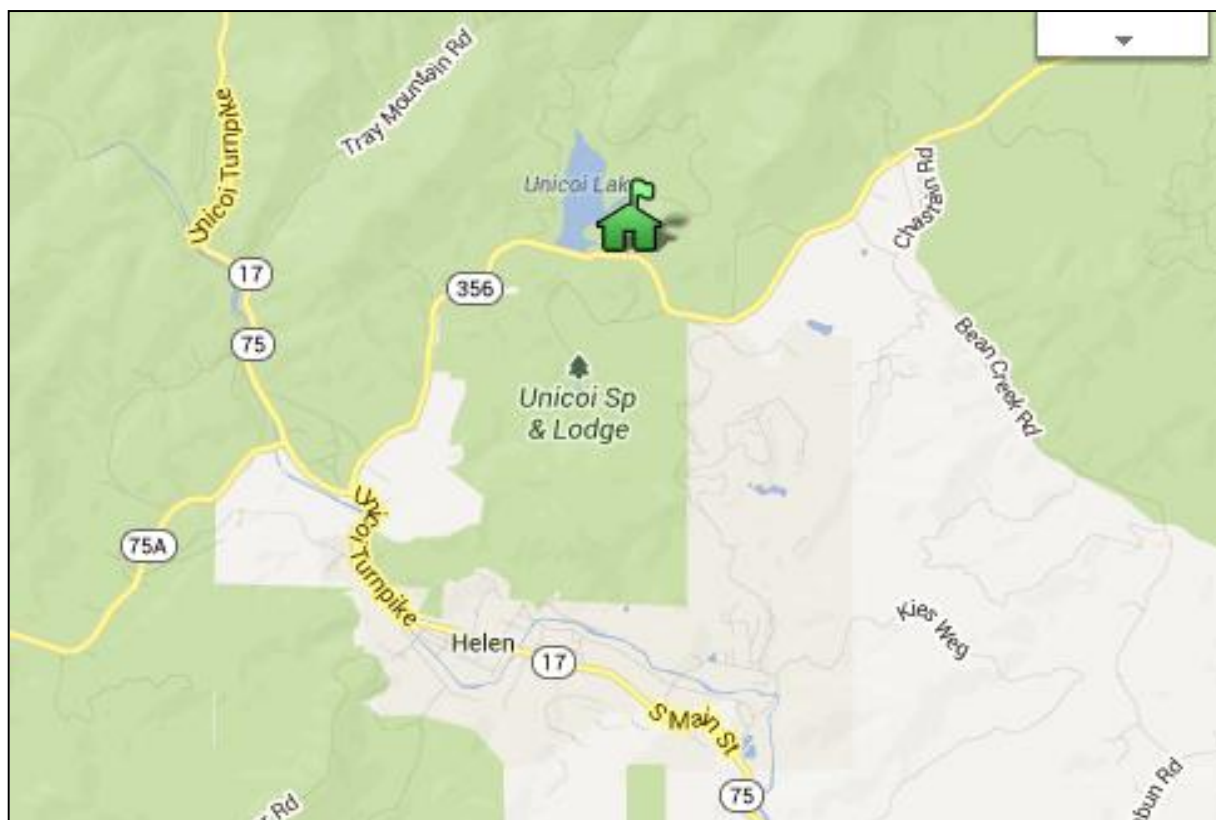
<b>Date</b>	<b>SUNDAY, September 18, 2022</b>
<b>Event</b>	Service event in partnership with the U. S. Forest Service to treat or retreat the hemlocks at Anna Ruby Falls Recreation Area in White County near Helen
<b>Notice</b>	As SGH is committed to protecting the health and safety of our volunteers at all events, we will be following CDC guidelines regarding the <i>coronavirus</i> pandemic. If you have, or recently have had, a fever or any other symptoms of COVID-19, please do not sign-up and do seek appropriate medical help.
<b>Where to Meet</b>	We'll gather the in the southwest corner of the Anna Ruby Falls Visitors Center parking lot where parking is plentiful. <b>See driving directions and map</b> on next page. <b>Signs will be posted</b> along the way.
<b>Schedule</b>	<p><b>9:00 a.m.</b> – All SGH volunteers report. Please be on time.</p> <p><b>9:15 a.m.</b> – Volunteers will receive a briefing on the condition of the hemlocks, treatment process to be used, and safety reminders. You will be organized into small teams including at least one experienced SGH Facilitator per team, receive your equipment / supplies, be directed to your work site, and begin treating.</p> <p>We'll be applying Imidacloprid liquid by soil injection to retreat the pre-tagged hemlocks and give first-time treatment to any additional hemlocks that are still viable.</p> <p><b>12:00 p.m.</b> – We will break for lunch and get directions for rest of the day.</p> <p><b>12:30 p.m.</b> – Resume treatment.</p> <p><b>3:30 p.m.</b> – After turning in treatment logs and cleaning the injectors, everyone will depart with our sincere thanks.</p>
<b>Terrain</b>	Treatment area is relatively narrow along on the east side of the main road down to Smith Creek which runs north to south. The terrain ranges from creek bottom along Smith Creek to steep areas going up to the road. Undergrowth is moderate with many trees up slope from the bottomland. We'll make sure everyone is assigned to a work site or job assignment where they can be safe and comfortable.
<b>What to Wear</b>	Dress for the weather and the activity, including long pants and long sleeves, gloves and sturdy footgear, and rain gear in case of light rain. Nitrile gloves will be provided for those who will be handling chemicals. Hardhats will also be provided and required to wear for your safety.
<b>What to Bring</b>	Pack a sack lunch and bring it with you. Bring a personal water bottle and a camera if you like. A small day pack may come in handy. We'll provide some snacks and extra bottled water. If you have any serious allergies (like bee stings), bring whatever you need to manage the situation. The Visitors Center has bathrooms, snacks, and items to purchase.
<b>Don't Bring</b>	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.
<b>Registration</b>	Participants must sign up in advance by Jon Jones at <a href="mailto:jdjones611@gmail.com">jdjones611@gmail.com</a> or 910-987-0306. If you have questions, please call or email before project date.



## Map & Driving Directions

Anna Ruby Falls, 3455 Anna Ruby Falls Rd, Sautee, GA 30571

(706) 878-1448



### **From Helen**

- \* Take Hwy 75 north, turn right onto Hwy 356.
- \* At the intersection of Hwy 356 and Anna Ruby Falls Road, turn left onto Anna Ruby Falls Rd.

### **From Dahlonega**

- \* Take Morrison Moore Parkway to Hwy 52 east, then left onto Rock House Rd.
- \* Bear right onto Cavender Creek Rd.
- \* Turn left onto Town Creek Church Rd.
- \* Turn right onto Town Creek Rd. and then immediately left onto Adair Mill Rd.
- \* Turn right onto Hwy 129 south, then left onto Hwy 75 Alt.
- \* Turn right onto Hwy 75, then left onto Hwy 356.
- \* From HWY 356 turn left (north) onto Anna Ruby Falls Rd.

### **From Blairsville**

- \* Take Hwy 129 / 19 south to Hwy 180 and turn left.
- \* From Hwy 180 turn right onto Hwy 348.
- \* From Hwy 348 turn left onto Hwy 75 Alt.
- \* From Hwy 75 Alt turn right onto Hwy 75
- \* From Hwy 75 turn left onto Hwy 356.
- \* From Hwy 356 turn left onto Anna Ruby Falls Rd.

### **From Clayton**

- \* Take Hwy Hwy 76 west, then left on Hwy 197 south.
- \* Turn right onto Hwy 348.
- \* Turn left onto Anna Ruby Falls Rd.

**Once you're on Anna Ruby Falls Road**, travel approximately 3.2 miles, going first through Unicoi State Park, then entering Forest Service property, and soon arriving at the Anna Ruby Visitors Center at the end of the road. As you pass by the USFS fee station, tell the attendant you're a SGH volunteer so you won't have to pay an entry fee. Gather in the southwest corner of the Anna Ruby Falls Visitors Center parking lot.