## Hemlock Treatment on new Blackwell Creek HCA Project Details

Date:	Sunday, Feb. 23, 2020
Event:	Partnership project of Save Georgia's Hemlocks & the Georgia Appalachian Trail Club to treat approximately 180 hemlocks in a newly authorized HCA on Blackwell Creek
Where to Meet:	Old Tritt's Store at the intersection of Hwy 60 & Cooper Gap Rd. (aka FS 42) between Dahlonega and Suches
<b>Directions:</b>	See map on next page for driving directions to meeting place.
Schedule:	9:30 a.m. – SGH team leaders and hemlock helpers report. Please be on time.
	We'll start with a briefing on the condition of the hemlocks, treatment process to be used, and safety reminders. You'll be organized into small teams including at least one experienced SGH Facilitator per team, and receive your equipment and supplies. We'll carpool to the trail head, hike to the treatment site, and begin treating trees.
	12:30 p.m. – Treatment teams will come together for a group picnic. After lunch we'll resume treatments.
	By 3:30 p.m. (or sooner if finished) – We'll stop work, clean up, and then head for home or feel free to explore this beautiful area of north Georgia.
Terrain:	The terrain at the project site is level to moderately rolling. 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 <b>long pants and long sleeves, sturdy footgear</b> with socks, gloves, 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 for your safety.
What to Bring:	Pack a sack lunch, personal water bottle, your favorite hiking stick, a day pack to carry things, and a camera if you like. We'll provide some snacks and extra bottled water. If you have any serious allergies (like bee stings), bring whatever you need to manage.
Don't 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 at 706-429-8010 or donna@savegeorgiashemlocks.org. If you have questions or a change of plans, please call or email before you get to the area as cell communication service may be sketchy

Old Tritt's Store at intersection of Hwy 60 and Cooper Gap Rd., about 14 miles north of Dahlonega. Note that Cooper Gap Rd. is also Forest Service Road 42.

