

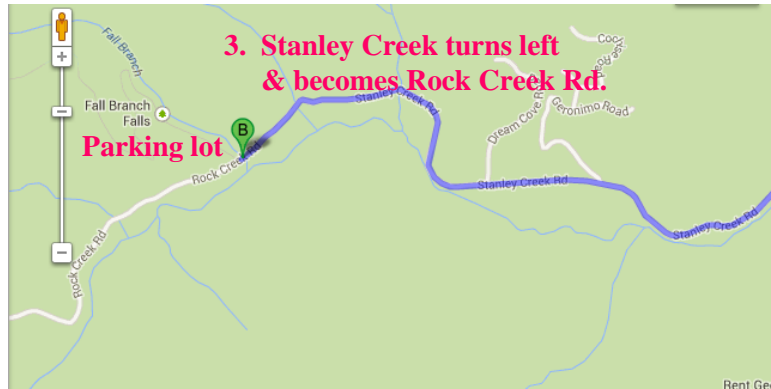
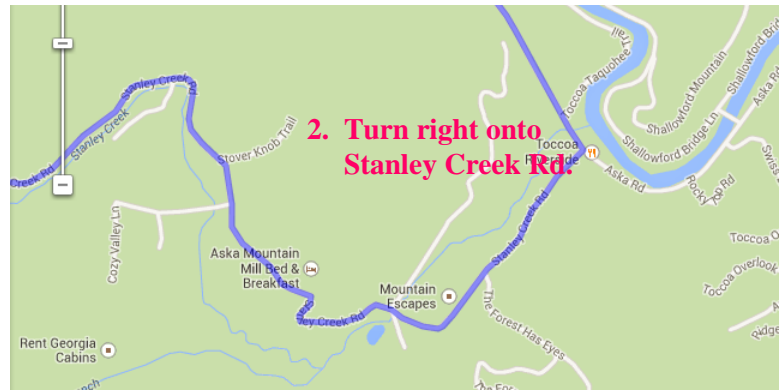
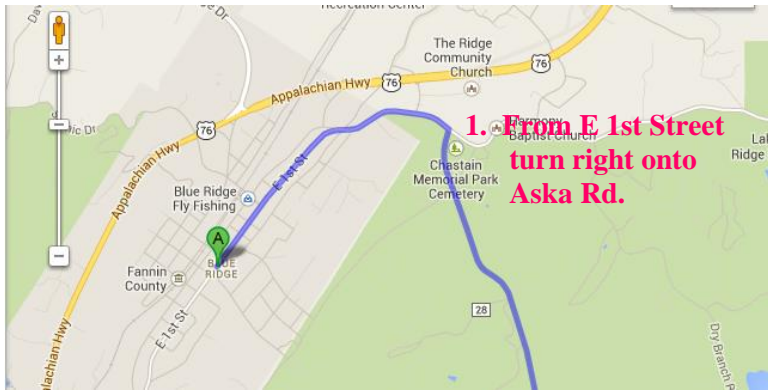
## **Save Georgia's Hemlocks Hemlock Treatment Project at Falls Branch Falls in support of the U. S. Forest Service**

- EVENT:** A volunteer hemlock treatment project in the Falls Branch Falls hemlock conservation area of the Chattahoochee National Forest. We will treat hemlock trees by means of soil injection to save them from the hemlock woolly adelgid infestation.
- DATE:** Saturday, November 2, 2013
- WHERE:** Falls Branch Falls is off Stanley Rd/Rock Creek Rd near Cherry Log in Gilmer County. A map and driving directions to the parking lot and trail head follow.
- SCHEDULE:** **9:30 a.m.** – Hemlock helpers will meet at the trail head parking lot. Jim Wentworth of the U. S. Forest Service and Donna Shearer will be the project leaders. Volunteers will receive information about the area we'll be working in, condition of the hemlocks, treatment process, and a safety briefing. After this orientation, we will hike half a mile on an easy trail to the work site and work in teams of 2 or 3 people, including an experienced Facilitator on each team, to treat approximately 180 pre-tagged hemlocks.
- 12:30 p.m.** – We'll break for a picnic lunch beside the waterfall.
- 1:00 p.m.** – If we're not quite finished treating the assigned trees, we'll resume work to complete our task. When we're done, we'll hike back to the parking lot.
- 2:00 p.m.** – We should be finished and cleaned up by this time, and everyone will depart with our sincere thanks.
- WHAT TO WEAR:** Dress for the weather and the activity, including sturdy shoes/boots, long pants and long sleeves. The Forest Service will provide hard hats for everyone.
- WHAT TO BRING:** A sack lunch (we'll provide bottled water, fruit, and chips)  
A small day pack  
Heavy duty work gloves
- 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.
- AMENITIES:** There is no comfort station on the trail so plan to come "woods ready."
- REGISTRATION REQUIRED:** This event is free, but advance registration is required. Please call the Hemlock Help Line 706-429-8010 or email [donna@savegeorgiashemlocks.org](mailto:donna@savegeorgiashemlocks.org).

## Directions to Falls Branch Falls Trail Head, Cherry Log

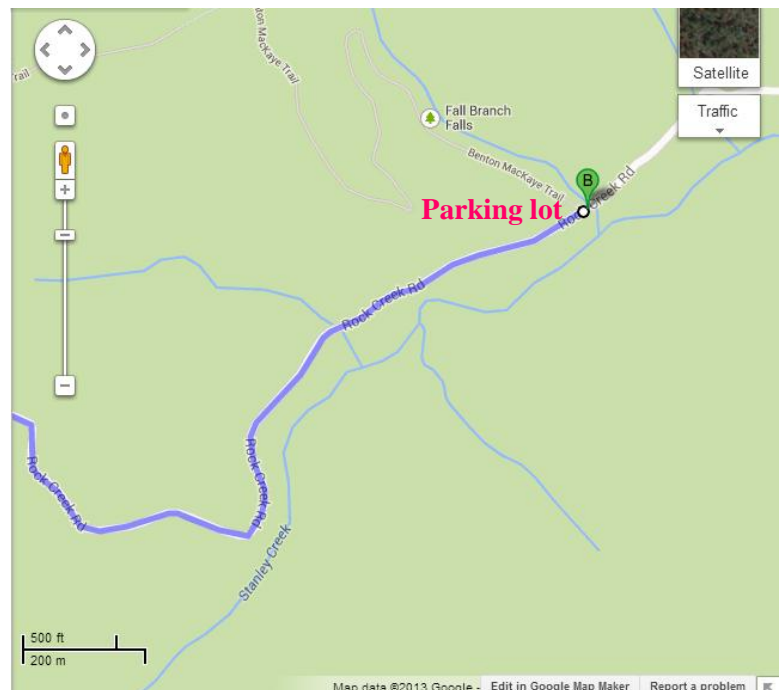
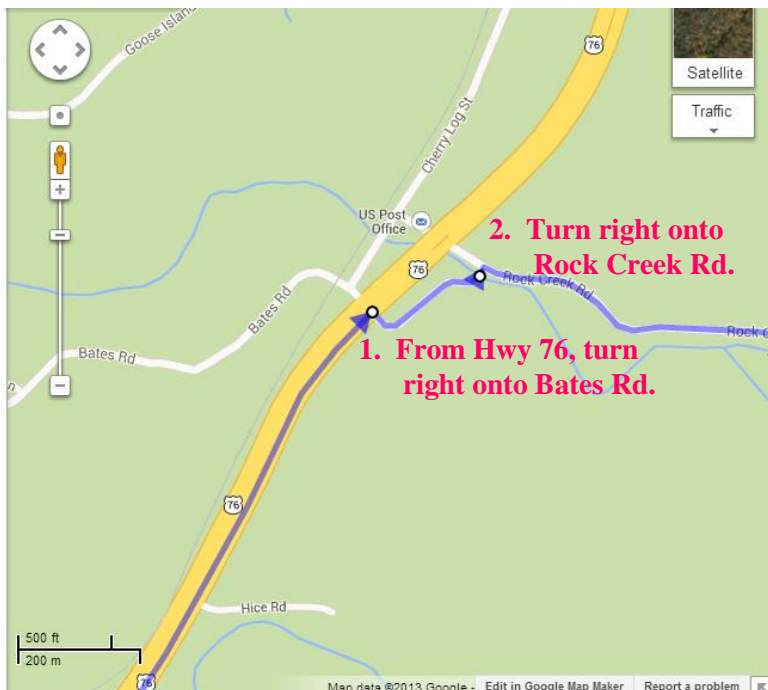
**From Blue Ridge** (12.3 mi, 22 min driving):

1. Take East 1<sup>st</sup> Street/Old Hwy 76 north 1.3 mile. Turn right onto Aska Rd. and go 8 miles.
2. Turn right onto Stanley Creek Rd. and go 2.9 miles.
3. Stanley Creek Rd turns left and becomes Rock Creek Rd. Continue on Rock Creek Rd. for 0.2 mile to parking lot.



**From Ellijay** (14.3 mi, 31 min driving):

1. Take Hwy 76 north toward Cherry Log and go 8.1 miles. Turn right onto Bates Rd. and go 0.1 mile.
2. Turn right onto Rock Creek Rd. and go 5.9 miles to parking lot.



**From Dahlonega (39.2 mi, 1 hr 10 min driving):**

1. Take GA-19/60 north about 8 miles to the stone pile. Bear left to stay on GA-60 north and go 23.4 miles.
2. Turn left onto Dial Rd. and go 2.5 miles.
3. Turn left onto Newport Rd. and go 0.7 mile.
4. Take first right onto Aska Rd. and go 5.1 miles.
5. Turn left onto Stanley Creek Rd. and go 2.9 miles.
6. Stanley Creek Rd turns left and becomes Rock Creek Rd. Continue on Rock Creek Rd. for 0.2 mile to parking lot.

