



Hemlock Treatment at Noontootla – Project Details

DATE: Saturday, June 13, 2015

EVENT: Volunteer hemlock treatment project with the U. S. Forest Service in the Noontootla – Three Forks hemlock conservation area in Fannin County.

WHERE TO MEET: Meet at Fellowship Primitive Church at about the midpoint on Doublehead Gap Rd., which runs between Hwy 60 and Hwy 52. The actual address is 5850 Doublehead Gap Rd., Blue Ridge, GA 30513. Maps and driving directions begin on the next page.



SCHEDULE: **9:30 a.m.** – Meet at the church. Following a short orientation, we'll divide into teams and caravan down Forest Service Rd. 58 to 3 work sites. The first two are along the road; the third one requires a hike to Long Creek Falls (it's a pleasant walk of 30 – 40 minutes).

Upon arrival at the work sites –Begin re-treating pre-tagged hemlocks, applying Imidacloprid by soil injection. Then, if time permits, we may scout the area for a few additional hemlocks that are still viable for first-time application of Imidacloprid and treat them too.

Mid-day – Sack lunch at your work site.

2:30 p.m. – We should be finished treating the trees by this time. Then we'll clean the injectors and caravan back to the church by 3:00.

WHAT TO WEAR: Dress for the weather and the activity, including work gloves, sturdy footwear with socks, long pants and long sleeves. Hard hats and nitrile gloves will be provided.

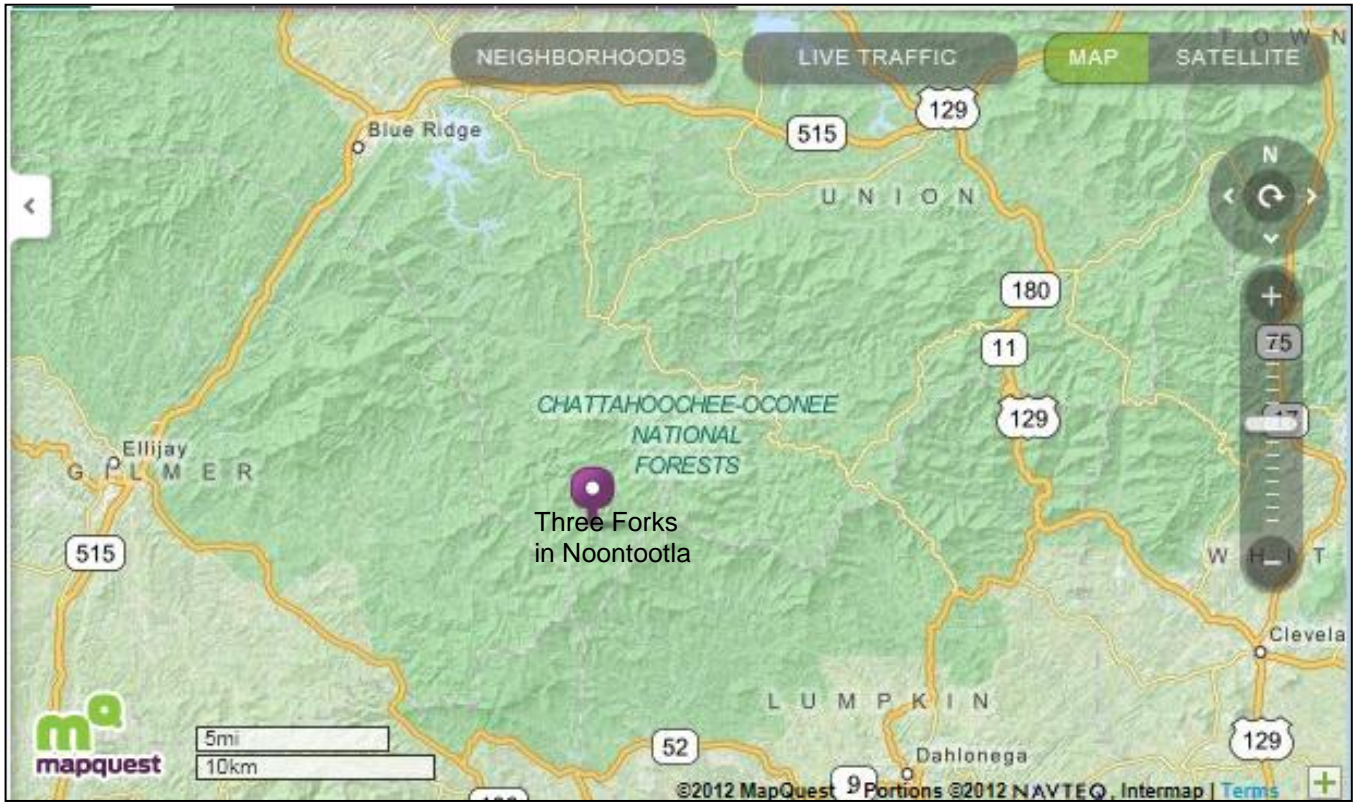
WHAT TO BRING: Pack a sack lunch and personal water bottle, insect repellent and sun screen if you need it, a camera if you like, and a small back pack to carry things in. We'll provide some snacks and extra bottled water. If you're allergic to bee stings, bring whatever you need to manage.

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.

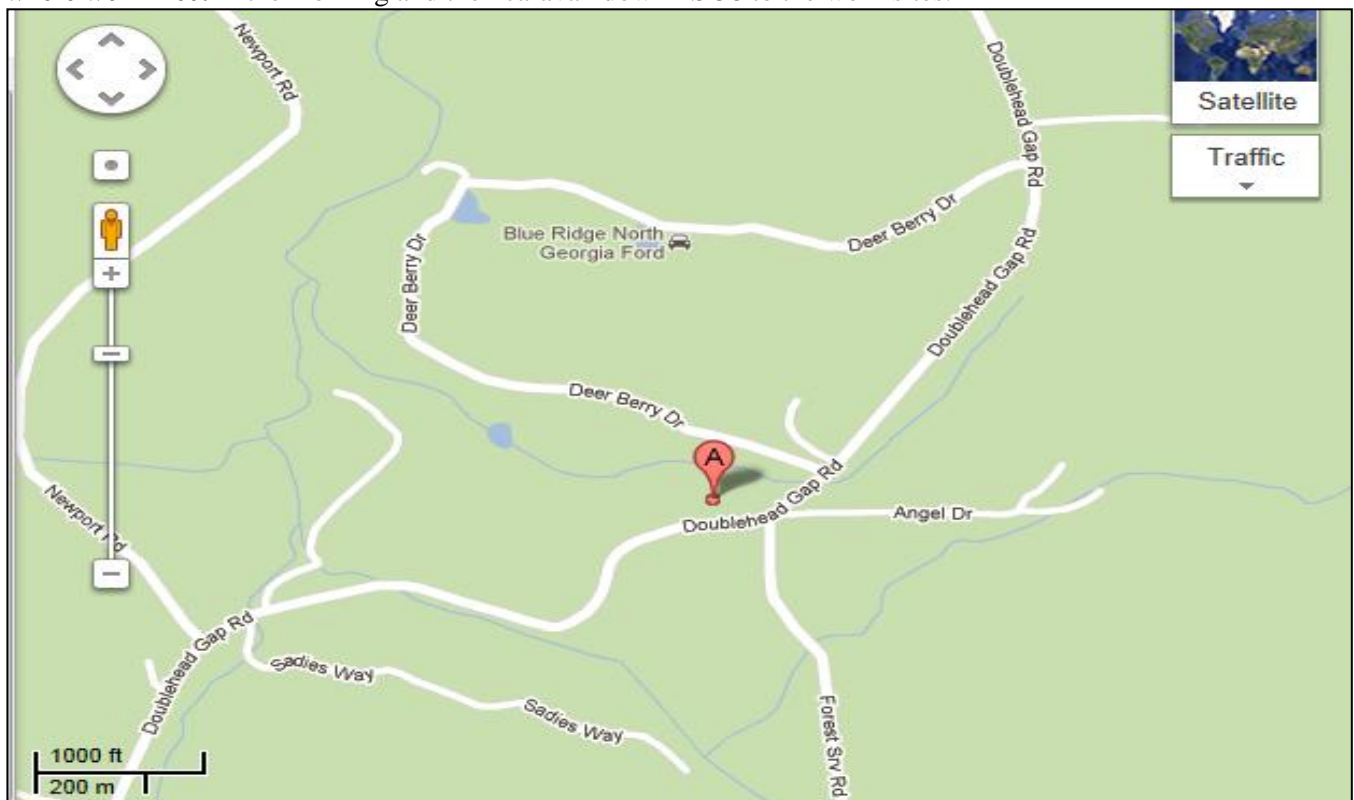
QUESTIONS: Call Donna at 706-429-8010.or email donna@savegeorgiashemlocks.org.

Maps

The **Noontootla hemlock conservation area** (purple dot) is roughly in the center of a square connecting Dahlonega, Ellijay, Blue Ridge, and Blairsville. It's accessed by Forest Service Rd 58 which runs off Doublehead Gap Rd. in Blue Ridge, Fannin County.



The **Fellowship Primitive Church** (red dot A) is at about the midpoint of Doublehead Gap Rd. which runs between Hwy 60 on the northeast and Hwy 52 on the southwest (5850 Doublehead Gap Rd., Blue Ridge, GA 30513). This is where we'll meet in the morning and then caravan down FS 58 to the work sites.



Driving Directions

Coming from Blue Ridge:

Go south on Aska Rd 13.5 miles.

Turn right on Newport Rd, go 4.5 miles.

Turn left on Doublehead Gap Rd (part of it is unpaved) and go about 0.7 mile.

Fellowship Primitive Church is on your left.

The following link has a tool to get directions to Three Forks from any address.

<http://www.atlantatrails.com/hiking-trails/hiking-the-appalachian-trail-at-three-forks-to-long-creek-falls/>

Coming from Blairsville:

Take the Blue Ridge Highway going west.

Just after Mason Rd on the left and Dock Jones Rd on the right, turn left onto Skeenah Gap Rd and go 7.8 miles.

Turn right onto Hwy 60 and go 0.2 mile.

Take 1st left onto Doublehead Gap Rd and go 5.7 miles. The pavement will end.

At the intersection of Angel Dr and FS 58, continue on Doublehead Gap Rd another 0.1 mile. Fellowship Primitive Church is on your right.

Coming from Ellijay:

Go east on Highway 52 for 6 miles.

Turn left on Big Creek Rd and go 8.5 miles. Big Creek Rd becomes Doublehead Gap Rd.

Continue on Doublehead Gap Rd after the pavement ends, slightly less than 7 miles. Fellowship Primitive Church is on your left.

Coming from Dahlonega:

Go west on Hwy 9 for 3.6 miles. Then bear right onto Hwy 52 and go west for 24.8 miles.

Turn right onto Roy Rd and follow it until it dead-ends at Big Creek Rd.

Turn right onto Big Creek Rd and go 2 miles. Big Creek Rd becomes Doublehead Gap Rd.

Continue on Doublehead Gap Rd after the pavement ends, slightly less than 7 miles. Fellowship Primitive Church is on your left.