

Hemlock Treatment at Rabun Recreation Area / Angel-Panther Trail Project Details

DATE: April 15, 2017

EVENT: Volunteer hemlock treatment project with the U.S. Forest Service at the **Rabun Recreation Area Campground #2** located at **5315 Lake Rabun Road, Lakemont, GA 30552** in Rabun County

WHERE TO MEET: We'll gather at the **Angel/Panther trailhead in Campground #2 near campsite #53**. Signs will direct you to convenient, close proximity parking area within the Campground.

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, hike to your treatment site, and begin treating trees. We'll primarily be re-treating pre-tagged hemlocks as well as new viable hemlocks with no tags, by applying Imidacloprid via soil injection.

12:30 p.m. – Return to the trailhead mixing station and clean soil injectors. Treatment teams come together for a group picnic. Then if we're not finished treating, we'll resume work.

By **3:45 p.m.** (or sooner if finished) – We'll stop work, clean the equipment, and then head for home.

ACCESS: The trailhead to the treatment sites is near campsite #53.

TERRAIN: The terrain at the work sites varies significantly. On the trail up to Panther Falls it is moderate overall. From Panther Falls upward to Angel Falls, the trail and terrain is very steep in many places. 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, 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, 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. 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.

QUESTIONS: If you have questions, contact Bob Pledger at bobpledger@windstream.net or 706-212-2833 before you get to the area as cell service is virtually non-existent at the treatment site.

REGISTRATION: Participants must sign up in advance by contacting Kim Wood by phone at 706-455-2313 or by e-mail at kimberlyraewood@gmail.com. If you have questions, please call or email before you get to the area as communication service is very limited there.



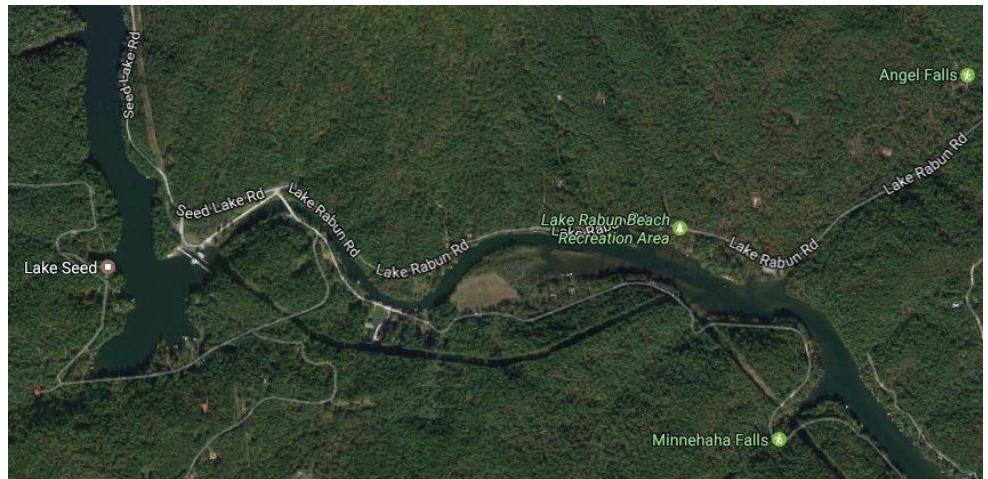
Map & Driving Directions to the Rabun Recreation Area Campground – Angel / Panther Trailhead

Driving Directions

From Clayton, GA: Take U.S. 441/23 south from Clayton for 5.4 miles. Turn right (west) on Wiley Connector for 0.1 mile. Turn left (south) on historic Old 441 S and travel approximately 1.4 miles through downtown Lakemont to the triangle immediately before the bridge. Turn right on Lake Rabun Road (County Road 10). Take Lake Rabun Road approximately 5 miles to the first Campground entrance. Address is **5315 Lake Rabun Road, Lakemont, GA 30552**. GPS coordinates are: **latitude N 34° 45' 20.761"** and **longitude W 83° 28' 52.676"**.

From Clarkesville, GA: Old Historic 441N / U.S. 23 N/U.S. 441N / Joy Bridge Road / Old Historic 441S (aka Terrors Circle) / Lake Rabun Road.

From Tallulah Falls, GA: U.S. 23N/U.S. 441N / Joy Bridge Road / Old Historic 441S (aka Terrors Circle) / Lake Rabun Road.



From Hiawassee, GA: U.S. 76 E / Charlie Mountain Road / Bridge Creek Road / Seed Lake Road / Lake Rabun Road.

From Cleveland GA: GA 75N / GA 17N / GA 255N / GA 197N / Burton Dam Road / Seed Lake Road / Lake Rabun Road.

From Helen, GA: GA 356E / GA 197N / Burton Dam Road / Seed Lake Road / Lake Rabun Road.

Campground #2 / Campsite #53

