

Project Details for Low Gap Campground & Raven Cliffs Trailhead Hemlock Treatment Projects (White County)

Date: Saturday, September 15, 2018

Event: Volunteer Hemlock Treatment Project in the Low Gap Campground and at the Raven Cliffs Trailhead in White County.



Where to Meet: Low Gap Campground is located northwest of Helen, GA on Low Gap Rd. Address is: 190 Low Gap Road, Helen, GA. GPS coordinates are: DMS: N 34 45 3.323 and W 83 46 58.472 DD: 34.750923 and -83.782909



Directions: From Helen, GA, head north on GA-17 N/GA-75 N/N Main St./Unicoi for 1.3 miles. Turn left onto GA-75 Alt N and go 0.1 mile. Take the first right onto Chattahoochee River Road (FS 44) and go 4.4 miles to Low Gap Campground. According to prior treatment logs, 125 trees were last treated in 2009.

Upon completion of Low Gap, we will caravan to Raven Cliffs Trailhead located at 3000 Richard Russell Hwy near Helen, GA. From Low Gap, we will return to GA-75 N (aka 75 Alternate) and turn right. Drive to intersection with the Richard Russell Hwy 348 and turn right. Drive to the Raven Cliffs sign and turn left continuing to the Trailhead parking.

Schedule: **9:00 a.m.** – SGH volunteer Team leaders report.

9:30 a.m. – Hemlock Helpers 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 one experienced SGH Facilitator per team, receive your equipment and supplies, be directed to your treatment site, and begin treating trees.

12:30 p.m. – Treatment teams should come together for a group picnic. After lunch we will resume treatments.

By 3:30 p.m. – Our target project completion time is 3:30 p.m. We'll stop work, clean the equipment and then head for home or feel free to explore this beautiful area of north Georgia.

Terrain: The terrain at Low Gap Campground and the Raven Cliffs Trailhead project sites is moderately rolling. We'll make sure everyone is assigned to a work site or job assignment 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. Hardhats will also be provided for your safety.

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 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.

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 Chris Disser at christinadisser@gmail.com or 678-978-6380. If you have questions, please call or email.

