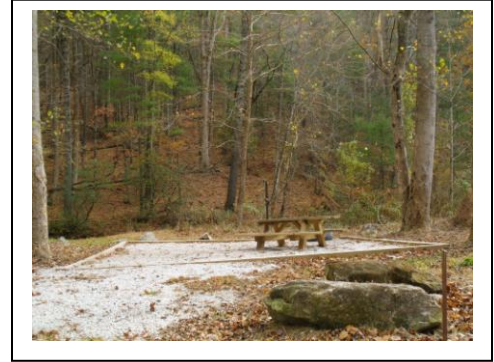


Hemlock Treatment at Sarah's Creek (Clayton, Ga.)

- Date:** Saturday, July 15, 2017
- Event:** Volunteer Hemlock treatment project at Sarah's Creek in Rabun County.
- Where to Meet:** We'll gather at Ingles Parking Lot in Clayton at 8:30 am and depart by caravan at 8:45 am to the treatment area at Campsite #16 at Sarah's Creek.

Ingles's Address: 176 US-441, Clayton, GA 30525



Directions to Sarah's Creek for those wishing to drive direct to site: From Clayton, go east on Warwoman Road for 11.6 miles. Turn left on Forest Service Road 156. Sarah's Creek camping area is spread out over about 2 miles on the left and right. The campsites are numbered.

- Schedule:**
- 9:00 a.m.** – SGH volunteer 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 or drive to your treatment site, and begin treating trees.
 - 12:30 p.m.** – All campsite areas to be treated are in close proximity to our meeting area. Treatment teams should come together for a group picnic. Then, if we're not finished treating, we'll resume work.
 - By 3:00 p.m.** (or sooner if finished) – We'll stop work, clean the equipment, and then head for home.
- Access:** The road to the site is actually named Sarah's Creek Road (Forest Service Road #156) If you have a four-wheel-drive vehicle, please bring it so we can carpool the teams to Treatment Site.
- Terrain:** The terrain at the work sites is relatively flat. 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 footwear 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 and 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.
- 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 Evan Barker by phone at 470-255-8247 or by email at elbarkerel@gmail.com. If you have questions, please call or email before you get to the area as communications service may be sketchy there.

