National Trails Day

Saturday, June 4, 2022

Once again, the Georgia Appalachian Trail Club, Mountain High Hikers, Georgia Forest Watch and the Benton MacKaye Trail Association will join forces to celebrate National Trails Day at Vogel State Park in north Georgia. This year, we have an addition – NextGen Forest Ambassadors, organized by Georgia Mountains Children's Forest Network, a partnership between Chattahoochee-Oconee National Forest, Appalachian Trail Conservancy, Georgia Appalachian Trail Club and Greening Youth Foundation.

Activities planned between 9:00 AM and 11:30 AM include a crosscut saw try-out supervised by certified maintainers, a rock work demonstration, several hikes of varying lengths (at least one for families) and a maintenance work trip or two.

Lunch will be from 12:00 PM to 1:30 PM. Due to Covid and concerns, we are changing things this year: BRING YOUR OWN BAG LUNCH and we will provide DRINKS, DESSERT, AND PAPER GOODS for everyone. Because we don't know how many people will attend, we'll just do our best!!

During lunch, a representative from each organization will take 10 minutes to update the group on what their club is doing, new initiatives, etc.

We strongly suggest people carpool. The Vogel State Park requires a parking fee, which could be a daily charge of $5.00 or having a Georgia State Park Pass hanging from the car's mirror. All the venues in the park currently are booked, meaning a lot of people and cars. We are considering a shuttle vehicle to help with numbers. In the past, people have had to wait to be allowed into the park until someone left to open a parking space. Please carpool.

COVID-19 safety measures

Full COVID-19 vaccinations required.

Event will be outdoors

No specific measures in effect. If you are sick or have been in contact with COVID infected individuals, please stay home. Note that the park visitor center may have social distancing requirements inside.

Contact Darcy Douglas hikeleaderDD@bmtamail.org if you have questions or suggestions to offer!

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