

# NATIONAL TRAILS DAY

## Conasauga District Trail

### Volunteers: Clearing Songbird and Tower Trails— June 4, 2022



For National Trails Day, we often choose a shorter, easier trail with plenty of access for folks to join us for trail maintenance. This year, we've decided to handle various tasks to clear the Songbird Trail and the tower trails near Lake Conasauga, a beautiful area located near the Cohutta Wilderness. There is plenty of parking, and the lot is easy to access. Please meet CDTV at the Lake Conasauga Overflow Parking Lot at 9:00 am on June 4, 2022. Plan on 3 to 5 miles of easy-to-moderate hiking. If you have a hand saw, please bring that with you. Email Robert at [RAEhiker@gmail.com](mailto:RAEhiker@gmail.com) if you have any questions or want to meet outside of the wilderness and carpool/caravan. **LET'S CONTINUE "FOOD AND FELLOWSHIP" AFTER THE WORKDAYS- PLEASE PLAN TO BRING SOME FOOD OR SOFTDRINKS/WATER TO SHARE WITH THE GROUP. LET'S USE THE DISCUSSION BOARD ON MEETUP TO COMMUNICATE WHO IS BRINGING WHAT.**

#### What to Bring:

Bring work gloves, a safety whistle (at least one for you/your group), your hard hat (if you have one), enough food and water for the day, and a backpack to carry your supplies/food. Sturdy boots and appropriate clothing layers are required for the task at hand (long pants are required; we also recommend long-sleeve shirts for this workday, as well). SHOES FOR WET-FOOTED RIVER CROSSINGS ARE RECOMMENDED. Tools and safety gear such as hard hats and protective eyewear will be provided. If you plan to stay for the food and fellowship after the work is complete, please bring a dish to share and place settings for yourself and your party members.

#### Directions to the Lake Conasauga Overflow Parking Lot:

- From downtown Ellijay, GA, travel on GA 372 north approximately 5 miles to a right turn on Gates Chapel Road.
- Stay on Gates Chapel Road approximately 5.3 miles and take a slight right on Wilderness Road. (gravel road)
- Stay on Wilderness Road approximately 1.6 miles and make hard right turn onto Conasauga Road/Old CCC Camp Road.
- Travel approximately 3.2 winding miles to a T-intersection, and turn left on Conasauga Road/Conasauga Lake Road.
- You will pass the intersection with Tearbitches Trailhead on right and the camping field on the left, then stay straight at the intersection with West Cowpen Road that extends to the right.
- The overflow campground will be approximately 5.2 miles total from the T-intersection where you turned left

If you plan to join us, please RSVP on Meetup or with Robert Edmondson – [raehiker@gmail.com](mailto:raehiker@gmail.com) so that we can plan accordingly! CDTV events are a family- friendly, alcohol, and drug-free setting.

#### Who Can Tell Me More?

If you would like more information about these events or are **not** currently on our mailing list please contact Robert Edmondson at the email above, sign up on Meetup [www.meetup.com/Cohutta-Wilderness-Trail-Volunteers](http://www.meetup.com/Cohutta-Wilderness-Trail-Volunteers), visit our Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/teamconasauga](http://www.facebook.com/teamconasauga), or look us up on the Chattahoochee National Forest website at [www.fs.usda.gov/conf](http://www.fs.usda.gov/conf).

## Look Forward to Seeing You There!