

## **2016 Bog Learning Network Work & Learn Field Day Series – Rabun County Bog**

**Thursday, August 25<sup>th</sup> 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.**

Rabun County Bog spans virtually 20 acres of the Chattahoochee National Forest in Rabun County, GA and, situated at the headwater junction of four tributaries, is Georgia's largest known Mountain Bog/Wetland Complex. The hydrology of Rabun County Bog is supported by numerous seeps and springs and the complex features a diverse assemblage of habitats, wildlife, and plant species.

### **Workday Agenda**

Mincy Moffett of the Georgia Dept. of Natural Resources, Carrie Radcliffe of the Georgia Plant Conservation Alliance (GPCA), and Jim Wentworth of the Chattahoochee-Oconee National Forest will lead workday activities and provide our group with an overview of Rabun County Bog's history, current and anticipated GPCA projects, and ongoing restoration initiatives.

Vegetation management activities will include:

- Thinning of hardwood encroachment using cut stump herbicide applications and reinforcing an abandoned beaver dam with the cut materials
- Hand pulling of Japanese stiltgrass and marsh dewflower from areas designated for future outplantings of several species of rare plants
- Treating Chinese silvergrass using foliar applications

This workday will also offer the opportunity to further enjoy the scenery of Rabun County Bog during a picnic lunch and an optional hike to the waterfall at the base of the bog following the conclusion of the management activities. For those who can stay a little longer, we will reconvene at a local Mexican restaurant for dinner and, if there is adequate interest, organize a camp over in the Chattahoochee National Forest or the nearby Black Rock Mountain State Park.

### **What to Bring & What's Provided**

Recommended: Personal water bottle, field lunch, sturdy shoes, long pants & long sleeves

Suggested: Rubber boots or waders, work gloves and/or safety glasses if available

Provided: Water, tools & personal protection equipment, boot decontamination station

### **Meet Location**

We will meet in the Westgate Shopping Center/Earth Fare parking lot located at 66 Westgate Parkway, Asheville, NC 28806 in the east end of the parking lot (closest to I-26/US-19/US-23) at **8:00 a.m.** to make carpooling arrangements for an 8:15 a.m. departure. We will then regroup in the north end of the parking lot of the Ingles supermarket located at 176 US-441, Clayton, GA 30525 at 10:00 a.m. and caravan from there to Rabun County Bog.

Please **RSVP** to Gary Peeples at [Gary.Peeples@fws.gov](mailto:Gary.Peeples@fws.gov) by **Friday, August 19<sup>th</sup>** and include "**Rabun County Bog Workday**" in the subject line so we can notify you directly if the workday is cancelled due to inclement weather.