

2019 Calendar of Events



GTKYW = Get To Know Your Watershed! These events will always include a naturalist, outdoor guide, or some other expert to help participants learn more about the upper Hiwassee River watershed area.

Event: **Adopt-A-Stream Volunteer Monitoring Workshops - Chemical & Bacterial**
Date: **Saturday, April 6**
Time: **9:00-12:00 Water Chemistry; 12:30-3:30 Bacterial**
Location: **Center for Outdoor Leadership at Young Harris College**
Oak Street, Young Harris, GA (participants will receive a map upon registration)
Cost: Workshops are offered free of charge; volunteers taking both sessions should bring their own lunch.
Details: A day of hands-on learning about how YOU can help protect our lakes, rivers and streams! Participants will have the opportunity to become certified volunteers in the Adopt-A-Stream program. From 9-12, workshop participants will be trained in chemical monitoring, learning how to test stream samples for dissolved oxygen, temperature, pH and conductivity. Then after lunch (and rightly so!) attendees will learn how to conduct bacterial monitoring. The training will include a "hands-on" component at nearby Corn Creek. Pre-registration is required and each session is limited to 12 participants. Please email Raleigh Keagan at admin@hrwc.net or call 828-837-5414.

GTKYW Event: **Wildflower Walk on the John Muir National Recreation Trail (TN)**
Date: **Saturday, April 20**
Time: 9:00-4:00
Location: **HRWC Office, 90 Tennessee Street, Murphy, NC 28906**
Meet at the Coalition office to carpool.
Details: This easy hike along the beautiful Wild & Scenic section of the Hiwassee River in Tennessee follows the route taken by one of the early founders of the conservation movement, John Muir, during his "Thousand Mile Walk to the Gulf." We will hike from the Childers Creek trailhead near Reliance, TN to Big Bend and back for a total of about six miles. It is possible to leave vehicles at Big Bend for those who would rather do a shorter hike. This is a wildflower walk extraordinaire! Participants should bring their own lunch and water. Please let us know if you're planning to go: admin@hrwc.net or call 828-837-5414.

Event: **2K Water Run/Walk Fundraiser – Andrews Spring Fling Weekend**
Sponsored by Calaboose Cellars, Andrews Brewing Company and the Andrews Chamber of Commerce

Date: **Friday, April 26**

Time: 3:30-4:30 Sign in; 4:45 Runners Meeting
5:00 PM Start
6:00 Live Music

Location: **Calaboose Cellars**
565 Aquone Road, Andrews, NC 28901

Cost: **Adults - \$20 per runner**

Details: This is a very short race event (2.23K!) in the Andrews community. It is a fundraiser for the Hiwassee River Watershed Coalition. For your \$20 entry fee you will receive an HRWC T-shirt, a custom race bib, and a special treat post-race. Prizes include tickets to the HRWC Trout Dinner on the following Thursday, April 26th. You'll also receive a good feeling of support for clean water in the Hiwassee River basin! The Course: Start at Calaboose Cellars. Head downtown on Aquone Road. Turn right onto Cherry and then run around Ivie Funeral Home counterclockwise and back onto Cherry. Left onto Aquone Road and back to the Calaboose. There will be live music post-race!

GTKYW Event: **2019 Earth Day Expo**
Sponsored by Hamilton Gardens, Towns County Clean Sweep, and the City of Hiwassee

Date: **Saturday, April 27**

Time: 10:00-2:00

Location: **Downtown Hiwassee, Georgia**
50 River Street, Hiwassee, GA 30546

Details: Come visit our booth to learn about native and invasive plants. Afterwards, stop by Hamilton Gardens and take a stroll through 33 acres of beautiful blooms!

GTKYW Event: **Nature Walk along Valley River – Andrews Spring Fling Weekend**

Date: **Saturday, April 27**

Time: 4:00 PM

Location: **Cherokee County Heritage Park**
1 Wilson Street, Andrews, NC 28901

Details: HRWC Restoration Coordinator, Tony Ward will lead a Nature Walk along easy the walking trail at the Heritage Park in Andrews, NC. As the group strolls beside the beautiful Valley River, Tony will point out various native trees and shrubs and discuss their value as streambank stabilization, shade, stormwater filtration, and wildlife habitat. The walk will also highlight the two stream restoration projects along Town Branch that HRWC completed in 2006 and 2015, respectively. Problematic invasive exotic plant species are also likely to come up as a topic. No registration is necessary.

GTKYW Event: Hidden Rivers Film Premiere

Sponsored by New Belgium Brewing, N.C. Wildlife Resources Commission, RiverLink, Trout Unlimited, the University of Georgia, and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

Date: **Sunday, April 28**

Time: 6:00-8:00 PM

Location: **New Belgium Brewery**
21 Craven St. Asheville, NC 28801

Cost: **\$5/person** (Limited seating is available.)
<https://riverlink.org/events/hidden-rivers-film-premiere/>

Details: An evening social celebrating the rivers of Southern Appalachia will be held at 6:00 p.m., Sunday, April 28th, at the New Belgium Brewhouse. The event will feature the Asheville premier of the 1-hour documentary: Hidden Rivers of Southern Appalachia. Produced by the nonprofit Freshwaters Illustrated, the film explores the rivers and streams of the Southern Appalachian region, North America's most biologically rich waters. It follows the work of conservation biologists and explorers throughout the region, and reveals both the beauty and vulnerability of this aquatic life, and how people are finding ways to protect it.

Also included in the social will be a question-and-answer panel featuring one of the film makers along with a local aquatic biologist, fishing outfitter, and a conservationist from a nonprofit – all addressing different facets of river stewardship. Additionally, several local organizations reflecting a range of activities supporting the French Broad will be on hand to take questions, and accept volunteer applications. These include: Trout Unlimited, N.C. Wildlife Resources Commission, American Rivers, Mountain True, Asheville Greenworks, the Environmental Quality Institute, Ivy River Partners, RiverLink, Mills River Partnership, and Freshwaters Illustrated.

Proceeds will support Freshwaters Illustrated.

Event: Trout Dinner (15th Annual!)

Date: **Thursday, May 30 (Tentative)**

Time: 5:30-7:00 PM

Location: **Meeks Park, Pavilion #3, Union County, Ga.**

Directions: Meeks Park is located in Union County, Georgia approximately one mile west of Blairsville on Hwy. 515. Look for a long left turn lane before you get to North Georgia Technical College.

Cost: **Adults - \$15; Children Ages 6-12 - \$8; Children Under 6 - Free**

Details: HRWC will serve up locally farmed, smoked rainbow trout along with baked beans, coleslaw, potato salad, cornbread, your choice of homemade desserts and a drink. This event has become pretty popular, so come early to get a table seat and bring a lawn chair (if you have one) to relax in after you eat. Not a fan of trout? Mild Italian sausages will be available as an alternative to fish. To-go containers will also be available. All proceeds go to support our work sustain clean water in the upper Hiwassee River watershed.

GTKYW Event: Brasstown Bald Educational Program: Forests to Faucets
Date: **Saturday, July 13**
Time: **10:30 if you walk the trail; 11:00 if you ride the shuttle**
Location: **Brasstown Bald**
2941 Hwy. 180 Spur, Hiawassee, GA 30582
Cost: There is a \$5 admission fee that includes the shuttle; no additional charge for program
Details: Cold crystal clear water rises up from the ground and flows down the mountain sides of Brasstown Bald and to the rivers Hiwassee, Tennessee, Ohio, Mississippi, and finally into the Gulf of Mexico. How does your daily life affect the quality our water? Come find out from the HRWC executive director's walk & talk program "Forest to Faucets." If you would like to walk the short, but very steep trail up to the Visitor's Center, you should plan to start 20-30 minutes in advance. Otherwise, you may take the shuttle. The group will meet at approximately 11:00 AM at the upper observation deck of the tower. After a program at the tower, the group will walk down the trail and visit the spring that provides water for the facilities on Brasstown Bald.

More details, maps & directions at: <https://hrwc.net/events/full-calendar/>

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