

Suggestions for your trip to The Wintergreen Nature Foundation

Be sure that all your students wear appropriate clothing.

- Closed-toed shoes with traction. Many of our trails are rocky and steep and correct footwear will make your students more confident and safer. If your group is doing a water program, your students may be more comfortable with dry shoes and socks for the ride home.
- A jacket or sweater. Most of our trails are located at an altitude of 2000 to 4000 feet above sea level. Conditions on the mountain are usually 10-15°F cooler than those in the surrounding valleys and students may want an extra layer or two for warmth.
- A rain jacket. Weather on the mountain is often foggy and misty. Students will be most comfortable with a waterproof jacket.

Obviously the best place to study nature is in nature; we expect students to be prepared for cool weather or light rain. However, we will not take students out if weather conditions could make the study dangerous. In the case of inclement weather, we will discuss our options with you. We can almost always substitute an indoor program or we can reschedule as our schedules allow.

Directions to The Wintergreen Nature Foundation (TWNF) are included in this packet. Please be aware that the drive up the mountain is quite steep and long. Allow at least 20 minutes to get from the Wintergreen gatehouse to TWNF.

Please plan to arrive approximately 10-15 minutes before your program is scheduled to begin. This will allow students to use the restroom, deposit any belongings they will not carry into the field, and receive any final instructions for the start of the program.

If you realize you will be late for your program, please call ahead to alert us. Program staff may need to rearrange the schedule for your field study in order to meet your return time requirements or to fit into TWNF's schedule with other visiting groups. Those few extra minutes of planning time will make your visit more rewarding.

Please notify us as soon as possible if you have any students with special needs. Most of our trails are steep and rocky, but we can usually make some accommodations if we know in advance of any special physical needs. We can also work with you to modify programs or provide program notes as needed for students with academic special needs.

If you have any questions or would like to further discuss any aspect of your program, please don't hesitate to contact us.

Driving Directions to The Wintergreen Nature Foundation

From Areas North and Northeast

Follow Rt. 29 south to I-64 west to Exit 107 (Crozet, Route 250). Take Route 250 west to Route 151 south, turn left. Follow Route 151 south to Route 664, 14.2 miles. Turn right and Wintergreen is 4.5 miles ahead on Route 664.

From Areas West, Northwest and Southwest

Take I-81 to I-64 east to exit 99 (Route 250). Take Route 250 east to Route 151 south to Route 664, 14.2 miles. Turn right and Wintergreen is 4.5 miles ahead on Route 664.

From Areas South

Take Route 29 north to Route 151 north, turn left. Follow Route 151 for 21 miles to Route 664. Turn left and Wintergreen is 4.5 miles ahead on Route 664.

From the Blue Ridge Parkway

Take Reeds Gap exit (Between milepost 13 and 14) on Route 664 and go east one mile to the Wintergreen entrance.

From the Wintergreen Entrance

Turn right at the gatehouse and go up the mountain on Wintergreen Drive. Follow Wintergreen Drive past the Mountain Inn. The Wintergreen Nature Foundation's driveway is located just past Blue Ridge Drive and Trillium Place. We are on the left, across from the Wintergarden Spa's parking lot and the Stoneridge Condominiums.