

ATTENTION! HIKES PROVIDED BY THE NATURE FOUNDATION AT WINTERGREEN

We continue to monitor the COVID-19 health crisis and we expect to continue to offer our guided hikes with the following guidelines until further notice:

- Participants will drive their own vehicles to the assigned trail head.
- Maintain social distance of 6 feet or greater (family unit exception to this rule as appropriate following VDH guidelines).
- Any person with flu- like symptoms will be excluded from the hike for their own safety and that of others – please stay home if you do not feel well.
- Bring masks for when social distancing cannot be maintained.
- Please bring your own hand sanitizer and use where appropriate.

SATURDAY HIKES *LIVING WITH NATURE AT WINTERGREEN*

Our Saturday hikes are designed to help better understand the nature of Wintergreen and surrounding wilderness. Topics range from tree and wildflower identification to geology and wildlife. These special programs are free for Foundation Members, children with Family Memberships, renters with a valid Family Membership Pass and are available to non-members for a fee. Saturday hikes will meet at the Trillium House Parking lot and please follow the guidelines stated above. We are committed to protecting you, our members and the guests that join us.

- Participants will drive their own vehicles to the assigned trail head after checking in with the hike leader at the Trillium House parking lot.

Follow us on Facebook, Instagram and check our website weekly for updates and new virtual programs.

April 1, 10am

Ladies Day Out Valley Hike

Ladies, do you want to put on your hikin' boots and take a leisurely hike with the girls? We will hike the Rockfish Valley Trail 3.5 system, including Glenthorne Loop trail, Rockfish River trail, and through meadows as we look and learn about a few unusual butterflies that frequents this area! Everyone is to meet at the Camille Trail head parking lot. Wear hiking boots, and bring water and money for box lunch from Basic Necessities. Payment is due at time of registration. \$5/Member, \$8/Non-Member.

April 3, 9am-12pm

Spring Green Plant Sale Kick-off

TNFW's native plant sale will be held at the greenhouse at 725 Beech Grove Rd, Roseland, VA 22967. Future weekday plant sales will be posted on the Nature Foundation's website. Please check for updates.

434-325-8169

April 9, 8pm-11pm

Mobile Stargazing: Diving into Deep-Sky Objects

Join staff and the Charlottesville Astronomical Society for a socially distant night sky program. We will meet at the Blue Ridge Overlook parking lot on Devil's Knob Loop. Participants will see deep space objects like galaxies, star clusters, and nebulae from the comfort of their own vehicles; it's a bit like a drive in movie. Once registered, you will receive App connection information. Staff will guide you to a designated parking spot in the lot where you will receive an app for your phone or tablet. Once app is connected to CAS's high powered EV scope, all eyes will be on the universe! Space is limited. Payment is due at time of registration. \$8/Member, \$12/Non-Member.

April 17, 24, 10am

Living with Nature at Wintergreen Hike

Join a Foundation Naturalist for an interpretive hike and explore Wintergreen's natural environment! These hikes are rated moderate to strenuous. Meet at Trillium House parking lot. Payment due before event. FREE/Member, \$8/Non-Member.

April 17, 10am-3pm

Walk to the Wreckage

Join Rich Velletri for a hike to the wreckage of an old military aircraft that crashed in the early 1960s and learn details of the fateful flight. This six mile round trip hike is rated as *difficult and over mountainous rocky terrain* but nice views. The route to the crash site will be along the Appalachian Trail and requires bushwhacking. Dress for all weather conditions, bring food and water. Payment is due at time of registration. \$6/Member, \$10/ Non-Member.

April 29, 9:30am-3pm

Journey to High Places Hike

This in and out 4 mile hike will be along Mine Bank Creek on the Blue Ridge Parkway mile marker 23. We will meet at the parking area at the trailhead of Mine Bank Creek. It is rated strenuous for a good workout but offers beautiful wildflowers and a cool stream to follow. Wear hiking boots, and bring water and lunch. Payment is due at time of registration. \$6/ Member, \$10/Non-Member.

May 1, 8, 22, 29, 10am

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May 6, 10:30am-2pm

Ladies Day Out Hike

Join Kathie Driscoll for an easy 4-mile hike along Sweet Briar College Trails. Sweet Briar College is set on 3,250 acres in the Blue Ridge Mountain foothills. We will start at the wildflower garden, with a brief introduction to the natural history of old growth forest, then hike through several unique ecosystems to the lake for lunch destination. Lastly, on the Riparian Loop Trail, we will walk around the most scenic water bodies on campus. Payment is due at time of registration. \$5/Member, \$8/Non-Member.

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May

12, 9am-12pm

The Edible Environment

Join Josh Palumbo on a hike in search of edible Wintergreen plants. Learn to identify plants that are safe to eat as we traverse a variety of terrain studying the immense diversity of our ecosystem. *Rated moderate*. Bring water and an adventurous palate. Payment is due at time of registration. \$6/Member, \$10/Non-Member.

May

14, Weekend

Spring Wildflower Symposium

Save the Date! Our virtual Spring Wildflower Symposium will kick off Friday, May 14 with Director Doug Coleman's introduction of the speakers, this year's theme, and a tribute to Mr. Jay Shaner, a devoted wildflower enthusiast. It is our hope to offer participants a way to get into nature, whether it is in person with us or the comfort from home. Stay tuned for presenter line up and schedule of events.

May

27, 9:30am-5pm

Journey to High Places Hike

This power hike will begin on the AT starting at Laurel Springs Drive where we will work our way north to Humpback Mountain to Battery Cliff Overlook to take in the spectacular spring views of the slopes of Wintergreen and Humpback Mountain, then descend back for a 6 mile round trip. It is rated difficult because of the climb and rocky terrain. Bring water, snacks and lunch. Wear hiking shoes/boots. Payment is due at time of registration. \$6 Member/ \$10 Non-member.

June

2, 9am-2pm

Trek Back in Time through the Crozet Tunnel

Join Director Doug Coleman at the recently opened Claudius Crozet Blue Ridge Tunnel for a historical walk. Everyone will meet at the parking lot. After an interesting introduction to the history behind the tunnel, we will make our trek through the darkness of the tunnel, which is a cool 1 mile. Bring water and a snack. Before you arrive, please become familiar with the trail and park rules at www.nelsoncounty.com/blue-ridge-tunnel/rules-policies/. Wear shoes to get wet and don't forget your flashlight or headlamp. Payment due before event. \$15/Member, \$20/Non-Member.

June

5, 12, 19, 26, 10am

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June

23, 10am-2pm

A Piece of Wintergreen's Past: The Copper Mines

Join Josh Palumbo on a climb into Wintergreen's past with a trip to the copper mines. This unique spot on the very steep east slope of Crawford's Knob was an active mine in the late 1890s before being quickly abandoned. Not only are the mines unique but its location is also fascinating, located in a lovely depression along a creek bed acting as home to a variety of wildlife including deer, turkey and, of course, bats. This is a trip every Wintergreen resident must put on their "bucket list". Rated difficult. Bring a flashlight, lunch and plenty of water. Payment is due at time of registration. \$6/ Member, \$10/Non-Member.



Save the Date
4 June, 2021 at 6 pm

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