

ATTENTION! HIKES PROVIDED BY THE NATURE FOUNDATION 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, and renters with a valid Family Membership Pass. They are available to non-members for a fee. Hikes have limited capacity so sign up early for these opportunities.

ATTENTION: We are carefully watching the CDC and VDH guidelines and may change requirements based on this guidance. We offer our guided hikes with the following requirements until further notice:

- Participants will drive their own vehicles to the assigned trail head after checking in with the hike leader at the Trillium House parking lot.
- Please be respectful of those who would like to maintain social distance.
- Please stay home if you do not feel well.
- Bring appropriate mask to cover nose and mouth for any indoor activity you may encounter.

July

2, 5pm-6:30pm

Wintergreen's Natural Wonders Walk

This family hike is designed to showcase Wintergreen's unique diverse plant and animal communities. Join TNFW's staff for a leisurely stroll through the forests. Meet at Trillium House parking lot. This hike is rated intermediate. Payment due before event. \$4/Member, \$8/Non-Member.

July

3, 10, 17, 24, 31, 10am

Living with Nature at Wintergreen

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.

July

3, 1pm-2:30pm

Wild Saturday: Sounds of the Forest

Did you know the forest is calling you? Join the staff for an adventure as we answer the calls of our forest. We will discover the songs of nature through sensory activities. We may even get wet, so please bring a towel and closed toe shoes. Ages 7-12. Payment due before event. \$4/Member, \$8/Non-Member.

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July

10, 9am-12pm

Wild Saturday: Fly Fishing Introduction

Join expert fly fishermen from Orvis, to learn the fundamentals of fly fishing from gear to technique, practice casting and finally fish at Wintergreen's trout pond! This "wild" activity is geared toward children ages 10 and up. We will meet at Trillium House to carpool to the pond. Grown-ups are welcome to come along (fishing license required). Bring water and sunscreen. Paid registration due by July 8. \$10/Member, \$20/Non-Member.

July

16, 7pm-9pm

In Search of Space Shuttle Challenger Lecture

The search for the wreckage of the Space Shuttle Challenger will be discussed from the perspective of a member of the search team. Jim Holloway was in command of a US Navy Deep Submergence submarine which spent over two months involved in the search. This event will be held at Tuckahoe Clubhouse in Stoney Creek. Space is limited. Payment due before event. \$7/Member, \$10/Non-Member.

July

17, 1pm-3pm

Wild Saturday: Herp, Herp, Hooray!

Reptiles and amphibians are the coolest animals found in Wintergreen. Join TNFW's staff as we hunt for "herps" through the Shamokin Springs Nature Preserve. Dress for the outdoors, ages 7-12. Meet at the Shamokin Springs Nature Preserve entrance on Blue Ridge Drive. Payment due before event. \$4/Member, \$8/Non-Member.

July

24, 10:30am-12pm

Wild Saturday: Bear-Aware-Affair

Join TNFW's staff in exploring the world of the American black bear! You'll be surprised at the behavior and habits these shy, yet curious beasts! This presentation will be held outside Trillium House, so bring a lawn chair and cool drink for this anecdotal presentation. This activity is for the whole family. Payment is due at time of registration. \$4/Member, \$8/Non-Member.

July

31, 9am-12pm

Meet the Mushrooms

Join Mary Jane Epps on an introductory tour into the world of mycology. The goal of this venture is to educate each hiker on the basics of mushroom identification. We will tour various locations around the Wintergreen landscape in search of the many varieties our ecosystem can produce. The hike is rated as moderate. Payment due before event. \$8/Member, \$12/Non-Member.

of Events

Aug

6, 5:30-7:30pm

Book Unveiling: A Serving of Revenge by R. Morgan Armstrong

Join us for an evening of suspense and intrigue as Morgan Armstrong introduces his new novel *A Serving of Revenge*. Morgan Armstrong will discuss how his former experiences were incorporated into the book. As an attorney, prosecutor, trial attorney, and General District Court judge Armstrong draws from his varied experiences, as he serves up a five-star murder mystery at this picnic style event. It is a BYOB, snacks with a blanket or chairs for this outdoor event on the Trillium House parking lot. The suspense will be thrilling! Rain date set for August 13. Payment due before event. \$7/Member, \$10/Non-Member.

Aug

7, 14, 21, 28, 10am

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Aug

18, 9am-12pm

Ski Slopes in the Summer

Join Josh Palumbo as we explore what summer looks like on the Wintergreen ski slopes. Late summer wildflowers are abundant and often an afterthought. The full sun environment on the ski slopes provides a wonderful environment for dazzling displays of late summer wildflowers. The hike will be moderate to difficult. Bring plenty of water. Payment due before event. \$8/Member, \$10/Non-Member.

Sept

4, 9am-12pm

Labor Day Weekend Native Plant Sale

Plant sale will be held at TNFW'S greenhouse located at 725 Beech Grove Road, Roseland, VA 22967 (one half-mile west of The Ski Barn on Beech Grove Road – Route 664). You can pre-order plants by emailing director@tnfw.org for pick up or stop by and shop.

Sept

4, 11, 18, 25, 10am

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Upcoming Events

Sept

9, 9am-12pm

Ladies' Day Out Hike

Ladies, grab your hikin' boots. We're going for a walk *along the South Fork of the Rockfish River, around a bog and through meadows along Reid's Creek at the Rockfish River Loop trail*. This 3.5 mile trail is rated easy. We will meet at the Camille Trailhead parking lot. Wear hiking boots and bring water and money for lunch. Payment due before event. \$5/Member, \$8/Non-Member.

Sept

16, 10am-2pm

Virginia Wine Tour

Come and enjoy the beautiful scenery atop Blue Ridge and discover the history and art of crafting wine at *12 Ridges Vineyard*. Manager Josh Seaman will take us on a private tour of the winery and will share their techniques in growing the vines. Afterwards wine tasting will be available in the tasting room. Price covers tour and tastings. Bring money for food. Payment due before event. \$30/ Member, \$35/Non- Member.

Sept

15, 10am-2pm

Raptors Galore

Join Josh Palumbo as we search the fall skies for raptors of all kinds. Come and learn the particulars about these splendid creatures and improve your identification skills. We will venture to a prominent overlook to catch this avian display at its finest. The annual raptor migration is a must for every naturalist. Bring binoculars (if you have them) and plenty of food and water. \$8/Member, \$10/Non-member.

Sept

17, 11am-3pm

Sara Ott Memorial Golf Classic Tournament

Join us for the 28th Annual Sara Ott Memorial Golf Classic and enjoy camaraderie, beautiful views, great golf and prizes. There will be hole-in-one contests on every par three where players will have the opportunity to win a new car. This year we're adding some fun twists on the course including a treat cart on the move and pre tee off warmup sessions. We will have prizes galore. This annual event raises thousands of dollars to help underwrite the Nature Foundation's important work at Wintergreen from our programming for school children from the surrounding communities to our trail maintenance and research projects. This year's RAIN DATE is Friday, September 24th. Don't miss it! Register in advance as last year this event filled up.

Sept

23, 9am-4pm

Journey to Hike Places Hike

Power hikers can stretch their legs for a cool 10 miles along Mill Creek trail in the Big Levels/Sherando area. We will meet at Trillium House parking lot to carpool to the trailhead. Bring water, snacks and lunch and wear hiking shoes/boots. *Rated strenuous*. Payment due before event. \$6/Member, \$10/Non-Member.