

## 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, 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 continuing to monitor the CDC and VDH guidelines and **REQUIREMENTS MAY CHANGE** based on this guidance. We offer our guided hikes with the following requirements until further notice:

- Participants drive their own vehicles to the assigned trail head after checking in with the hike leader at the Trillium House. Those who choose to ride in the van, must wear a mask.
- Please be respectful of those who would like to maintain social distance.
- Please stay home if you do not feel well.

Oct

2, 9, 16, 23, 30 10am-Noon

*Living with Nature at Wintergreen Hikes*

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.

Oct

7, 9am-1pm

*Ladies Day Out Hike*

We will take a leisurely hike on the historic Virginia Blue Ridge Railway Trail in Piney River. The trail follows Piney River through dense forest and crosses several bridges. Hike rated easy. We will meet at Trillium House at 9am to carpool to the trail. We can pick up at Devils Backbone for Valley gals! Bring a snack, water and money for lunch. We will dine at Cristina's Café, a cute little Mexican restaurant. Payment is due at time of registration. \$6/Member, \$10/Non-Member.

434-325-8169

Oct

8, 7pm-8:30pm

### *Stargazing: Diving into Deep-Sky Objects*

Join staff and amateur astronomers from the Charlottesville area for a socially distant night sky program. We will meet at Highland Park's parking off of Blue Ridge Drive. Participants can view deep space objects like galaxies, star clusters, and nebulae on screen that will be projected by high powered EV telescopes. Bring chairs or blankets for a cozy night sky viewing. Space is limited. Payment is due at time of registration. \$8/Member, \$12/Non-Member.

Oct

21, 9am-2pm

### *Journey To High Places Power Hike*

We will meet in the parking lot at Humpback Rocks Picnic Area at MP 8.5 to hike north on the AT to the famous rocks then loop around the Humpback Rocks Parking area for an 8.5 mile hike. It is rated as strenuous. Bring water and lunch! Wear hiking shoes/boots. Payment is due at time of registration. \$6/Member, \$10/Non-Member.

Oct

23, 1pm-3pm

### *Sassafras: One, Two, Three! Workshop*

Join Artist Carolyn Velletri and Naturalist Rich Velletri as they focus on a prolific native tree – the sassafras. One: Learn all about the sassafras from its botanical characteristics to its unique uses. Two: Learn simple watercolor techniques to paint autumn sassafras leaves in their colorful splendor. Three: Take away two one of a kind note cards and some supplies to make more. The Velletris and the sassafras will provide the attendee, ages 12 and above, with a fun afternoon of learning and creativity, with surprises along the way. \$10/Member, \$15/Non-member.

Nov

6, 13, 20, 27 10am

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# of Events

Nov

6, 10am

## *Annual Meeting*

This is your chance to hear from us directly on what we've been doing in your community. This event will be located at the Skyline Pavilion.

Nov

6, 2pm

## *Owner's Orientation*

Want to know about the Nature Foundation at Wintergreen? Which hiking trail has a waterfall? What should you plant and why? Attend the Owner's Orientation to have your questions answered. This event is free. Please register by Wednesday, November 3.

Nov

10, 10am-1pm

## *The Lost Appalachian Trail*

Join Josh Palumbo as we retrace the steps of Appalachian Trail history. This journey will take us on the lost route from Cedar Drive to Reeds Gap. The hike is rated as moderate. Dress for any weather conditions. Bring plenty of food and water. Payment is due at time of registration. \$6 Member/ \$10 Non-Member.

Nov

19, 7pm-9pm

## *Climate Change: Ready Or Not, Here It Comes... Impacts On North America & Across The Seasons*

Dr. Jeffrey Halverson, Professor of Geography and Environmental Systems at University of Maryland, will separate the "wheat from chaff" concerning climate change and the impacts on weather that influence us all on a daily basis. From Atlantic hurricanes to east coast snowstorms, heat waves to flash floods...what does the latest science have to say about extreme weather in the coming decade? Refreshments provided. Space is limited. Payment is due at time of registration. \$10/Member, \$15/ Non-Member.

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*Dec*

**8th, 9am-1pm**

*Hidden Views and Vistas of Wintergreen*

Join TNFW staff member Josh Palumbo on an exploration of seldom seen panoramas at Wintergreen. This bushwhack will go to hidden rock outcrops, waterfall views and other hidden gems of the Wintergreen wilderness. The journey will involve multiple bushwhacks into different locales so be prepared for difficult terrain and uneven footing. The hike is rated as difficult and be sure to dress appropriately for any weather conditions. Bring plenty of food and water. \$8/ Member, \$12 Non-Member.

*Dec*

**10, 5:30pm-7:30pm**

*Dinner and a Murder Mystery*

Join us for an evening of suspense and intrigue as Morgan Armstrong introduces his new novel, A Serving of Revenge. As an attorney, prosecutor, trial attorney, and General District Court judge Morgan Armstrong draws from his varied experiences, as he serves up a five-star murder mystery after a pot luck dinner. Please bring your beverage of choice and a dish to share. Dessert will be provided. Dinner and presentation will be held at Trillium House. The suspense will be thrilling! Space is limited. Payment due before event. \$7/Member, \$10/Non-Member.

*Dec*

**11, 1pm**

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**Tuesday-Friday 28-31**

*Holiday Week Programs*

Watch our website, [www.tnfw.org](http://www.tnfw.org) our Facebook page and This Week at Wintergreen for details.