

SATURDAY HIKES - LIVING WITH NATURE AT WINTERGREEN

This winter's Saturday afternoon guided hikes are scheduled once a month. 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. Dogs are welcome at The Trillium House, on the grounds and trails. However, we ask you to refrain from bringing dogs on our guided hikes. Winter Saturday hikes are *rated moderate to strenuous*. Meet at 1pm at the Nature Foundation's Trillium House. Check our website or updates and as always, sign up early.

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.

Jan

22, 4pm-6pm

Winter Lecture Series: Protecting the Unique Nature of Wintergreen: The Value of Research

Those who took part in last year's series will remember the introduction of Wintergreen and Nelson County from "the ground up" as we explored its geological origins, its prehistoric people and European settlement, all of which led to many anthropogenic changes to the region.

Please join TNFW's Science and Education Committee Co-Chairs Dr. Dennis Whigham Senior Scientist from the Smithsonian Environmental Research Center and Dr. Janet Steven of Christopher Newport University, along with other members of the committee in a lively discussion of the on-going research work at Wintergreen. The presenters will introduce you to what our scientists study here at Wintergreen and the implications their research has on protecting this special place we love so much. Refreshments provided. Payment is due at time of registration. \$10/Member, \$15/Non-Member.

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Jan

15, 1pm

Living with Nature at Wintergreen

Join a Foundation Naturalist for an interpretive hike. Explore Wintergreen's natural environment during the exhilarating month of January! These hikes are rated moderate. Payment is due at time of registration. FREE/Member, \$8/Non-Member.

Jan

15, 2pm-3:30pm

Animals in Winter Program

Ever wonder what our animal friends do when old man winter arrives? Join Nature Foundation's Kathie Driscoll with a few of her lively friends for a fun, active program on animals in winter! Ages 3 and up. Children 3 to 7 must be accompanied by an adult. Payment is due at time of registration. Space is limited. Cost: \$5.00/ Member, \$8.00/ Non-member, adults free.

Feb

2, 10am-12pm

Sugarbush Sojourn

Join Josh Palumbo on a winter hike to visit Wintergreen's sugarbushes. We will learn all about sugar maple trees and see first-hand the old-fashioned and new-fangled ways of collecting maple sap. Dress for hiking and cold weather. \$5/Member, \$8/Non-Member.

Feb

4, 7pm-9pm

Winter Lecture Series: When Collaboration Works

TNFW's Executive Director Doug Coleman leads this presentation with WPOA Manager Jay Roberts and Wintergreen Resort Manager Jay Gamble as they talk about the collaborative connection between Wintergreen property owners, Wintergreen Resort and TNFW's conservation efforts for our community. By working together, we can enhance the preservation and identity of Wintergreen. Refreshments provided. Payment is due at time of registration. \$10/Member, \$15/Non-Member.

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Feb

12, 1pm

Living with Nature at Wintergreen

Join a Foundation Naturalist for an interpretive hike. Explore Wintergreen's natural environment during the exhilarating month of February. These hikes are rated moderate. Payment is due at time of registration. FREE/Member, \$8/Non-Member.

Feb

18, 7pm-9pm

Winter Lecture Series: Going Forward and Keeping the Founders' Promise

Executive Director Doug Coleman wraps up our final lecture in this series about how Wintergreen has kept its promise to keep half its 11,000 acres wild and undeveloped. By doing so, TNFW has been able to establish 40 miles of glorious hiking trails, many of which lead to spectacular vistas and all of which lead to the serenity of nature. Refreshments provided. Payment is due at time of registration. \$10/Member, \$15/Non-Member.

Feb

25, 7pm-8:30pm

Part I: Introduction to Watercolor

In this introductory workshop, participants age 12 and over will learn the basics of watercolor from artist Carolyn Velletri. Participants will review materials and equipment for the beginner watercolorist and basic color theory. Everyone will mix secondary and tertiary colors from red, yellow, and blue to experience watercolor's unique qualities. Anyone new to the medium should attend this overview prior to Saturday morning's workshop. Payment is due at time of registration. \$10/Member, \$15/Non-Member.

Feb

26, 9:30am-12:00pm

Part II: Wintry Evergreen Forest

Prerequisite: Part I OR prior watercolor experience. Let the fun begin following a demonstration by artist Carolyn Velletri! After basic technique instruction, participants age 12 and over will create a small painting of a wintry evergreen forest complete with snow. Attendees will try a variegated wash, wet in wet, and dry brush techniques to develop this cool landscape. Oh, please do not forget the splatter of snow. Join us to discover and experience watercolor on a cold winter's day. Brrrrr! Payment is due at time of registration. \$10/Member, \$15/Non-Member.

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Mar

10, 10am-1pm

Girls & Gear Presentation

Are you interested in hiking but unsure of what gear you should have? Join avid hiker, Melody Parker for this very informative program on how to purchase the right hiking boot to gender specific hiking gear. Bring a lunch, we'll provide refreshments and dessert for a fun afternoon. Payment is due at time of registration. \$5/Member, \$8/Non-Member.

Mar

12, 1pm

Living with Nature at Wintergreen

Join a Foundation Naturalist for an interpretive hike. Explore Wintergreen's natural environment during the exhilarating month of March! These hikes are rated moderate. Payment is due at time of registration. FREE/Member, \$8/Non-Member.

Mar

16 9am-3pm

Descending Humpback

Join Josh Palumbo as we bushwhack into the Crawford's Knob backcountry. The route will start along the Appalachian Trail and offer great views of Wintergreen and the Rockfish Valley. We will then hop off trail and descend the contours of Humpback Mountain down to Crawford's Knob. The group will bushwhack down to wetlands, up to vistas and finish up in Stoney Creek. This hike is rated as very difficult. Dress for all weather conditions and bring plenty of food and water. \$8 Member, \$12/Non-Member.

Mar

31, 9am-3pm

Ladies Day Out Tour of Quarry Gardens at Schuyler

Join Kathie Driscoll for a 2 hour garden tour at Quarry Gardens in Schuyler. Afterwards we'll have lunch at their pavilion and explore their trails. Rated easy. Bring water, lunch and walking shoes. Payment includes entrance fee and is due at time of registration. \$20/Member, \$25/Non-Member.