

## 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. 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. Saturday hikes *are rated moderate to strenuous*, bring water and wear sturdy hiking shoes. Meet at the Nature Foundation's Trillium House. Follow us on Facebook, Instagram and check our website weekly for updates.

**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 can drive their own vehicles to the assigned trail head after checking in with the hike leader at the Trillium House. Those who wish to ride in the van must wear a mask.

Apr

1, 7:30pm

*Spring Stargazing*

There's nothing like stargazing on a crisp, spring evening to appreciate the universe in which we live! Join staff and the Charlottesville Astronomical Society as we experience our close celestial neighbors as well as deep space objects like galaxies, star clusters, and nebulae with CAS's high powered EV scope. We will meet at High Country Park off of Blue Ridge Drive (behind Wintergarden Spa). Payment is due at time of registration. \$8/Member, \$12/Non-Member. Rain date Saturday, April 2.

Apr

9, 10am-3pm

*Walk to the Wreckage*

*Back by popular demand!* 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.

Apr

16, 23, 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.

Apr

21, 9:30am-3pm

*Journey to High Places Hike*

We will hike the AT from Wintergreen's entrance at Dripping Rock to Reed's Gap for a moderate 5 mile hike. Wear hiking boots and bring water and lunch. Payment is due at time of registration. \$6/ Member, \$10/Non-Member.

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Apr

27, 8am-4pm

### *The Elevations of Elliott Knob*

Join Josh Palumbo as we attack the steep ascent to Augusta County's high peak, Elliott Knob. Elliott Knob is home to an array of wonderful spring ephemeral as well as a small stand of naturally occurring red spruce. This nine mile hike featuring small waterfalls, steep climbs, a fire tower and exquisite views is wisely rated as difficult. *Bring plenty of food and water.* \$10/Member, \$15 Non-Member.

May

6, 7pm-8:30pm

### *Part I: Introduction to Watercolor*

In this introductory workshop, participants will learn the basics of watercolor from artist Carolyn Velletri. Anyone new to the medium should attend this overview prior to Saturday morning's workshop. Workshop is for 12 years and up. Payment due before event. \$10/Member, \$15/Non-Member.

May

7, 9:30am-12pm

### *Part II: Flowers Galore*

Prerequisite: Part I OR prior watercolor experience. Let us welcome spring with a quick, loose wet-in-wet watercolor study of an imaginary wildflower field with Carolyn Velletri. In the pursuit of fun in art, participants will create a bouquet of flowers to send as a greeting card! There will be at least five exciting techniques to develop their flowers. Don't be intimidated by this medium – embrace the process with fellow artistic companions as we learn, enjoy, and laugh together. Workshop is for 12 years and up. Payment due before event. \$15/Member, \$20/Non-Member.

May

7, 21, 28, 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.

May

5, 9am-2pm

### *Ladies Day hike to Sweetbriar*

Back by popular demand! 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 an 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. \$10/Member, \$15/Non-Member.

May

13 Weekend

### *Spring Wildflower Symposium*

Save the Date! This year's Spring Wildflower Symposium will kick off Friday, May 13 with Director Doug Coleman's introduction of the speakers, this year's theme and followed by a weekend of knowledge and fun. Saturday will be a day loaded with walks and talks. The event will end with a Sunday morning exploratory. Stay tuned for presenter line up and schedule of events.

# of Events

May

19, 9am

## *Journey to High Places*

This out and back nine mile hike will take us from Reeds Gap to the summit of Three Ridges. We will meet at the parking area at Reeds Gap. It is *rated strenuous* workout but offers beautiful wildflowers and spectacular views of spring in the Blue Ridge. Afterwards we'll visit local brewery, Devil's Backbone for a frosty beverage. Wear hiking boots and bring water and lunch. Payment is due at time of registration. \$6/ Member, \$10/Non-Member.

June

4, 11, 18, 25, 10am

## *Living with Nature at Wintergreen*

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June

4, 10am-11am

## *Bubbles Are Fun for Everyone*

Bubbles! Fascinating bubbles, evoking happy memories of blowing and chasing the mystical orbs. A bubble's fragile nature, beautiful rainbow colors, and ability to soar through the sky makes them fascinating for all! Join us at TNFW to learn about the science behind (or inside) a bubble, play with bubbles and create bubbly art projects. Ages 5-7. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Payment is due at time of registration. Cost: \$6/Member, \$8/Non-Member.

June

4, 1pm-2:30pm

## *Bubble Science*

Join us at TNFW to learn about the science behind (or inside) a bubble, play with bubbles and create bubbly art projects. This program is geared toward 8-10 year olds. Payment is due at time of registration. Cost: \$6/Member, \$8/Non-Member.

June

8, 9am-12pm

## *The Edible Environment*

Join Josh Palumbo on a hike exploring Wintergreen, searching for parts of our environment that are edible. Learn to identify plants that are safe to eat as we traverse a variety of terrain studying the immense diversity of our ecosystem. *Moderate. Bring water and an adventurous palate.* \$6/Member, \$10/Non-Member.

June

11, 10am-11am

## *Wild Animal Babies*

Baby animals are always learning what it takes to survive in the wild. They learn these things from their families as human children do. Come explore the lives and habits of baby animals. Did you know that a baby opossum is called a Joey? Ages 5-7. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Payment is due at time of registration. Cost: \$6/Member, \$8/Non-Member.

June

11, 1pm-2:30pm

## *Growing Up Wild*

Join us as we explore the fascinating first steps that animal babies take in those often-challenging formative moments. This program is geared toward 8-10 year olds. Payment is due at time of registration. Cost: \$6/Member, \$8/Non-Member.

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June

11, 1pm-3pm

*Wintergreen's Mystery: Return to the Scene of the Crime*

In *The Mountain View Murder*, a local man was struck and killed by a vehicle on Wintergreen Drive near Founder's Overlook. Return to the scene of the crime with author Patrick Kelly. First, the author will relate the chilling tale of Lou Thorpe's ill-fated and final morning walk. Next, Pat will entertain questions pertaining to *The Mountain View Murder*. If you've read the novel, bring your copy and your questions about characters, settings, motives, plot, or anything else your mind conjures. The author will then turn the tables and ask you questions. He wants your ideas for future Wintergreen mysteries. Last, Pat will read from the next mystery in the series: *The Overlook Murder*. Please bring your lawn chair and a beverage of choice. The program will take place at Founder's Overlook. If you love beautiful mountain settings, a charming cast, and intriguing plot twists, you will love this program. Space is limited. Payment due before event. \$7/Member, \$10/Non-Member.

June

18, 10am-11am

*Dirt Doesn't Hurt*

DIG THIS! Remember the joy of playing in the dirt and making pies? 5-7 year olds will have the opportunity to explore the properties of various soils, plant seeds and change soil into mud. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Payment is due at time of registration. Cost: \$6/Member, \$8/Non-Member.

June

18, 1pm-2:30pm

*Soil Science*

DIG THIS! Come and get the scoop on dirt and erosion by becoming Soil Investigators. This program is geared toward 8-10 year olds. Payment is due at time of registration. Cost: \$6/Member, \$8/Non-Member.

June

25, 10am-11am

*Fun with Flowers*

June is a perfect time to enjoy all the beauty that nature provides. Children will be involved in nature play by exploring the vast flowers at Wintergreen. Hands-on play experiences using real flowers are not only fun but educational. Ages 5-7. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Payment is due at time of registration. Cost: \$6/Member, \$8/Non-Member.

June

25, 1pm-2:30pm

*Flower Power*

Join us as we explore the world of flowers at Wintergreen. Hands-on play experiences using real flowers are not only fun but educational. This program is geared toward 8-10 year olds. Payment is due at time of registration. Cost: \$6/Member, \$8/Non-Member.

**SAVE THESE DATES!**

The highly anticipated Nature Foundation plant sale schedule is here. These sales will take place at our Greenhouse.



Saturday, April 30th 9-2  
Saturday, May 14th 9-2  
Saturday, May 28th 9-2

Saturday, September 3rd 9-2  
Saturday, October 1st 9-2



The Greenhouse is located at 725 Beech Grove Road, Roseland, VA 22967  
(one half-mile west of The Ski Barn on Beech Grove Road – Route 664).