

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.

Jan

5, 1:30pm

First Thursdays: Community Walks

Join TNFW's Emily Ferguson on the first Thursday of each month for a tour of the trails around Stoney Creek. Meet neighbors and friends while checking out everyday happenings in nature. This month will showcase Stoney Creek Park. Wear appropriate shoes and gear. We will meet at the end of Wood Nettle Lane at Stoney Creek Park. *These hikes are rated moderate*. Please register in advance online. FREE.

Jan

7, 10am-1pm

First Saturday Mornings: Watercolor Open Studio

Watercolor artists aged 12 and above are invited to participate in one or all open studios from 10 am to 1 pm held the first Saturday of each of the winter months January, February, and March 2023! Come to one! Come to them all! There will be no formal instruction or supplies provided. Participants bring their paints and brushes and join fellow artists as everyone works on their own paintings. At the beginning of each session, Carolyn Velletri will provide a 15-minute watercolor tutorial to kickoff discussion. Artists are encouraged to share information about equipment, supplies, techniques and more. Additionally, Carolyn will lead a voluntary critique at the end of each open studio. If you want, bring your lunch too! Payment is due at time of registration Limited to 15. \$10/Member, \$15/Non-Member.

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Jan

13, 7-9pm

Winter Lecture Series: Next Generation of Telescopes

Join David Giltinan of the Charlottesville Astronomical Society for a very informative presentation on the next generation of super-sized telescopes currently under construction. These behemoth scopes, which will peer deep into space, include the Giant Magellan Telescope, with 7 mirrors each the size of the current largest land-based telescopes, and an even larger telescope being built in Europe. We'll also take a quick look at some future technologies that NASA is developing, including star shades designed to actually see distant exoplanets currently lost in the glare of their host stars. Refreshments provided. Payment is due at time of registration. \$10/Member, \$15/Non-Member.

Jan

14, 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

27, 7-9pm

*Winter Lecture Series: Next Generation Scientific Discoveries -
On Orbit with the James Webb Space Telescope*

Join Steve Layman, President of Charlottesville Astronomical Society to view groundbreaking photos from the James Webb Space Telescope (JWST) and learn of the Webb project history. Steve will share how JWST's infrared imaging technology will take to the edge of the visible Universe and help us to characterize a wide variety of exoplanets. Refreshments provided. Payment is due at time of registration. \$10/Member, \$15/Non-Member.

Feb

2, 1:30pm

First Thursdays: Community Walks

Meet neighbors and friends while looking for early signs of spring. Join Emily Ferguson, a Virginia Master Naturalist, for a walk around Lake Monacan. Wear appropriate shoes and gear. Meet at Lake Monacan Trail at the end of Camping Ridge Ct. *This hike is rated moderate.* Please register in advance online. FREE.

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Feb

4, 10am-1pm

First Saturday Mornings: Watercolor Open Studio

See January's description. Payment is due at time of registration Limited to 15. \$10/Member, \$15/Non-Member.

Feb

18, 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

24, 7:30pm

Winter Stargazing

There's nothing like stargazing on a crisp, winter 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.

Mar

1, 9am-3pm

Fortunes Cove Foray

Join Josh Palumbo as we find our way around the very challenging Fortunes Cove Preserve loop. This trail is best when the trees are bare and views are a constant. The 5.3 mile loop will test the cardio but will reward hikers with tremendous views. The hike is rated difficult. *Dress for all weather conditions and bring food and water*. Payment is due at time of registration. \$8/Member, \$12/Non-Member.

Mar

2, 1:30pm

First Thursdays: Community Walks

Join Emily Ferguson, a Virginia Master Naturalist, for a walk through the Allen Creek Nature Preserve. Meet neighbors and friends while checking out everyday happenings in nature. Wear appropriate shoes and gear. Meet at the trailhead near Towhee Ct and Stoney Creek East. *This hike is rated moderate*. Please register in advance online. FREE.

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Mar

4, 10am-1pm

First Saturday Mornings: Watercolor Open Studio

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Mar

11, 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

11, 2-4pm

Ladies Day Out: Staying Fit and Injury Prevention Workshop

Ladies, let's prepare for the hiking season with popular local Physical Therapist and Yoga & Mindfulness Instructor, Agnes F. Schrider in a discussion on how to stay fit and avoid injuries while enjoying the outdoors. Her presentation will include exercise demonstration & participation, as well as time for Q & A. Payment due before event. \$20/Member, \$25/Non-Member.

Mar

29, 10am-2pm

Scaling the Scree

Join Josh Palumbo as we seek the stunning views atop the scree slopes of Torrey Ridge. This nearly 4-mile loop centers around a unique geological formation called a scree slope. This difficult hike will have steep ascent and descent of Torrey Ridge to reach the lovely view atop the scree slope. *Dress for all weather conditions and bring food and water.* Payment is due at time of registration. \$8/Member, \$12/Non-Member.