

## 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.

Apr

5, 9am-3pm

### *Seeking the Summit*

Join Josh Palumbo on a bushwhack to the top of Crawford's Knob. Early spring is the perfect time to explore the wilds of Wintergreen as we seek the summit for a spectacular view of the Rockfish Valley. This hike will traverse a broad swath of the backcountry of Crawford's Knob so, prepare for off-trail conditions. *The hike is rated difficult. Bring plenty of food and water.* Payment due before event. \$10/Member, \$15/Non-Member.

Apr

6, 1:30pm

### *Community Walk*

Meet neighbors and make friends while checking out what has sprung this spring! Join Emily Ferguson, a Virginia Master Naturalist and Tree Steward, for a tour of the Stoney Creek Park trail. We will meet in the parking lot at Stoney Creek Park on Stoney Creek West. *This hike is rated moderate.* Please register in advance. FREE.

Apr

15, 9:30am-1:00pm

### *Let's construct a painting!*

Whereas we cannot build mountains, rocks, and trees, we can construct a painting of them. This workshop will focus on iconic mountain pine on the point of Raven's Roost Overlook. From photo references and under the instruction of artist Carolyn Velletri, you will begin by developing a simple composition using thumbnail sketches. Material and equipment provided. A wash, wet-in-wet and wet-on-dry techniques will be used. We will build our painting from light to dark and shapes to details. Please feel free to bring brushes and equipment you have, and a photo reference for a landscape you would like to paint. Class ends with a critique and a discussion of moving forward with another painting. Workshop is for those with some watercolor experience and is suitable for 14 years and up. Payment due before event. \$30/Member, \$40 /Non-Member.

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Apr

15, 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

20, 8am-5pm

### *A Million Blooms Tour at Lewis Ginter Botanical Garden*

Join Kathie Driscoll for a spring pilgrimage to Lewis Ginter Botanical Gardens in pursuit of a million beautiful April blooms! We will spend the day exploring the 50+ acres of gardens and touring the *Butterflies Live* exhibit. Bring lunch or money for lunch at the onsite café. \$30/Member, \$40/Non-Member.

Apr

22, 29, 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

27, 9am-3pm

### *Ladies Day Out Hike*

Let's welcome spring at Walnut Creek Park! This 525 acre park is centered on a large manmade lake and has 15 miles of trails through mixed deciduous forest. Plan to walk an easy 4 miles and enjoy a relaxing lunch at a pavilion. *Rated easy*. Bring water, lunch and *hiking boots*. Payment is due at time of registration. \$5/Member, \$8/Non-Member.

Apr

29, 9am-1pm

### *Spring Green Plant Sale Kick-off*

TNFW's native plant sale will be held at the greenhouse at 725 Beech Grove Rd, Roseland, VA 22967. Future weekday plant sales will be posted on the Nature Foundation's website. Please check for updates.

May

3, 9am-5pm

### *The Living Legends*

Join Josh Palumbo on a whirlwind tour through Albemarle and Orange County as we search for trees of distinction. Our journey will take us to private landowners, Charlottesville airport, UVA and James Madison's famous home, Montpelier in search of significant trees. Come with us to gaze on the living legends of Central Virginia. *Bring money for lunch and plenty of water*. \$25/Member, \$35/Non-Member (price includes admission to Montpelier grounds).

# of Events

May

4, 1:30pm

## Community Walk

Meet neighbors and make friends while walking along the Virginia Blue Ridge Railway Trail. Join Emily Ferguson, a Virginia Master Naturalist and Tree Steward, for a stroll along this old railway bed through several forest ecosystems. We will meet near the refurbished caboose at the edge of the parking lot. The address is: 3124 Patrick Henry Hwy, Piney River, VA 22964. *This hike is rated easy.* Please register in advance. FREE.

May

6, 13, 27, 10am

## Living with Nature at Wintergreen

Join a Foundation Naturalist for an interpretive hike and explore Wintergreen's natural environment! On May 13, make your mom feel special by taking her on a hike. Afterwards mom will receive a special gift for Mother's Day. These hikes are rated moderate to strenuous. Meet at Trillium House parking lot. Payment due before event. FREE/Member, \$8/Non-Member.

May

19, Weekend

## Spring Wildflower Symposium

Save the Date! This year's Spring Wildflower Symposium will kick off Friday, May 19 with Director Doug Coleman's introduction of the speakers, **followed by** Keynote speaker Dr. Jeff Halverson's presentation Extreme Storm Patterns and Their Potential Impact on Our Ecosystems and a weekend packed with 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.

May

20-21, 9am-1pm

## Spring Wildflower Symposium Plant Sale

TNFW's native plant sale will be held at the Trillium House during the weekend's Symposium. There will be members of the Plant Propagation committee on hand to answer questions.

June

3, 9am-1pm

## Plant Sale

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June

3, 10, 17, 24, 10am

## Living with Nature at Wintergreen

Join a Foundation Naturalist for an interpretive hike and explore Wintergreen's natural environment! On June 17, celebrate the father in your life by taking him on a hike. Afterwards dad will receive a special gift. These hikes are rated *moderate* to strenuous. Payment is due at time of registration. FREE/Member, \$8/Non-Member.

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June

4, 6pm

*For Love of the Land Auction & Dinner*

**It's Back in Person with a Mountain Top Venue!** Mark your calendar for an evening of food, libation and merriment accompanied by silent and live auctions. We are returning to a format similar to our original event nearly seven years ago, but with a few changes. Wintergreen Resort has made it possible to host our event at Devils Grill. Hearty, yet elegant, appetizers with libations and festivities including a silent auction featuring dining, sports and other tempting items in every price range. Between the silent and live auctions, visit the dessert bar for a sweet finale before bidding starts on our live auction vacations and other exciting selections. *HINT:* Organize friends to create your own bidding syndicate so you don't let these opportunities escape you. Watch for your electronic invitation and make your reservation as this event sells out quickly!

June

23, 10am-2pm

*A Piece of Wintergreen's Past: The Copper Mines*

Join Josh Palumbo on a climb into Wintergreen's past with a trip to the copper mines. This unique spot on the very steep east slope of Crawford's Knob was an active mine in the late 1890s before being quickly abandoned. Not only are the mines unique but its location is also fascinating, located in a lovely depression along a creek bed acting as home to a variety of wildlife including deer, turkey and, of course, bats. This is a trip every Wintergreen resident must put on their "bucket list". *Rated difficult.* Bring a flashlight, lunch and plenty of water. Payment is due at time of registration. \$6/Member, \$10/Non-Member.

*Back in Person*

*Save the Date*  
Sunday - June 4, 2023

**For Love of the Land**  
**Devils Grill - Wintergreen**  
**Silent and Live Auctions**  
**Food, Libation and Merriment**

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**Save The Date**



**May 19 & 20, 2023**

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