

## 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, and check our website weekly for updates.

Oct

7, 14, 21, 28, 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

5, 1:30pm

*Community Walk*

Search with neighbors and friends for late blooming plants and early signs of fall. 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. Wear appropriate shoes and gear. *This hike is rated moderate*. Please register in advance. FREE.

Oct

14, 1-3pm

*Our Wild Neighbors Program*

Join Rockfish Wildlife Sanctuary for an afternoon of furry and scaly fun! Executive Director Sarah Cooperman will talk about the Sanctuary's mission to rehabilitate injured and orphaned wildlife in Nelson County and introduce attendees to some of the Sanctuary's education ambassador animals. Payment due before event. Partial proceeds goes to Rockfish Wildlife Sanctuary. \$8/Member, \$12/Non-Member.

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Oct

19, 10am-2pm

### *Ladies Day Out Hike*

Join Kathie Driscoll for a popular local hike around Sherando Lake to view the approaching fall colors and spectacular views of the lake. *This hike is rated moderate.* Wear hiking shoes/boots. Bring water and money for lunch. Payment is due at time of registration. \$3/Member, \$5/Non-member.

Oct

25, 9am-4pm

### *A Peak at Pete's Cave*

Join Josh Palumbo as we explore Pete's Cave Trail in rugged Rockbridge County. This 6.8 mile hike features lovely vistas and unique geologic formations. Combine these attractive features with autumn colors and it will be a hike to remember. *This hike is rated moderate to difficult.* Bring plenty of food and water. Payment is due at time of registration. \$10/Member, \$15/Non-Member.

Nov

2, 1:30pm

### *Community Walk*

Join neighbors and friends while surrounded by a kaleidoscope of fall color. Emily Ferguson, a Virginia Master Naturalist and Tree Steward, will meet at the Rose Mill entrance of the Virginia Blue Ridge Railway Trail for a trek along this old railway bed through several forest ecosystems. The address is: 1264 Roses Mill Rd, Amherst, VA 24521. Wear appropriate shoes and gear. *This hike is rated easy.* Please register in advance. FREE.

Nov

3, 1-3pm

### *Daytime Star Gazing: Friday*

Come join staff and the Charlottesville Astronomical Society for this fantastic celestial event as we view our star, the sun! We will see sunspots and solar flares using safe solar telescopes with Steve Layman, Coordinator of Future Astronomers Charlottesville Astronomical Society. This event will be held at Tuckahoe Clubhouse, 37 Stone Orchard Dr. Payment is due at time of registration. \$8/Member, \$10/Non-Member.

# of Events

Nov

4, 11, 18, 25, 10am

## *Living with Nature at Wintergreen Hikes*

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Nov

11, 9am

## *WPOA 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

11, 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 and will be held at The Trillium House. Please register by November 9.

Nov

11, 10am-12pm

## *Watercolor Meditation and Relaxation Class - Saturday*

Before the frenzy of the holiday season, participants with minimal watercolor experience will relax and meditate using watercolors in two exercises led by artist Carolyn Velletri. Yes, really! Let us take a break and rest as we move along in our watercolor journey. Brushes and paints will be available for use during the meditations. However, please bring any watercolor supplies you might have. Paper provided. Ages fourteen and over. Payment due before event. \$12/Member, \$15/Non-Member.

Nov

29, 9am-1pm

## *Perimeter Hike Series #1*

Join Josh Palumbo as we spend the winter months navigating the rugged perimeter of the Wintergreen hiking system. Our first adventure will include the Old Appalachian, Upper Shamokin Gorge, Chestnut Springs, and Loggers Alley trails. This first section of the perimeter *hike series is rated moderate to difficult*. Dress appropriately for the weather and bring plenty of food and water. \$8/Member, \$12/Non-Member.

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Dec

7, 1:30pm

*Community Walk*

Meet neighbors and make friends as you search the landscape for the last signs of fall and the beginning signs of winter. Meet Emily Ferguson, a Virginia Master Naturalist and Tree Steward, at the trailhead in the cul-de-sac of Wood Nettle Lane. Wear appropriate shoes and gear. *This hike is rated moderate.* Please register in advance online. FREE.

Dec

9, 1pm

*Living with Nature at Wintergreen Hike*

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Dec

9, 1-3pm

*Holiday Open House*

Stop in to enjoy some fresh baked cookies and hot cocoa while you browse Trillium House's gift shoppe and learn more about TNFW! There will also be a goody-filled basket up for grabs! This event is free.

Dec

15, 7pm

*The Brazilian Pantanal: The Land of Jaguars, Caiman, and Incredible Birds*

Join Rob Pritchard and Lynn Fontana as they share photographs and stories from their adventure on the Pantanal's Paraguay River and a wildlife refuge in Southwest Brazil. The world's largest tropical wetland, the Pantanal is home to the elusive jaguar and over 650 bird and 100 mammal species and has the highest concentration of wildlife on the continent. Refreshments provided. Payment due before event. \$7/Member, \$10/Non-Member.