

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

4, 1:30pm

Community Walk

Meet neighbors and make friends as we stroll around Lake Monacan. Let's see how far spring has sprung between the valley and mountain. Join Emily Ferguson, a Virginia Master Naturalist, at the end of Camping Ridge Ct. Wear appropriate shoes and gear. *This hike is rated moderate.* Please register in advance online. FREE

Apr

11, 9am-3pm

Ladies Day Out Hike

Let's welcome spring along the Blackwater Creek Trail, Lynchburg's hidden gem! This 4 mile trail, once a railroad bed, transverses 300 acre greenspace along Blackwater Creek, a tributary to the James River. After enjoy a bit of Lynchburg's hospitality for lunch at The Farm Basket. *Rated easy.* Bring water, money for lunch and a snack. Payment is due at time of registration. \$10/Member, \$15/Non-Member.

Apr

13, 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

13, 10am-2pm (Break for Lunch)

Let's Paint Watercolor Water Lilies!

Although none of us would claim to be Claude Monet, anyone can paint water lilies! Join artist Carolyn Velletri as participants 12 and older explore the fun of watercolor creation. We will welcome spring and the promise of summer by creating our own pond with one or more lilies and blooms. Each participant will design a composition, review perspective, and explore thumbnail sketches. Then execute your very own work of art! Payment is due at time of registration. Cost: \$30/Member, \$40/Non-Member. Contact the artist at carolyn.velletri@verizon.com for a list of supplies and equipment for this advanced beginner workshop.

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Apr

17, 9am-5pm

Hidden Rocks and Hone Quarry Falls

Join Josh Palumbo as we explore a unique portion of the George Washington National Forest. This journey will take us on two different hikes. We will explore the unique rock features on the Hidden Rocks Trail and then head just up the road to the Hone Quarry Falls Trail. We will cover approximately 7.5 miles traversing the two hikes. This hike is rated moderately difficult. Bring lunch and plenty of water. Payment is due at time of registration. \$10/member, \$15/non-member.

Apr

20, 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. Future weekday plant sales will be posted on the Nature Foundation's website. Please check for updates.

Apr

20, 1-2:30pm

Black Bear 101

Want to know what to do if you see a bear in your yard? District Wildlife Biologist Sarah Peltier of Department of Wildlife Resources (DWR) will share advice on bear biology, behavior, management, and how to reduce human-bear conflicts. This talk is not to be missed. Free of charge, but space is limited! Please register in advance!

Apr

20, 27, 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. Payment due before event. FREE/Member, \$8/Non-Member.

May

2, 9am-3pm

Ladies Day Hike

Join Kathie Driscoll for a smooth 4-mile hike along The James River in the Blue Ridge Mountain foothills. We will start at Waterstone Pizza Restaurant in downtown Lynchburg. *Rated easy*. Bring water, money for lunch and a snack. Payment is due at time of registration. \$10/Member, \$15/Non-Member.

May

4, 11, 25, 10am

Living with Nature at Wintergreen

Join a Foundation Naturalist for an interpretive hike and explore Wintergreen's natural environment! On May 11, make your mom feel special by taking her on a hike. These hikes are rated moderate to strenuous. Meet at Trillium House. Payment due before event. FREE/Member, \$8/Non-Member.

of Events

May

8, 9am-5pm

The Living Legends

Join Josh Palumbo as we search for trees of distinction. Our hunt will begin on the grounds of James Madison's famous home, Montpelier, then into the surrounding Orange and Albemarle counties, as we search for giant trees. Come with us to photograph, measure and gaze on the living legends of Central Virginia. Bring lunch and plenty of water. \$25 members/\$35 non-members (price includes Montpelier property pass admission).

May

17, Weekend

Spring Wildflower Symposium

Save the Date! This year's Spring Wildflower Symposium will kick off Friday, May 17 with a welcome walk and Director Doug Coleman's introduction of the speakers, **followed by** weekend activity sign-ups. 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

18, 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

1, 8, 15, 22, & 29, 10am

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June

2, 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!

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June

7, 9:30-11pm

Cosmos, How Far Can We See?

Join staff and the Charlottesville Astronomical Society as we view deep, 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. \$6/Member, \$10/Non-Member.

June

15, 9am-1pm

Plant Sale Saturday

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

June

19, 9am-3pm

Clamber around Crawford's Knob

Join Josh Palumbo as we traverse the wild Crawford's Knob Natural Area Preserve. This journey's focus will be to search the wetlands of Crawford's Knob for the rare purple fringed orchid that blooms around mid-June. The hike is rated as moderate to difficult and will feature some bushwacking through rocky terrain. Bring plenty of food and water. Payment is due at time of registration. \$8/Member, \$10/Non-member.

June

22, 1pm-3pm

What's Next for the Wintergreen Mystery Book Series?

Author Patrick Kelly has recently released the fourth book in the series: *Murder at Dawn*. Retired detective Bill O'Shea's summer is off to a great start. He's made new friends, taken up the game of pickleball, and adopted a dog. But then a victim is found murdered, and the short-staffed police department ask Bill to help out. Now he is back on the case, but this time the prime suspect is his friend Kim Wiley, the cafe manager, and he's trying to prove her innocence. Attend Kelly's speaking engagement to hear a reading from *Murder at Dawn* and to give the author your suggestions for where to take the series next. Payment due before event. \$6/Member, \$10/Non-Member.



JOIN US
Sunday, June 2

For Love of the Land **Devils Grill**

Mark your calendar for our eighth annual auction to benefit the education outreach program of The Nature Foundation at Wintergreen
\$125 per person

