

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.

July

3, 9am-11am

The Mechanisms of Milkweed

Join Olivia Cunningham on a deep dive into her study on milkweed at Wintergreen. Olivia is a rising senior at William and Mary who is continuing work at Wintergreen studying the hybridization among common and poke milkweed along with pollination patterns. Come learn about this vital plant and the role it holds in the Wintergreen landscape. FREE/Member, \$5/Non-Member.

July

6, 13, 20, & 27, 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.

July

6, 2pm-4pm

Hummingbird Feeder Workshop

Nancy Donnelly-Walters is back! Join Nancy in constructing and painting a colorful bottle hummingbird feeder. Ages 6 and up. Children 12 and under must be accompanied by an adult. Payment is due at time of registration. \$20/Member, \$25/Non-Member.

July

11, 12, & 13, 10am-12pm

Young Naturalist Camp

Energy Thursday July 11 - Discover the Power of Nature: Exploring Energy Creation; **Food Chain Friday-July 12** - Discover the intricate web of predator and prey relationships in our captivating live animal program; **Science Saturday- July 13** - Learn how to transform matter from liquid to solid with this sweet activity of making homemade ice cream.

Embark on a journey of discovery and delight as we introduce your young explorer to the wonders of nature! Our aim is to foster curiosity, encourage exploration, and deepen understanding of the rich tapestry of living and non-living elements that compose our natural world. Designed for children aged 6 to 9, these programs promise an immersive and engaging experience. All programs at Trillium House. \$8/Member, \$12/Non-Member for each day or \$20/Member, \$30/Non-Member for all three days.

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July

17, 9am-12pm

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 1890's 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". Difficult. Bring a flashlight and plenty of water. \$8/Member, \$12/Non-Member.

July

20, 1pm-4pm

Wading Wintergreen's Natural Waters

Join Kathie Driscoll for a refreshing, exciting slip and slide down Wintergreen's natural waterslide along Paul's Creek. Wear bathing suit and closed toed shoes. Ages 8-12. Payment is due at time of registration. Meet at Trillium House. Cost: \$10/Member, \$20/Non-Member.

July

27, 9:30am-12pm

Fishing Is Fun!

Time to grab your poles because fishing is fun for children ages 6 through 15! Kids will learn basic fishing skills, practice casting and catching fish at Wintergreen's Black Walnut pond! All equipment is provided. Meet at Trillium House. Grown-ups are welcome to come along (fishing license required). Hats and sunscreen recommended. Advanced registration due by July 20, space is limited to 10 children. \$10/Member, \$20/Non-Member.

Aug

1, 9am-3pm

Exploring Grand Caverns: Where History Runs Deep!

Join us for an adventure into Grand Caverns, a National Natural Landmark boasting Virginia's oldest and most extraordinary underground formations. Embark on a guided journey through time, delving deep into the history of this captivating grotto, from its discovery to its magnificent geological features and intriguing folklore. Don't forget to bring money for lunch in the charming town of Grottoes. Registration deadline is July 1st. \$45/Member, \$55/Non-Member.

Aug

3, 10, 17 & 24, 10am

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7, 9am-12pm

Meet the Mushrooms

Join Mary Jane Epps on an introductory tour into the world of mycology. The goal of this venture is to educate each hiker on the basics of mushroom identification. We will scour the Wintergreen landscape in search of the many varieties our ecosystem can produce. The hike is rated as moderate. Payment is due at time of registration. \$8/Member, \$12/Non-Member.

Aug

9, 7pm

Students Promote Sustainability on Campus

Join Alex Shanholtz, TNFW's Education Intern and James Madison University student, for insights into campus sustainability efforts. Discover how JMU's Institute for Stewardship of the Natural World is advancing green initiatives. Alex will share her experiences and actions promoting sustainability. Payment due before event. FREE/Member, \$8/Non-Member.

Sept

1, 9am-3pm

Nelson County's Legendary Colonial History Tour

Years before the American Revolution, there were at least five renaissance men who played leading roles in the formation of Big Albemarle County (1744). Along with others, these five men's presence, leadership abilities and ingenuity carved British civilization into what was then mostly wilderness. Join Director Doug Coleman for a road trip tour to learn about these personalities, their accomplishments and their role in Nelson County's future. Bring money for lunch. Payment is due at time of registration. Meet at Trillium House. \$20/Member, \$30/Non-Member.

Sept

5, 9am-3pm

Ladies Day Out Hike

Time for another ladies day out, so let's hit the trails of Blackwater Creek. We'll hike 5 miles on a trail, once a railroad bed, that transverses 300 acre greenspace along 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.

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7, 14, 21 & 28, 10am

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Sept

18, 10am-2pm

Raptors Galore

Join Josh Palumbo as we search the fall skies for raptors of all kinds. Come and learn the particulars about these splendid creatures and improve your identification skills. We will venture to a prominent overlook to catch this avian display at its finest. The annual raptor migration is a must for every naturalist. Bring binoculars (if you have them) along with food and water. Payment is due at time of registration. \$8/Member, \$12/Non-Member.

Sept

20

Sara Ott Memorial Golf Class Tournament

Join us for the Annual Sara Ott Memorial Golf Classic and enjoy camaraderie, beautiful views, great golf, and prizes. There will be hole-in-one contests where players will have the opportunity to win a new car! Look out for the treat cart on the move and enjoy pre-tee off warmup sessions. This annual event raises thousands of dollars to help underwrite the Nature Foundation's important work at Wintergreen from our programming for school children in the surrounding communities to our trail maintenance and research projects. This year's RAIN DATE is Friday, September 27th. Don't miss it!! Register in advance as last year this event filled up. Time of event will be announced soon.

Sept

26, 9am-1pm

Journey to High Places Hike

Let's strap up the boots and hit the trails! Join Kathie Driscoll for a local hike along the AT. We'll start at Reed's Gap and hike north to dripping rock for some great views, and cool rock formations! ***Rated strenuous.*** Bring water and lunch. Wear hiking shoes/boots. Payment is due at time of registration. \$6/Member, \$10/Non-Member.

Plant Sale Events 2024

LABOR DAY WEEKEND

Saturday, August 31, 9am – 1pm

Saturday, October 5, 9am – 1pm

TNFW's native plant sale will be held at the greenhouse at 725 Beech Grove Rd, Roseland, VA 22967.

There will be members of the Plant Propagation committee on hand to answer questions.

Contact The Nature Foundation @ Wintergreen (434-325-8169) or email shoppe@tnfw.org to purchase plants at other times.

