

## 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

3, 1:30pm

### *Community Walk*

Plants have many things in common with one another but, just like us, there are always a few that do things a little differently. Let's find those plants along the trail and talk about some of their common and unique characteristics. 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/Member, \$8/Non-Member.

Oct

5, 9am-1pm

### *Last Plant Sale of the Season*

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.

Oct

5, 12, & 26, 10am-12pm

### *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. Payment due before event. FREE/Member, \$8/Non-Member.

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Oct

11, 7pm-9pm

### *An Introduction to Severe Storms and Hazardous Weather Book Discussion and Signing*

UMBC's Professor Jeffrey Halverson has been a frequent speaker at TNFW, all the while working on this long-awaited, introductory textbook on severe and hazardous weather. While this comprehensive book is geared for university undergraduates, it presumes little or no knowledge of meteorology, and several primer chapters on general concepts are provided up front. The book is lavishly illustrated and delves into big storms such as Nor'easter snowstorms and tropical cyclones, and local storms including thunderstorms, tornadoes and flash floods. Halverson will share highlights of his text at this presentation and be available for a book signing. Meet at Trillium House. Payment due before event. Refreshments provided. \$15/Member, \$20/Non-Member.

Oct

19, 10am-12pm

### *Fall Foliage Hike*

Join TNFW's dynamite volunteer duo, John and Abigail James for an autumn walk through Wintergreen's golden woods to discover the secrets of fall. Hike is rated moderate to strenuous. Dress for weather. Meet at Trillium House parking lot. Payment due before event. FREE/Member, \$8/Non-Member.

Oct

19, 2pm-3:30pm

### *Hand Painted Pumpkins Workshop*

Halloween is around the corner! So let's turn your Jack O' Lantern into a cool pumpkin with Nancy Donnelly-Walters at this one-of-a-kind pumpkin painting workshop. Ages 6 and up. Children 12 and under must be accompanied by an adult. Pumpkin provided. Payment is due at time of registration. \$15/Member, \$18/Non-Member.

Oct

23, 9am-4pm

### *Blue Ridge vs Ridge and Valley: Who has the Best Color?*

Join TNFW staff member Josh Palumbo as we compare the fall colors from overlooks in different physiographic provinces. We will start the competition at a local overlook here in the Blue Ridge and end at High Knob Fire Tower along the West Virginia border. The explorations will cover roughly 5 miles and is rated moderate to difficult. Dress appropriately for any weather conditions and bring sufficient food and water. Payment is due at time of registration. \$10/Member, \$15/Non-Member.

Nov

2, 1pm-2:30pm

### *Black Bear 101*

Want to know what to do if you see a bear in your yard? Department of Wildlife Resources' (DWR) Black Bear Project Leader Carl Tugend will share advice on bear biology, behavior, management, and how to reduce human-bear conflicts. This talk is not to be missed.

# of Events

Nov

2, 9, 16, 23, & 30, 10am

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Nov

7, 1:30pm

## *Community Walk*

Let the vibrant fall foliage inspire us for a brisk walk under the forest canopy. A wide array of colors should outline the trail ahead of us. Emily Ferguson, a Virginia Master Naturalist and Tree Steward, will lead you out and back while answering any of your natural history questions long the way. We will meet in the parking lot at Stoney Creek Park off of Stoney Creek West. Wear appropriate shoes and gear. This hike is rated moderate. Please register in advance. FREE/Member, \$8/Non-Member.

Nov

8, 10:30am-5pm

## *James Madison University Mineral Museum Tour*

JMU's hidden gem, the Mineral Museum tucked away in the Festival Conference and Student Center, houses magnificent mineral specimens from 39 countries and 24 U.S. states. After lunch at JMU's famed Festival Food Court, Dr. Eric Pyle, Geologist and Museum Curator will lead us on a tour of the history of the museum and its fabulous collection. Bring money for lunch. Payment due before event. \$8/Member, \$10/Non-Member.

Nov

20, 9am-12pm

## *Salamander Search*

Join TNFW staff member Josh Palumbo on a search for the many salamanders that call Wintergreen home. This easy hike will journey to the wet abodes these elusive creatures reside. The cool, fall season is an ideal time to search for our slippery friends. The hike is rated moderate. Make sure to dress for any weather conditions. Payment is due at time of registration. \$6/Member, \$10/Non-Member.

Dec

5, 1:30pm

## *Community Walk*

As days get shorter and nights are longer, many animals are no longer visible in the landscape. What type of sleep or hibernation are they using, and will we find any of them on our walk? Join Emily Ferguson, a Virginia Master Naturalist and Tree Steward, for a walk around Lake Monacan at the end of Camping Ridge Ct. Wear appropriate shoes and gear. This hike is rated moderate. Please register in advance online. FREE/Member, \$8/Non-Member.

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Dec

7, 1pm

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Dec

11, 9am-1pm

*Hidden Views and Vistas of Wintergreen*

Join TNFW staff member Josh Palumbo on an exploration of seldom seen panoramas at Wintergreen. This bushwhack will go to hidden rock outcrops, waterfall views and other hidden gems of the Wintergreen wilderness. The journey will involve multiple bushwhacks into different locals so be prepared for difficult terrain and uneven footing. The hike is rated as difficult and be sure to dress appropriately for any weather conditions. Bring plenty of food and water. Payment is due at time of registration. \$8/Member, \$14/ Non-Member.

Dec

13, 5:30pm-7:30pm

*Murder with Morgan*

Join us for an evening of intrigue and murder at the Trillium House, featuring author Morgan Armstrong and his latest suspenseful whodunit, "A Murder at Cubley's Coze." Bring your favorite beverage and potluck dish to share, while we enjoy an engaging evening filled with thrilling mysteries and a provided dessert. Space is limited and payment is required in advance. \$7/Member, \$10/Non-Member.

Dec

14, 1pm-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. Please register in advance so we don't run out of sweet treats!