

## 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 on a Family Membership, and renters with a valid Family Membership Pass. They are available to non-members for a small fee. Dogs are welcome at The Trillium House, and 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, so 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

3, 9am-3pm

### *Ladies Day Out Hike*

Let's welcome spring with Lena Kroll, Certified Master Naturalist and Preserve Steward for the Nature Conservancy's Fortune's Cove trail. As a trail Steward, Lena hikes Fortune's Cove throughout the year, assessing the trail and performing basic trail maintenance. Join us as we explore a 4.1-mile loop trail where it's rare to encounter others, but is a great hike to view spring ephemerals, as well as native and invasive species. *Rated moderate.* Bring water, lunch and a snack. Payment is due at time of registration. \$8/Member, \$12/Non-Member.

Apr

9, 9am-12pm

### *What was Left Behind?*

Join Josh Palumbo in a search for the evidence of those that came before us as we tour sites important to the cultural history of Wintergreen. This trip into the "Peggy's Pinch" area of Wintergreen will include a cemetery tucked into a hillside and an old homestead surrounded by stone pig walls. Join us as we seek cultural gems left behind from years gone by. *The hike will involve some bushwhacking and is rated as moderate to difficult.* \$8/Member, \$12/Non-Member.

Apr

19, 26 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 the event. FREE/Member, \$8/Non-Member.

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Apr

26, 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

26, 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 has 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

26, 10am-2pm

### *Watercolor Trilliums Workshop*

Let's paint the beautiful native trillium, known for its three petals and leaves, and found in nutrient-rich woods and slopes. Designed for ages 12+ with basic watercolor experience, this workshop explores lift-out and negative painting techniques, useful for both beginners and experienced artists. Email [carolyn.velletri@verizon.com](mailto:carolyn.velletri@verizon.com) at least one week prior for a supply list. If trillium is blooming, we may take a short walk for photos—wear comfortable shoes and bring a camera or phone! Bring your lunch. Payment is due at time of registration. \$25/Member, \$35/Non-Member.

Apr

29, 9:30am-2:30pm

### *Experience Lynchburg Garden Day*

Join us for Lynchburg Garden Day, part of Historic Garden Week (HGW)—Virginia's beloved celebration of historic gardens, homes, and landmarks! We will step inside four private homes with breathtaking gardens, Visit Camp Kum-Ba-Yah (CKBY) Nature Center, featuring a flower-staged amphitheater set for a wedding, and stroll through six additional garden destinations. Wear comfy shoes, bring your camera, and don't forget money for lunch! Tickets are already on sale! Registration due April 25. \$60/Member, \$70/Non-Member.

# of Events

May

1, 9am-2pm

## *Ladies Day Out Hike*

Looking for an excuse to stretch your legs and enjoy some fresh air? Join Kathie Driscoll for a leisurely stroll along the beautiful Sweet Briar College trails! Set on 3,250 acres in the foothills of the Blue Ridge Mountains, Sweet Briar College offers 2,847 acres of fields, forests, and waterways—plenty of space to get “lost” (just kidding... probably). After soaking in the scenery, we’ll reward ourselves with lunch at the famed Prothro Café. Bring money for lunch. Payment is due at time of registration. \$8/Member, \$12/Non-Member.

May

3, 10, 24, 31, 10am

## *Living with Nature at Wintergreen*

Join a Foundation Naturalist for an interpretive hike and explore Wintergreen’s natural environment! On May 10, 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 the event. FREE/Member, \$8/Non-Member.

May

7, 8am-5pm

## *Hike up to the House*

Come spend a day with Josh Palumbo as we journey west to House Mountain. This monolith sits isolated from other peaks just west of Lexington and offers grand views to the south. This approximately 9 mile trek will take adventurous hikers past old homesteads, up steep mountain faces and onto great overlooks. This hike is rated as difficult with numerous vertical climbs. Bring plenty of food and water! \$12/Member, \$18/Non-Member.

May

16-18

## *Spring Wildflower Symposium*

Mark your calendars! This year’s Spring Wildflower Symposium kicks off on Friday, May 16, with a welcome walk and an introduction to our featured speakers by Director Doug Coleman, followed by weekend activity sign-ups. Saturday is packed with engaging walks and talks, offering a deep dive into the beauty of the local ecosystems. The event concludes on Sunday morning with a guided exploratory walk—a perfect way to wrap up a weekend of discovery! Stay tuned for the full presenter lineup and event schedule—you won’t want to miss this inspiring weekend in nature!

May

17, 9am-1pm

## *Spring Wildflower Symposium Plant Sale*

TNFW’s native plant sale will be held at the greenhouse at 725 Beech Grove Rd, Roseland, VA during the weekend’s Symposium. There will be members of the Plant Propagation committee on hand to answer questions.

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June

7, 14, 21, 28, 10am

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June

7, 9am-1pm

*Plant Sale*

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June

11, 9am-1pm

*The Great Rhododendron Quest*

Join Josh Palumbo as we journey high and low for the best rhododendron thickets Wintergreen has to offer. Seeking this member of the heath family at peak bloom promises some of the best explosions of color the mountain will have all year. We will travel over many different trails and locations that will highlight one of our favorite species. The hike is rated moderate to difficult. Bring plenty of food and water. \$8/Member, \$12/Non-member.

June

13, 5:30-7:30pm

*Murder with Morgan*

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