



THE  
NATURE FOUNDATION  
NURTURING LOVE FOR THE LAND at Wintergreen

# Calendar of Events

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2026

## 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.

Jan

16, 7-9pm

### *Winter Lecture Series: Seeing Nature From Above- Remote Sensing Technology For Conservation*

Discover how scientists use satellite imagery and drone technology to better understand and protect our planet. Dr. Sapana Lohani, a Geospatial Environmental Scientist at William & Mary's Institute for Integrative Conservation, will share her research on the Mekong River Basin, where she studied how rapid deforestation transformed the landscape across four countries.

Learn how remote sensing helps reveal patterns of environmental change and supports global conservation efforts. Refreshments provided. Payment is due at time of registration. \$10/Member, \$15/Non-Member.

Jan

17, 1pm

### *Living with Nature at Wintergreen*

Join a Foundation Naturalist for an interpretive hike. Explore Wintergreen's natural environment during the exhilarating month of January! *These hikes are rated moderate*. Payment is due at time of registration. FREE/Member, \$8/Non-Member.

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Jan

21, 9am-2pm

### *Comparing the Old and the New*

Join Josh Palumbo as we loop from the Old Appalachian Trail atop Wintergreen down to the current AT and back via the Dripping Rock access point. This hike will feature constant views as compare the old verse the new Appalachian Trail. This approximately 4.5-mile hike will be moderate to difficult. Be sure to dress for winter weather hiking. Bring plenty of food and drink. Payment is due at time of registration. \$8/Member, \$15/Non-Member.

Jan

30, 7-9pm

### *Winter Lecture Series: What Lies Beneath- Exploring the "Grand" In Grand Caverns*

Join Dr. Angel Garcia of James Madison University for an illuminating journey beneath the surface of Virginia's Shenandoah Valley. Discover the geological wonders and fascinating history of Grand Caverns, America's oldest continuously operating show cave.

Dr. Garcia will share how this remarkable site has inspired scientific discovery, supported local communities, and showcased the beauty and mystery of Appalachian karst landscapes. Learn how Grand Caverns connects our local story to broader themes of conservation, sustainability, and heritage management. Refreshments provided. Payment is due at time of registration. \$10/Member, \$15/Non-Member.

Feb

14, 1pm

### *Living with Nature at Wintergreen*

Join a Foundation Naturalist for an interpretive hike. Explore Wintergreen's natural environment during the exhilarating month of February. *These hikes are rated moderate.* Payment is due at time of registration. FREE/Member, \$8/Non-Member.

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Feb

16, 1-3pm

## *Community Walk*

The lingering chill of winter makes us long for early signs of spring. Join Emily Ferguson, a Virginia Master Naturalist, for a walk around Lake Monacan. Wear appropriate shoes and gear. Meet at Lake Monacan Trail at the end of Camping Ridge Ct. *This hike is rated moderate.* Please register in advance online. FREE

Feb

28, 1-2:30pm

## *State of the Environment Lecture*

Join Josh Palumbo on a discussion the environmental concerns affecting Wintergreen's ecosystem. The lecture will cover topics such as spotted lanternfly, deer populations, water quality, and much more. Be sure to come with any questions you may have about the state of the Wintergreen environment! FREE/Member, \$5/Non-member.

Mar

5, 9am-12pm

## *Blue Quartz Hill on the Tye River Excursion*

Join geologist Chuck Bailey for a fascinating geology and natural history walk along the scenic Tye River. The hike will conclude at Chuck's pavilion with lively discussion and hot cider. Please bring water and a snack. Payment is due at time of registration. \$10 Member, \$15/Non-Member.

Mar

14, 1pm

## *Living with Nature at Wintergreen*

Join a Foundation Naturalist for an interpretive hike. Explore Wintergreen's natural environment during the exhilarating month of March! *These hikes are rated moderate.* Payment is due at time of registration. FREE/Member, \$8/Non-Member.



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Mar

16, 1-3pm

### Community Walk

Chase away those winter blues by discovering the emerging new growth of early bloomers. Join your neighbors and friends as we scan the area for new emerging vegetation. Meet Emily Ferguson, a TNFW volunteer, at the Allen Creek Nature Preserve trailhead near the junction of Towhee Ct and Stoney Creek East. Please wear appropriate footwear if it's been rainy. *This hike is rated moderate.* Please register in advance online. FREE.

Mar

18, 9am-3pm

### Trek up Three Ridges

Join Josh Palumbo as we summit Three Ridges. Take advantage of the leafless trees and get lovely views as we peak atop our neighbor mountain to the south. The hike is approximately 8.8 miles out to the summit of this popular local hike. Be sure to dress for variable late winter weather. *This hike is rated as difficult.* Bring plenty of food and water. Payment is due at time of registration. \$10/ Member, \$15/Non-Member.

Mar

25, 9am-4pm

### Journey to High Places Hike

Join Kathie Driscoll for a challenging yet rewarding hike along the Appalachian Trail at Long Mountain (Route 60). This strenuous 8-mile out-and-back hike follows scenic Brown Mountain Creek, where you'll experience the beauty of early spring ephemerals, the pristine mountain stream, and the historic remnants of the Brown Mountain community. *Bring plenty of water, lunch and snack.* Payment is due at time of registration. Cost: \$10/ Member, \$15/Non-Member.