

TATC Activity List for March 13th General Membership Meeting

• This listing is current as of the date of the meeting, see the Google calendar and/or the TATC web site for up-to-date information as new items get added, and occasionally published schedules get modified.

See also the TATC Google Calendar for information.

• It is viewable at the bottom of the TATC Home Page or can be added to your Google calendar on your computer or phone using the following link – [Calendar Events](#)

Tuesday Group - More information on the TATC Tuesday group can be found at - [TATC Tuesday Group Website](#) Many of their events are planned only a week or two prior to the event date, and thus do not get listed in this General Meeting snapshot of events. Also, they do not get copied onto the main TATC Google calendar until details have matured, but some advance info is available on the Tuesday Group website prior to being included on the main TATC calendar. They have an event almost every Tuesday morning.

General Meeting (Norfolk)

Date: Wednesday, March 13th

Time: 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm

Location: Episcopal Church of the Advent, 9629 Norfolk Ave, Norfolk, VA 23503

Fabulous and Magical Giant Bamboo Hike – Tuesday Group (Newport News)

Date: Tuesday, March 19th

Time: Meet at 9:15; the hike begins at 9:30 and ends between 12:00-1:00 pm.

Location: Mariners Museum - 100 Museum Dr, Newport News, VA 23606

Description: “Giant Bamboo” Hike. Please join Stephanie Stringer and Steve Clayton for one of our favorite area hikes at Mariners Lake Natural Area in Newport News
Bathroom at start of hike: Porta potties in parking lot and inside museum (free)
Description: We’ll start the hike on the Noland Trail, departing from the Museum parking lot. After about a half mile on the Noland Trail, we’ll cross Warwick Boulevard at a crosswalk and continue our hike on the Natural Area Trail. This 5–6-mile hike is partly lakeside. It is a beautiful, winding, heavily wooded trail with rolling hills and plenty of roots, so please consider hiking poles. Deep in the interior of this hike is an amazing surprise – a large grove of giant bamboo!! Quite unusual and its origins are a mystery. Anybody know the history? A delightful surprise, even when you are expecting it. Lunch is optional back at the Mariners Museum café, near where

we parked. People can order lunch at the counter and eat either inside or on the outside patio or bring your own lunch.

Suggestions: *Wear comfortable footwear and clothing appropriate for the weather conditions. Bring water, sunscreen, snacks, and money for lunch if you need.*

For questions and/or to register, contact Steve Clayton at waldo1089@gmail.com

More information on the TATC Tuesday group can be found at - TATC Tuesday Group (<https://sites.google.com/site/tatctuesdaygroup/>)

First Landing State Park Maintenance – Moving Gravel (Virginia Beach)

What: Moving gravel at the 64th St entrance parking lot

Date: Thursday, March 21st

Time: 9:00am to 12:00pm

Location: The meeting location is the first parking lot at the 64th St entrance

One truck load of Crusher Run will be delivered for spreading out and filling in several deep puddles. ***Bring steel rakes, flat blade shovels, 5-gallon buckets, and a flat ground compactor if you have one.*** Project will be led by Ranger Sam; she said plan on one hour or so.

If you have one, please wear a hat, shirt, or jacket with the TATC logo when participating in FLSP workdays to identify you as a member of the club.

Contact: Paul Heymann at localtrails@tidewateratc.com

Deep Creek Park Bike Ride– Tuesday Group (Chesapeake)

Date: Tuesday, March 26th

Location: 437 George Washington Hwy S, Chesapeake, VA 23323, USA

Description: Please arrive NO LATER THAN 9:15 AM for Registration - Ride starts promptly at 9:30 AM.

We will meet at the Deep Creek Park. Please, park near the restrooms (there is plenty of parking). We will bike ~2.3 miles on an off-road bike path that will then connect to the Dismal Swamp Canal Bike Trail where we will ride its length. The TOTAL round-trip miles we will ride is ~22 miles. We will return to Deep Creek Park to eat our picnic lunches. Option for ice cream at nearby Chesapeake Campground after lunch. Bring: bike, helmet (must be worn), water & snacks, picnic lunch, \$ for ice cream.

Please read the below link regarding biking safety:

<https://sites.google.com/site/tatctuesdaygroup/home/biking/safety-cycling-tips>

Questions/sign up contact Ellis: malabad2@gmail.com or (757) 285-1252

Breakfast Option: Hardee's at Deep Creek Bridge 8:30

Tidewater Appalachian Trail Club (TATC) Pub Night (Chesapeake)

What: TATC Pub Night (aka Happy Hiker Hour) at Studly Brewing Company

When: Thursday, March 28th, 6:30 pm to 8:00 pm

Location: 1296 S Battlefield Blvd #108, Chesapeake, VA 23322

Website: [Studly Brewing Company](#)

Join TATC Members on Thursday, February 29th at 6:30 pm; TATC will hold a pub night get-together at Studly Brewing Company located in Chesapeake. No sign-up is necessary; just show up. Plenty of parking. They serve food items such as pizzas, calzones, hot dogs, pretzels, and salads. They have an assortment of beers and other beverages.

POC: Lance Deaver - cactuspatch@gmail.com

Hike New VB Railroad Trail – Tuesday Group (Virginia Beach)

When: Tuesday, April 2nd

Location: Bangor Ave, Norfolk, VA 23502, USA

Description:

Where The Tide – Newtown Road Station Parking Lot
Corner of Newtown Rd. & Kempsville Rd.

What With the blessings of the VB Parks & Recreation, we will be hiking the 3-mile section of the abandoned railroad tracks from Newtown Rd. to Independence Blvd. This is the future site of Phase 1 (FUNDED) of the Virginia Beach Trail, a proposed 12-mile pedestrian/biking trail. Relatively few people have seen parts of this railroad track and are aware of the history behind it. You'll see firsthand the challenges that the City of VB will need to overcome and when Phase 1 is completed we can hopefully return to hike the trail and experience the transformation. The hike is approximately 6 miles. You may see geese, ducks, and egrets in industrial areas. Be prepared for some

side-sloping ground.

Meet At The Tide parking lot. Registration 9:15, hike begins at 9:30. Restrooms available at the new 7-11, a short walk from The Tide parking lot and there is one porta john in the parking lot. We will be stopping at Wegman's for a restroom break & snacks when we reach Independence Blvd.

Bring Water, snacks, comfortable hiking shoes, appropriate clothing for the weather. Hike may need to be rescheduled if it rains due to a muddy area that would be time consuming to avoid. At the end of the hike you are invited to my house (6018 Rolleston Avenue, Norfolk, VA 23502) which is about a ½ mile hike from the parking lot or you can drive to my house. We have room for about 7 vehicles in our driveway in addition to our own vehicles. My husband, Vic, has volunteered to man the grill and set up while we are hiking. *When you sign-up please include if you think that you will be joining us for lunch and if you prefer vegetarian.*

Questions/additional information call or text Debbie at 757-708-8837.

To sign-up email Debbie at: debbieawnings1@yahoo.com

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General Meeting (Norfolk)

When: Wednesday, April 10th

Time: 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm

Location: Episcopal Church of the Advent, 9629 Norfolk Ave, Norfolk, VA 23503

Spring Backpacking Walk-thru (Blue Ridge Pkwy, VA)

When: Friday, April 12th – Sunday, April 14th

Location: Reeds Gap Parking lot along the Blue Ridge Parkway. (Blue Ridge Parkway & Rt 664 Intersection)

Description: **Backpacking/Walk-Thru that will run Friday-Sunday**

To sign up or for more information, contact:

John Sima - TATC Trail Supervisor - trailssupervisor@tidewateratc.com

Brittany Collins - TATC Asst Trail Supervisor - assistantts@tidewateratc.com

Facebook - no, MeetUp - no

First Landing State Park Maintenance (Virginia Beach)

What: Live Oak and Cypress Swamp trail maintenance

Date: Thursday, April 18th

Time: 9:00am to 12:00pm

Location: The meeting location is the parking lot by the picnic area

At least 3 volunteers are needed.

If you have one, please wear a hat, shirt, or jacket with the TATC logo when participating in FLSP workdays to identify you as a member of the club.

Contact: Paul Heymann at localtrails@tidewateratc.com

Cabin Maintenance & Orientation Weekend

When: Friday, April 19th – Sunday, April 21st

Description: TATC Douglas Putman Memorial Cabin Maintenance & Orientation Trip.

This is the 1st of 4 annual trips to do maintenance work and to provide orientation to members so that they can be qualified to rent the cabin.

If you have questions or want to participate, please contact trip leader, Gregory Hodges, at cabin@tidewateratc.com or at (757) 439-1552. Call or text is fine.

FaceBook - yes, MeetUp - yes

Spring Maintenance Weekend (Lyndhurst, VA)

When: Friday, April 26th – Sunday 28th

Location: Williams Branch Picnic area of Sherando Lake - 96 Sherando Lake Rd, Lyndhurst, VA 22952, USA

Maintenance: Saturday, April 27th

Camping: Friday, April 26th – Sunday, April 28th

Saturday Dinner: the club will be providing dinner on Saturday!

Description: This is a weekend for us to do what the club was set up to do! We'll maintain our assigned section of the Appalachian Trail, the Mau-Har Trail, the White Rocks Falls trail, plus more! Come out to our base camp at Sherando Lake Recreation Area on Friday as early as noon; set up your tent at the Williams Branch Picnic Area, keeping in mind that the gate is usually locked at 10PM and opens on Saturday morning at 6AM. If the gate is staffed, let them know you are with TATC to help with AT maintenance and you will not be charged an entry fee. Crew signup sheets will be available Friday; Saturday organizational meeting at 7:45AM.

To sign up or for more information on maintenance, contact:

John Sima - TATC Trail Supervisor - trailsupervisor@tidewateratc.com

Brittany Collins - TATC Asst Trail Supervisor - assistantts@tidewateratc.com

For Hikers and Jazz Lovers (Delaware Water Gap, PA)

When: Friday, May 17th, - Sunday, May 19th

Where: Deer Head Inn, 5 Main Street, Delaware Water Gap, PA3.

Description: Let's go day hiking on the AT on Saturday and Sunday while relaxing at the Deer Head Inn afterwards. Arrive on Friday, May 17th, and have a fine dinner at the Inn with live jazz music. Wake up early Saturday morning for a 7-mile day hike. Refresh in your room at the Inn. Take a walk to the Village Farmer and Bakery located at 13 Broad Street, less than a mile away, for lunch. Get ready for a different jazz band that evening along with another fine meal at the Inn. Wake up again on Sunday morning for a 7-mile day hike on the AT back to the Inn. On Sunday after our hike another group of jazz players will entertain us in the early evening. Some may want to leave on Sunday after the morning hike, but others will stay Sunday night and leave Monday morning. **Please make your reservations now.** There are only 10 rooms total. *(There are two other hotels nearby but the AT does not go directly by them.)*

Deer Head Inn in Delaware Water Gap, PA (known for live jazz music). The inn has great food, entertainment, and lodging. Make your reservations on-line now before all the rooms are taken. <https://deerheadinn.com/>

Distance: 7.2 miles Level of difficulty is Intermediate Elevation highest/lowest points: 1506' high and 341' low Cumulative elevation gain/loss: 421' gain and 1469' loss.

AT: Wilmington Trail Club (PA) Hiking Trail, Stroudsburg, Pennsylvania
(hikingproject.com)

Contact Lelia Vann if you have questions:
leliavann@gmail.com or (757)247-9048.

Other Future Activities (see linked calendar for details)

- Trail Magic at the Tye River – June 1st
- LopperFest #1 – June 7th – 9th
- Cabin Maintenance and Orientation #2 – June 21st – 23rd