

## **TATC Activity List for January 10<sup>th</sup> General 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 –

<https://calendar.google.com/calendar/u/0?cid=Y2hqMjdudGM1Y201cWwyamZzMWVvZDhwc2tAZ3JvdXAuY2FsZW5kYXluZ29vZ2xlLmNvbQ>

**Tuesday Group** - More information on the TATC Tuesday group can be found at - [TATC Tuesday Group\(google.com\)](#). 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.

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### **TATC General Meeting (Norfolk)**

What: Meeting

When: January 10<sup>th</sup>, 2024

Time: 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm

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

### **TATC Boundary Training and Marking (Reids Gap)**

Maintenance: January 12<sup>th</sup>, 2024

Camping/Admin Building: January 11<sup>th</sup> to January 12<sup>th</sup>, 2024

Location: Sherando Lake Recreation Area, 96 Sherando Lake Road, Lyndhurst, VA 22952

Description: TATC will be working with ATC personnel to get trained and to walk our trail boundary. It will be held on January 12<sup>th</sup>, 2024, and we'll be able to stay in the Admin Building at Sherando the night of the 11<sup>th</sup>.

You must sign-up with Lee to participate. It is expected that the total number of participants will need to be limited.

POC - Lee Lohman at [lohmantatc@gmail.com](mailto:lohmantatc@gmail.com)

### **First Landing State Park Maintenance (Virginia Beach)**

First Landing State Park Trail Maintenance Work Day, Live Oak and Cypress Swamp trail maintenance.

January 12<sup>th</sup>, 2024 from 9:30 to 11:30.

Location – First Landing State Park, the meeting location is at the 64<sup>th</sup> Street/Cape Henry Trail entrance at 220 64<sup>th</sup> Street.

First Landing State Park Trail Maintenance Work - English Ivy removal event being organized by Tanya Wisoker

The sign-up link is here: <https://volunteersignup.org/L9AF7/6795248>

Nine (9) slots are available.

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 club member.

Contact: [localtrails@tidewateratc.com](mailto:localtrails@tidewateratc.com)

### **Machicomoco State Park – Tuesday Group (Hayes)**

When: Tuesday, January 16 2024

Where: Machicomoco State Park

Address: 3601 Timberneck Farm Road, Hayes, VA 23072

Last Thanksgiving we drove to Beaverdam Park for a hike, only to find out it's CLOSED on Thanksgiving and Christmas every year! So, we had to find another place to hike and went to Machicomoco State Park instead. This was our first time there and were pleasantly surprised.

Details: Enter the park and turn right after you pass the guard house. Your State Park annual pass gets you in free: otherwise, it's \$5 to enter. After you pass the guard house turn right and follow that road about 1½ miles around to the Interpretive Center where we'll meet at 9:15. This 5-6 mile hike starts at 9:30. There are bathrooms and picnic tables at this location.

Bonus!! The historic Timberneck House is open only on Tuesdays for free walk-in tours, and that'll be one of our first stops. We'll learn about the early history of the 18th-century families buried in their backyard and about the 19th-20th century history of the Catlett family who built the farmhouse in 1793. During the tour you'll see volunteers working hard on restoring Timberneck. AND they're always looking for volunteers, so if you're interested in historic restoration, let them know!

Additionally, we'll visit the Interpretive Pavilion and get in information on the culture, landscape and movement of Virginia Indians. We'll then hike down to Timberneck Creek to see an available boat dock if you ever want to arrive by boat. From there this easy hike takes us through the woods to the car top launch site (to evaluate for future Tuesday Group paddling events), and then possibly on to the campground (and yurts!). Bathrooms available at both the launch and campground. Then we'll head back to the Center for our picnic lunches. There's a good chance we'll see deer, turkey, songbirds, and birds of prey along the hike.

This hike is leashed dog (and poop scooped) friendly!

Bring your lunch and after the hike we will eat at the picnic tables where we parked. You can leave your lunch in your cars. Ice cream at Short Lane after for those interested. We will probably hike rain or shine, cold or warm but we will notify everyone by Monday, January 15 at 7 pm if the weather is so bad we have to cancel. Please bring appropriate clothing for the weather, hiking boots, water/snacks and your lunch.

To sign up contact Steve at: [waldo1089@gmail.com](mailto:waldo1089@gmail.com) or Stephanie at: [stephaniestringer15@gmail.com](mailto:stephaniestringer15@gmail.com)

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### **Merchants Millpond State Park – Tuesday Group (Gatesville, NC)**

When: Tuesday, January 23 2024

Description: Merchants Millpond State Park is a jewel of a park. It is located in Eastern North Carolina near Sunbury. This is a dog friendly hike. We will hike ~7 mile mostly flat Lassiter Trail from the Visitors Center. More information about the Park is available at the website:

<https://www.ncparks.gov/merchants-millpond-state-park>

**Directions:** Please use the (map) function above for turn by turn directions to the Park. From U.S. 158 go ~ one mile South on Millpond Rd. Visitors Center parking lot will be on your left.

Merchants Millpond State Park, 9100, 176 Mill Pond Rd, Gatesville, NC 27938, USA

**Meet:** At the Visitors Center Parking lot. Registration **9:15**; hike begins at 9:30. Restrooms are available at the Visitors Center.

Bring: Lunch, water, snacks, comfortable hiking shoes, appropriate clothing for the weather. We will eat lunch at the canoe campsite picnic table, but bring a plastic bag to sit on just in case.

Questions/additional information call: 757-285-1252

To sign-up email Ellis at: [malabad2@gmail.com](mailto:malabad2@gmail.com)

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### **Tidewater Appalachian Trail Club (TATC) Pub Night (Norfolk)**

When: Wednesday, January 24, 2024, from 6:30 to 8:00 pm

Where: The Bold Mariner, 1901 E Ocean View Ave., Norfolk, VA 23503

Description: Join TATC Members on Wednesday, January 24th, from 6:30 to 8:00 pm.

TATC will hold a pub night get-together at The Bold Mariner Brewing Company in the Ocean View area of Norfolk. No sign-up is necessary; just show up. Food on Wednesday is barbeque platters or sandwiches. Beer, wine, cider, and soft drinks are available. 20% off wine on Wednesdays. Bold Mariner is a Veterans-owned business.

Contact: [jtsexton@gmail.com](mailto:jtsexton@gmail.com)

Website: <https://theboldmariner.com/>

### **First Landing State Park Maintenance (Virginia Beach)**

First Landing State Park Trail Maintenance Work Day, Live Oak and Cypress Swamp trail maintenance. January 26<sup>th</sup>, 2024 from 9:30 to 11:30.

Location – First Landing State Park, the meeting location is at the 64th Street/Cape Henry Trail entrance at 220 64th Street.

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### Winter Wildlife Festival (Virginia Beach)

Event: Virginia Beach Winter Wildlife Festival

Location: Princess Anne Recreation Center, 1400 Nimmo Pkwy, Virginia Beach, VA

Date: Saturday, January 27, 2024

Time: 10:00-3:00

Need 3-4 volunteers; can be a full 5-hour shift or split shift of, say, 10-12 or 12-3, whatever works for you.

It's a great way to start the new year, encouraging others to enjoy the great outdoors and make a difference!

To sign up, contact John Barnes at [vbjcb123@gmail.com](mailto:vbjcb123@gmail.com)

### Hike False Cape State Park-Bruce – Tuesday Group (Virginia Beach)

When: Tuesday, January 30, 2024

On Tuesday January 30, 2024, our Tuesday Group will be hiking in **False Cape State Park**. We will hike about 6 miles on some of the trails there in the park and if the weather is good, we will hike down the beach for about 2 miles. If it is too windy and cold, we can hike the powerline and be out of the wind. I will be driving everyone in on the Park's Bus and we will meet at Back Bay National Wildlife Refuge Parking lot. I will show you Snow Hill which most visitors never get to see because there is no trail out to it, so we will do a little off trail hiking. **Meet at 9:00 A.M.** and I will try and get everyone back to the parking by 3:30 P.M. Everyone will need to bring their lunch, water, snacks, walking sticks, and there is a fee to park at the refuge. \$5.00 unless you have a National Pass or a Duck Stamp. We will stop at the Visitor's Center & Gift Shop so bring cash or charge card if you would like to buy a gift. We show see lots of birds while driving through the Wildlife Refuge and we could see Deer, Coyote, Fox, Rabbits, Squirrels, and maybe an Otter or two. Hike Rain or Shine, bring a raincoat, you can leave it on the bus.

The address is: 4005 Sandpiper Rd. Virginia Beach, Virginia 23456 It is at the end of Sandpiper Road which is 4 miles long.

What: 6 miles hike

When: January 30, 2024

Where to meet: Back Bay National Wildlife Refuge

**To sign up contact Bruce:** [julianbm@verizon.net](mailto:julianbm@verizon.net)

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### Dismal Swamp SP, NC Hike-Carolyn – Tuesday Group (South Mills, NC)

When: Tuesday, February 6, 2024

Located in Camden County along the northeast border with Virginia, Dismal Swamp State Park (2294 U.S. 17, South Mills, NC 27976) is the largest remaining swamp in the eastern United States. So come join Carolyn on February 6, 2024 at **9:15am** registration and 9:30am departure as she leads us through the trails with its rich cultural history. Although there are 21+ miles of hiking we will hike approximately 6-8 miles. We will see the remains of an old still and wooden boat from the past. We might even spot one of the 300 bears who make the Dismal Swamp their home.

Please bring water, snacks, lunch and something to sit on. We will be eating lunch at the picnic tables near the visitor center at the end of the hike. This promises to be a memorable hike and a great winter

hike that is also dog friendly. Dogs must be on a leash.

Questions/sign up email Carolyn Sanford at [carolynssanford27@gmail.com](mailto:carolynssanford27@gmail.com). We will arrive back to the visitor center, which has restrooms and a display at approximately 1:15pm.

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### **The Chocolate Hike (Newport News)**

What: The Chocolate Hike

When: Sunday, February 11, 2024, 9:30am-2:00pm

Where: Mariners Museum Park, 100 Museum Drive, Newport News 23606

Description: Join your fellow hikers and chocolate lovers for this Pre-Valentine's Day hike on the Noland Trail. This revered annual event challenges participants to explore their wildest chocolate fantasies by creating culinary masterpieces for fellow TATCers to sample.

Prizes will be awarded for the most unique, clever and tastiest chocolate creations!

Here's how it works: Meet at the Mariners Museum (100 Museum Drive, Newport News, VA, <http://www.marinersmuseum.org>) at 9:30 AM. We meet in the parking lot by the museum entrance across from the start of the Noland Trail. Bring a chocolate confection (that you have created) for your fellow hikers to sample. After a brief "safety" talk, we'll hike the Noland trail (~ 5 miles) taking multiple breaks along the way to continue sampling the entries. At the conclusion of the hike, prizes will be awarded for the tastiest and most unique creations. And then we'll eat lunch afterwards!

I'M ASKING FOR ANYONE WITH A TRUCK, HATCHBACK OR FOLDING TABLE TO HELP PROVIDE SPACE FOR ENTRIES!

POC is Phyllis Neumann [phyllisneumann1204@gmail.com](mailto:phyllisneumann1204@gmail.com)

### **General Meeting (Norfolk)**

When: February 14<sup>th</sup>, 2024

Time: 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm

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

### **Other Future Activities (see linked calendar for details) –**

- First Landing State Park Maintenance, February 24<sup>th</sup>, 2024
- General Membership Meeting – March 13<sup>th</sup>, 2024
- First Landing State Park Maintenance, March 21<sup>st</sup>, 2024