

Tidewater Appalachian Trail Club Appalachian Hiker

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Prez Sez

Writing this with the heat and humidity of Summer all around us it is hard to imagine that in less than two months, that the first cool days of Fall will be upon us. Plans are already a foot for a great Fall Maintenance Trip to the AT, Cabin Maintenance Trips, and of course our many and varied local service opportunities. It is also the time for us to get out and hike, camp and enjoy the outdoors. That being said, I would like to encourage you to consider sharing those moments with fellow club members by leading an event of your choosing. I know many of you would like to do this but are hesitant. It is very simple and we have a number of club members including myself who would be glad to help and advise you on how to lead an event. Doing something that you love, and sharing it with your friends, is not only fulfilling but a way to help the club. So I look forward to you all leading an event, and hopefully I will be able to join you all on one or two adventures. All the best.

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TATC CABIN AVAILABLE

For information on the TATC Cabin
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Membership

We welcome the following new and returning members: Karl & Jodi Grauman, Kelli Tatroe, Nan Kessler, Martha and Marty Vines, Robert Watt, Deborah VanDenBerg, John Sima, Courtney Miltz, Gwyn & Jennifer Williams. Look for these new members at meetings and on the trail. Get to know them and make them feel welcome.

Mary Hormell
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A Couple of Paragraphs for Trail Maintenance

Our most recent trail maintenance effort on our assigned miles of the A.T. was our "Swingblade and Lopper Festival," held on Saturday July 11th. It started out sprinkling rain as we handed out tools in the morning, but it stopped after a short time, and the sun was out in the afternoon. Matt Ogden, John Pessagno, Jim Sexton, Henry Stone, Milton Beatle, Nancy Pruden, Ken Lancaster, Bill Rogers, and Mark Connolly---from TATC-----were supported by some folks from the Virginia Regional Office (VARO) of ATC in Roanoke: Conner McBane, and Travis Stanley.

We had folks go South from Maupin Field, both on the A.T. and on the Mau-Har Trail. We had folks trim around the tent site pads, south of the Harper's Creek Shelter; we had folks go north from both the Tye River and from Harper's Creek Shelter on the A.T. All with loppers, hedge shears, or swing blades to trim the encroaching vegetation. This was our mid-summer effort to provide a better trail experience for hikers in our section.

Please plan to get out in mid-October for our "Fall Maintenance and Family Camping Weekend" based out of the Sherando Lake USFS Recreation Area, about twenty miles south of Waynesboro, VA. The map to Sherando is on the www.tidewateratc.com website. The sign-up roster will be out at our meetings, or please contact me.

Mark Connolly

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Annual September Photo Contest

At our General Meeting, held on September 9th, you are encouraged to bring pictures taken this year of the Appalachian Trail and other trail club activities. We especially welcome action shots of club members working on trails, parks, and the cabin as well as other club related activities. A few tips to remember before submitting pictures:

- 1) Pictures should be photographic quality prints such as you might get developed by Walgreen's Sam's or Target.
- 2) Please submit only horizontal prints.
- 3) Please identify the subject matter of the picture and the photographer on the back of your print.
- 4) Please include your email address and phone number on the back of your print.

Your best pictures will be judged by a professional photographer and will be candidates for the club's 2016 Calendar/Planner. The 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place winners of the photo contest are guaranteed a place in the 2016 calendar. When choosing the remaining calendar months, we will try to match photos with the weather of the month it represents and try to include as many different photographers as possible. We look forward to seeing you and your best photos at the September 9th General Meeting!

Tony Phelps

TATC Calendar Committee

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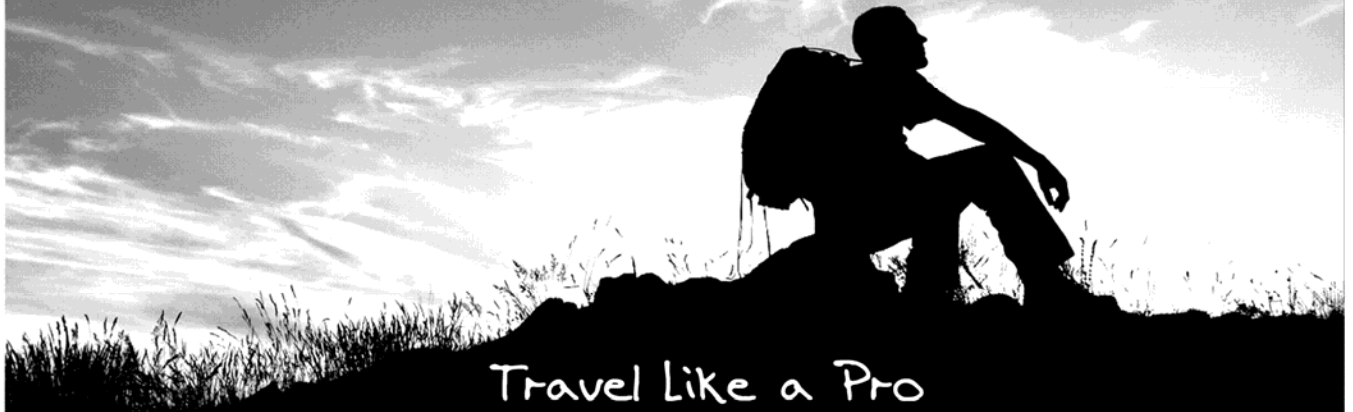




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2015 Appalachian Trail Hall of Fame Banquet Honors Trail Legends

GARDNERS, PA. – The fifth annual Appalachian Trail Hall of Fame Banquet was held Friday evening, June 5 at the Alenberry Resort in Boiling Springs, Pennsylvania.

The highlight of the gala was the induction of the 2015 class of the Appalachian Trail Hall of Fame. The honorees were: Nestell K. "Ned" Anderson of Sherman, Connecticut; Margaret C. Drummond of Atlanta, Georgia, Stanley A. Murray of Kingsport, Tennessee and Raymond H. Torrey of New York City, New York. Complete details on the 2015 class are available at the Museum's website: www.atmuseum.org



2015 Appalachian Trail Hall of Fame honorees and representatives. Clockwise, from top left, Bill O'Brien, representing Ned Anderson; Bill Torrey, representing Raymond Torrey; Judy Murray, representing Stan Murray; and Bob Almand, representing Margaret Drummond.
Photo courtesy Dan Innamorato

The Museum gave two additional awards. Nan Reisinger a/k/a "Drag'n Fly" was honored for her record breaking A.T. thru-hike, as the oldest woman to complete the trail in one year. Chuck Wood a/k/a "Woodchuck" was honored for his many years of service to the Museum and other trail organizations.

The emcee of the Banquet was Cindy Adams Dunn, Secretary of the Pennsylvania Department of Conservation & Natural Resources (DCNR). Randy "Windtalker" Motz entertained during the reception, performing his unique contemporary style of Native American flute music described as "Native Soundscapes", accompanied by beautiful photos of the Appalachian Trail. Ronald J. Tipton, Executive Director and CEO of Appalachian Trail Conservancy, delivered remarks prior to the induction. The Hall of Fame weekend continued with a festival on Saturday, June 6, National Trails Day at the Museum's home in Pine Grove Furnace State Park.

About the Appalachian Trail Museum Society

The Appalachian Trail Museum Society, a 501-C-3 not-for-profit organization formed in 2002, organizes programs, exhibits, volunteers and fundraising nationwide for the Appalachian Trail Museum.

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Cabin Dates for the Upcoming TATC Calendar

By Bob Adkisson

It will soon be the time of the year for those interested in scheduling a hike or activity for the 2016 TATC Calendar to submit that event to the good folks of the committee handling that; this includes anyone wanting to reserve the club's Douglas Putman Cabin for an open-to-all event.

In an effort to encourage more group usage of the cabin, several years ago we changed the rental rules to allow a qualified club member (that is one who has attended a cabin maintenance work trip and been checked out on how to operate and take care of it) to reserve the cabin for an open-to-all group trip far in advance of the usual 56 days (8 weeks) rental window. This October, as the committee is accepting dates for various club activities to go in the new year's calendar, a club member can pick any date they might chose in 2016 to reserve the cabin for a group hike or event there; they can get that date printed in the calendar if they choose, to better advertise it to the membership. The only stipulations or restrictions to this are: please first clear the date you want with the Cabin Committee, to make sure it doesn't conflict with anything we might be planning during that same time period; members are also required to announce their trip date in the club newsletter at least 2 months, or more, in advance; announcing it on the club's website is also encouraged, not to mention coming to a meeting a month or two before the event and announcing it there, in person. The person organizing the trip can choose not only when and how long the rental period will be (from a weekend up to a week) but what type of event it will be too-- just hanging out at the cabin, sharing the place but with everyone sort of doing their own thing, or everyone going on a hike (say driving a few miles and hiking our club's 10 miles section of the A.T., or the trails at Crabtree Falls, in the St Mary's River Wilderness, or even in nearby Shenandoah Nat'l Park), or doing something different, like visiting some nearby wineries, commercial caves, or museums. The choices, and the opportunity, are yours.

If you are a long time member especially, and have stayed at and enjoyed the cabin many times before, consider hosting an open-to-all cabin trip, introducing it and the surrounding area to newer members.

The person hosting or leading a hike like this would be the primary person responsible for the cabin, as they are the trip leader. They would have the sign-up sheet for the event, they would collect the \$5 per person per night cabin rental fee from all those that attend, they would choose and plan what activities might occur, they would be responsible for helping first time cabin users to locate the cabin (even arrange car pools or rides as possible); they would ultimately be in charge of the cabin itself during the rental period— and they would handle things like getting the key, signing the standard release form, and later returning the key and rental fee to me.

The cabin sleeps 12 and the trip leader is allowed to reserve space for their spouse and a few friends, but at least half the available bunk spaces should be for any general members of the club who wish to join the trip.

This type of open-to-all trip doesn't have to appear in the upcoming calendar—anyone interested in hosting such a trip can schedule it anytime and, since it is a group trip, you can call and reserve the cabin for this type of event far in advance, far outside of the usual 8 week window. But-- the stipulation about announcing and publicizing the trip at least 2 months in advance still applies.

Call or email me anytime (see page 2 of any newsletter for my number or address) with any questions or cabin date reservations.

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So far, summer rental at the cabin is at least slightly better than the summer before, and soon people will be asking to reserve dates in the cooler, colorful months of Autumn.

If you want to reserve the cabin for what might be called a standard rental (by that I mean NOT an open-to-all trip, like discussed above—but a private trip) don't forget that every year, from about Labor Day Weekend to Thanksgiving Weekend, the cabin is a popular and desired destination, and it is usually reserved every weekend during that time; several weeknights (Sunday night thru Thursday night) as well. If you'd like to rent it is best to: plan ahead; call exactly 56 days in advance of the day you'd like to arrive there; call no earlier than 8 a.m.; if no one answers, leave a clear and concise message containing the following: your name and phone number, the dates you want to rent the cabin. I will return your call ASAP, and will of course take any reservations in the order they were received. If someone gets the days you want before you do, you can be placed on the standby list in case they cancel. A cabin reservation must be cancelled 7 days in advance or you are obliged to pay a standard \$20 cancellation fee.

As always, I encourage all club members to discover and enjoy our wonderful club cabin, located in Nelson County, just a half mile's walk off the Blue Ridge Parkway (and about 20 miles south of the small city of Waynesboro, Va.). The cabin is situated on about 15 acres of club owned land, a wooded hillside that is surrounded by National Forest property. It is quiet, secluded, natural, like something out of the 18th or 19th century. The cabin is primitive and simple, but at the same time a marvel and a work of art. Check the club's website, under the CABIN tab, to see many photos (mostly of it being built), and to read some of the many historical articles about it.

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A Poem from the Maupin Field Shelter Register

Yesterday when you were young,
everything you needed done was done for you
Now you can do it on your own,
but you find you're all alone, what can you do?
You and me walk on, walk on, walk on,
'cause you can't go back now.

You know there will be days
when you're so tired you can't take another step
the night will have no stars
and you think you've gone as far as you can ever get.
But you and me walk on, walk on, walk on,
'cause you can't go back now.

I can't really say
why everybody wishes they were somewhere else
But in the end
the only steps that matter are the ones you take by yourself
and you and me walk on, walk on, walk on,
'cause you can't go back now.

Walk on, walk on, walk on
You can't go back now.

-The Weepies



Overnight Paddle Trip

June 5, 6 & 7, 2015

By Bruce Julian

I had set up this paddle 6 months earlier and thought it would never get here. Now I am writing about how great it turned out, it was a fast 6 months. The plan was to meet at Little Island City Park in Sandbridge in the city of Virginia Beach. At times we had 17 or 18 who were signed-up for this trip, and then we would lose one or two, but we finely ended up with 15 who were signed-up, until the morning of the paddle, when 2 called and cancelled because they were sick; so we ended up with 14 people. This included Dennis, who had agreed to cook for the group; so this made our total number of participants 14; so we ended up with only 13 paddlers to challenge the waters of Back Bay. If you asked some of the group about this trip; they would tell you that it was a challenge at times. The Bay while being only 4 to 6 feet deep on the average, can become pretty rough when strong winds come in from Northeast or from the West. On the way down to False Cape State Park, where we would be staying for 2 nights, there are 4 Islands on the bay where you can paddle on either side of each island, which helped us avoid some of the stronger winds.

We met at 2 P.M. at Little Island City Park, and everyone helped each other get their boats down into the water, this was about 200 feet across Sandpiper Road. We only had about 6 pairs of wheels to roll the boats down through the sand. Kyle and Andrew were going to be late because of Kyle's work, so we told him we would meet them at the south end of Long Island. I knew both were strong young men and would have no problem catching up to us. Dennis had all of our food in his car and this had to be transferred to a State Truck. There are sadly, no private vehicles allowed through Back Bay Wildlife Refuge to False Cape State Park. A Park Employee; Kathleen, said that she would wait for Kyle and Andrew and also ask them to carry their gear into the park.

When we were all in the water and ready to start our 3 day, 36 mile paddle; we headed out. The water level in Back Bay is determined by which way the wind is blowing and how strong. Sadly to say, the winds had been blowing out of the Northeast for 3 or 4 days and this made the water level pretty low. As we paddled out from the put-in, we had to pole our boats out for a short distance before we reached deeper water. We were now out in the deeper waters and everyone was paddling against strong winds. The plan was to stop at least 3 times along the way; so we could get out and stretch our legs. We had restrooms at the second stop for anyone that needed them. We had been at our first stop, at the south end of Long Island, for about 10 minutes, when Kyle and Andrew come around the corner; now our little group was complete. I wanted to head towards Ragged Island to show everyone the brick foundation left from the old Hunt Club which stood there long ago, but after the wind picked up, I thought it would be better to paddle along side the west side of the Barrier Spit. After having our second stop at Barbour Hill, I thought that for our third stop, that I would ask everyone if we could gather up for a short rest and hear a few stories that I had heard about; "Back in the 90's". After the stories; we headed on to the Environmental Education Center (EEC) where we would be staying. The trip down was about 10 miles long and uneventful, and we didn't get to see the Bald Eagle when we passed the South Inlet.

Arriving at the EEC around 6:45 P.M.; it was good to get out of our boats and walk on land once more. Dennis had unloaded our gear and all of our food, and had our dinner waiting for us. We pulled the boats out of the water and we needed to hang some of the gear on lines to dry; so Jan and Ken pulled out ropes tying them between poles, this worked out very well. Going inside, I assigned the bunks that I had picked out; some upstairs and others downstairs, with the 2 Couples being assigned the rooms upstairs. After a few minutes of rearranging our gear, we all sat down to eat our first meal, which was very good, We had spaghetti with Dennis's Special Sauce. Around 10 P.M., we were all tired, and we turned in to have a good night's sleep; knowing what we had a lot to do on the next day..

Early the next morning, at around 6 A.M., we jumped out of our bunks, or maybe I should say that some of us jumped out, while some jumped slower than others. None the less, we all sat down to pancakes, eggs and bacon at 6:45 A.M., and at the end of Breakfast; there wasn't much left on the table. Dennis had sandwiches, or the makings of, which each person prepared on their own, with turkey, ham, and cheeses, and as always; Peanut Butter and Jelly, to take with us on our trip down into North Carolina to Carova. Everyone was outside and ready to get the boats into the water at about 7:45 AM, and we helped each other until all 13 boats were in and ready to go. Paddling South towards Big Ball Island, the wind was blowing about 10 to 15 MPH from our right side (North), and everyone needed to paddle a little harder with each stroke. Reaching the island, we took a break to let everyone catch up. On the South side of Big Ball Island is Horse Island Creek, which runs between the two islands. This time I had wanted to paddle around Horse Island, because I thought it was a shorter distance than going down the twisted Horse Island Creek, and it was. With the wind at our backs we moved at a good speed and reached Deal's Creek in about 15 minutes.

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As we crossed over the State Line, there was only a small bump in the water and everyone made it O.K. Ha-Ha! We stopped on Mann Island to take our first out of boat break, and to see the old Cinder Block Hunt Club, we meant that we were about half-way on our trip down to Carova. Just past Mann Island, we had two ways that we could paddle, and with the wind blowing for the past 4 days; I was afraid that we may not have enough water to take the short cut. The Creek which we took brought us out into Knotts Island Bay, with a view of the lower end of Knotts Island. It is only about 2 miles across to Knotts Island from this point, which I may do next time on another trip. They have a nice boat dock on Knotts Island and there is a Restaurant where we could sit down in AC and have our lunch.

We turned East across the Bay, and then we paddled about 1 mile to the canals, which we would take to our next take-out. Crossing the bay, you couldn't see the entrance to the canals, until a Motor Boat came out; then we pointed the front of our kayaks to that spot, and paddled on. I wanted the group to see and get to hear Ernie Bowden, who has lived in this area all of his life, he just turned 90 this year. When one of our Paddlers asked him how old he was; he said "90 years, 6 months and 4 days old", he wasn't sure about the number of hours. The canals that we paddled were dug by him and his company many years ago, and they did a great job on them; as you can see on Google Maps. He has been a House Mover, a Cattleman, raised Buffalos, and Fisherman. He also ran a Duck Hunting Club and had been the Commissioner for that area of North Carolina. On the day that we showed up, he had just got back from fixing a woman's leaky pipes, under her sink, and was changing his clothes so to look good for us. I had called him when we had stopped at Mann Island; so to remind him of our visit, and then the lady called him, so he only had less than 2 hours to do the job. WHAT A MAN! We ate our lunch out on his deck, while he talked while standing up with a cane an hour and a half, and 'Yes', we did try and get him to sit in the shade, but "no Thank You" was his answer. We thanked him for his hospitality and the use of his bathroom and all of the information that he gave us. We then headed to the local Volunteer Fire Station. Ernie's house is only about 200 yards North of the Fire House, where the take-out is located. We knew that the Station would open at 12:00 Noon, and since none of us had ever been inside, we were all very surprised when we walked in. This is not just a Fire House, but also a Gift Shop, and a small Store, and guess what; they sell Ice Cream, and about everyone bought some. We enjoyed our stay in Carova, for over 2 hours, but all things must come to an end.

We still had to paddle back to the EEC to enjoy our big meal of Steak or Salmon with Bake or Sweet Potatoes, and Dennis didn't disappoint us. The trip total mileage was a little over 14 miles, and it took us about 9 hours. After the initial paddle, some went inside to rest, some went for a 7 mile hike down the beach to N.C., and others went for a 4 mile Kayak Trip out to Little Cedar Island. At around 7 P.M., we all gathered in the dining room to enjoy the Dinner that Dennis had prepared for us, and we talked over everything that we had experienced on this beautiful day. Everyone turned in by 10 P.M. and dreamed of the paddle that we would have, ahead of us on Sunday morning, with the Northeast winds blowing into our faces. Some of us thought of how much fun it would be, while others thought about how hard it would be, but I hope everyone did have a good time on this trip and would want to do it again someday.

The next morning came and everyone packed up, cleaned up and loaded their kayaks for the trip out. As we looked out over the bay, it was as slick as glass and everyone thought their prayers had been answered, but (there is always a but). Mother Nature can and will change very fast. We hadn't paddled more than 30 minutes when the winds picked up, and once again we had the North Wind in our faces, and it stayed that way for the entire rest of the trip. For the last mile and a half, we did scoot around on the West Side of Bread Island and had some relief from the winds. As I had told everyone when we had left, if the wind keeps blowing out of the North, we may have to get out and pull our boats the last 100 feet or so, in order to get back to solid ground, and we did have to do just that. The trip back took us about 6 hours, and after loading up our boats, we all said our good-byes, and headed towards home. Everyone said how much they had enjoyed the trip, and hoped to do it again someday.

P.S. On this trip, some prayers were made; and some may not have been answered; as each wanted, but I had one answered within 2 minutes of asking. As I paddled alone from Little Cedar Island, the winds picked-up and were blowing a Thunder Storm with Lighting towards me and I prayed "Oh Lord can you please make that storm go a different way for about 30 minutes so I can get out of the water" and He did ! The storm turned South, and as I stepped out onto dry land, it turned back towards the West.

Activities Schedule

PLEASE NOTE: Most hikes are limited in the number of participants. The hike leader will take reservations on a first-come, first-served basis. You can include your name on the sign up sheets available at each meeting or call the hike leader. If you sign up for an activity and then decide not to participate, please contact the leader in advance.

TATC General Membership Meeting

Contact: Mark Wenger (253-0056)

When: August 12, 2015, Wednesday, 7:00 – 8:30 PM

Where: Public Library: Mary D Pretlow Anchor Branch, 111 W Ocean View Ave, Norfolk, VA 23503 ([map](#))

Description: TATC General Membership Meeting - Guests Are Always Welcome! Come a little early to socialize, purchase new TATC merchandise, and buy your 50/50 raffle tickets! General Business and Program "Day Hiking in Retirement" by Steve Rosenthal.

Eat Out at Island Krave

Contact: Jim or Chris Sexton, 484-2827

When: August 19, 2015, Wednesday, 6:00 PM - 8:30 PM

Where: Island Krave, 222 W 21st Street, Suite J, Norfolk, VA 23517 ([map](#))

Description: Calling all TATERs (Tidewater Appalachian Trail Eatery Reviewers) - Eat out at the 'Island Krave' restaurant, starting at 6:00 PM on Wednesday, August 19, 2015. Caribbean Menu - a Taste of the Islands: Jerk Chicken, Jerk Pork, Curry Chicken, Island Beef Empanada, Smoked Wings, Swai Fish Sandwich, etc..

\$\$ - reasonably priced. Sign-up at a meeting or contact Jim or Chris Sexton (484-2827) at least **three (3) days ahead of time**; so that reservations can be made. <http://www.islandkrave.com/#estaurant>

Three Day Paddle - False Cape State Park

Contact: Bruce Julian (604-3099), julianbm@verizon.net

When: August 21-23, 2015, Friday-Sunday

Where: False Cape State Park, 4001 Sandpiper Road, Virginia Beach, VA 23456 ([map](#))

Description: Three Day Paddle Trip - False Cape State Park. Limited to 15 paddlers. We will stay in EEC Building and paddle between 10 and 14 miles each day. Leaving on Friday at 2:00 P.M. and returning on Sunday at 2:00 P.M. We will have a truck to take our food and gear in; so you won't have to carry it in on your boat. We will meet at Little Island City Park in Sandbridge at 1:30 P.M. Call Bruce 604 - 3099 or email julianbm@verizon.net

TATC Trail Maintenance at First Landing State Park

Contact: Jacquie Whitt,(757-714-6649)

When: August 29, 2015, Saturday, 9:00 AM – 12:00 Noon

Where: First Landing State Park, Trail Center, off of 2500 Shore Drive, Virginia Beach, VA 23454 ([map](#))

Description: TATC Trail Maintenance at First Landing State Park

Bring drinking water and hand clippers & clothing appropriate for weather. I'll borrow the brooms & shovels from park garden shed. Enter from Shore Drive and go to the end of the road to the parking lot at the TRAIL CENTER Meet outside. I'll notify the rangers of our arrival and confirm the trail that needs maintenance. Want to go to lunch after our hike? PARKING PASSES required: To get free parking pass for volunteers, email jac-que@adiosadventuretravel.com and put FIRST LANDING VOLUNTEER CLEANUP in the subject line. In the body of the email, you can tell me where to email the pass. Please include your phone number. It will be sent as attachment. You will need a printer. Jacquie Phone: 757-714-6649 Please try to confirm attendance at least 2 weeks prior.

TATC General Membership Meeting

Contact: Mark Wenger (253-0056)

When: September 9, 2015, Wednesday, 7:00 – 8:30 PM

Where: Public Library: Mary D Pretlow Anchor Branch, 111 W Ocean View Ave, Norfolk, VA 23503 ([map](#))

Description: TATC General Membership Meeting - Guests Are Always Welcome! Come a little early to socialize, purchase new TATC merchandise, and buy your 50/50 raffle tickets! General Business and Program:

Photo Contest.

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New Quarter Park Maintenance

Contact: Phyllis Neumann at phyllisneumann@hughes.net

When: Sunday, September 27, 2015

Where: New Quarter Park, 1000 Lakeshead Dr, Williamsburg, VA, United States ([map](#))

Description: New Quarter Park Maintenance. Meet at New Quarter at 9:00 AM for light maintenance on walking trails constructed by TATC. Bring gloves, comfortable walking/hiking shoes, snacks and water. Tools will be provided. Eat out afterwards. Contact Phyllis to sign up!

TATC Fall Maintenance & Family Camp-Out

Contact: Mark Connolly, 757-623-0764 or trailsupervisor@tidewateratc.com

When: October 17-19, 2015, Friday-Sunday

Where: Williams Branch Picnic Area - Sherando Lake, USFS Campground ([map](#))

Description: TATC Fall Maintenance & Family Camp-Out. This is a weekend for us to do what the club was set up to do: Maintain our assigned section of the Appalachian Trail, the Mau-Har Trail, and possibly some trail in St. Mary's Wilderness Area. Come on out to our base camp at Sherando US Forest Service Campground on Friday, if possible, to set up your tent at the Williams Branch Picnic Area at Sherando, keeping in mind that the gate is locked at 10PM and opens on Saturday morning at 6AM. The map and directions are available at our website www.tidewateratc.com. For questions/further info, Contact: Mark Connolly, 623-0764, trailsupervisor@tidewateratc.com

Bubba Fest 2015

Contact: Susan Rohr (757-496-9424) or (rohr7@cox.net)

When: October 31st - November 7th, 2015, Saturday-Saturday

Where: Florida Keys, FL

Description: Bubba Fest 2015 is a biking/camping trip in the Florida Keys starting at the top of the Keys to Key West and back. Cost to sign up is \$735. This event fills up quickly so make your plans now. More Information on this event can be found at: www.bubbaspamperedpedlers.com/bubba-fest or contact Susan Rohr (757-496-9424) or (rohr7@cox.net)

Activities and Opportunities:

- **Local Trails Maintenance:** If you would like to receive E-mail notification about TATC Local Trails Maintenance activities, please send an E-mail to Bill Buck at LocalTrails@tidewateratc.com requesting to be added to the Local Trails E-mail distribution list. Trail maintenance may include weed cutting, brush and tree trimming, removal of small blown down trees, painting of trail blazes, repairing walkways and creating trails. Other special projects may be performed, such as building water bars to prevent erosion, building and repairing foot bridges, as well as building benches and other structures. Skills used in these efforts are also useful for AT maintenance.
- **Tuesday Group** - If you would like to receive e-mail notifications of the Tuesday Group's local hikes, bicycle rides, and paddles taking place during the week (usually on **Tuesdays**) please send e-mail to Ellis Malabad malabad2@gmail.com requesting to be added to the "Tuesday Group" e-mail distribution list.
- **The TATC/Douglas Lee Putman Memorial Cabin** is available for rent. You must be a member and first attend an orientation / work weekend in order to rent. The cabin can be reserved 8 weeks (56 days) in advance. Please call Bob Adkisson at 627-5514 if you have any questions, or want to check on availability, or want to make reservations.

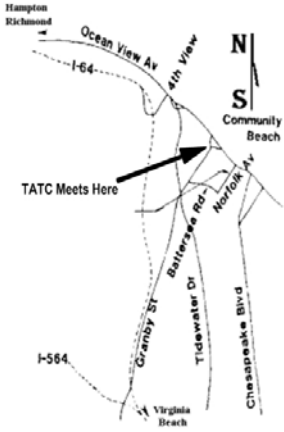
Information for Hike & Activities Schedule, TATC website listings and Meet up postings are collected & edited by the Hikemaster. Contact Juliet Stephenson at hikemaster@tidewateratc.com for publication.



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From Norfolk and Virginia Beach: Take 64 West toward Hampton/Richmond. Take the Chesapeake Blvd. exit. Go to end of Chesapeake Blvd., then turn left onto Ocean View Ave. Continue for 0.8 miles and turn left onto Granby St. and then directly right into the Library parking lot, meeting is held in Meeting Room # 2

