

TATC Activity List for July 12th 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.

TATC General Meeting (Norfolk)

What: Meeting

When: July 12th, 2023

Time: 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm

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

Support Chesapeake Bay Foundation Shoreline Restoration (Portsmouth)

What: Local Maintenance

When: Various – see below

Where: Portsmouth, Virginia

Description: The Chesapeake Bay Foundation (CBF) has asked if TATC members would help them with a major shoreline project this summer. The project offers multiple opportunities to clean, restore, and enhance the bay and its surroundings. Please consider registering for one or more of the events.

The CBF shoreline project will run all summer long and be broken into 6 weeks (plus a week in October for riparian buffer install), each week focusing on another stage of the project. While each step of this project takes multiple days, anyone can sign up to participate on as few or as many days as you like!

Webpage with details and registration: <https://www.cbf.org/events/virginia/berner-living-shoreline.html>

Details can be found in registration but here is the schedule:

- **Oyster Castles & Loose Oyster Shell Install**
 - **July 10th - 14th**
 - **Rain Dates: July 17th & 18th**
- **Coir Logs & Shell Bags**
 - **July 24th - 26th**
 - **Rain Dates: July 27th & 28th**
- **Sand Backfill w/ EQR**
 - **August 7th - 11th**
 - **Rain Date - August 12th**

- Planting Shoreline
 - August 14th
 - Rain Date - August 15th
- Planting Buffer
 - October 9th and 10th
 - Rain Date - October 11th

Please use the following link to registrar -

<https://www.cbf.org/events/virginia/berner-living-shoreline.html>

Swingblade and Lopperfest #2 (Sherando)

What: Maintenance

When: Saturday, July 15th

Where: Camping in Sherando, working our sections of the AT.

Join us for a single day, or for the weekend, from Friday, July 14-16 and enjoy helping out with some fun filled and satisfying essential trail maintenance during one of the TATC annual Swingblade & Lopperfest events! The primary focus will be working on the section of the AT between Reids Gap and the Tye River, camping will be at Sherando (CCC Kitchen) and will be free of charge (let the folks at the gate know you are with TATC for the maintenance event).

Swingblades & Loppers (also known as trimmers) are cutting tools that are often used for removing grasses, branches from trees and are the quintessential tools for removing overgrown vegetation from the sides of the Trail. This essential work, and so much more, is performed by volunteers and helps to keep the Appalachian Trail alive.

All are welcome to join this event. Enjoy the satisfaction of spending time outdoors alongside experienced volunteers and seeing the positive impact you are making on the Trail right before your eyes. Camping accommodations for Friday and Saturday night can be made available. Participants will need to provide their own camping gear including but not limited to a tent or hammock, sleeping bag, sleeping pad, and plenty of food and snacks for the weekend. We will be working on Saturday only (but feel free to stay and hike on Sunday!!)

Please be sure to wear long pants and sturdy boots. Bring plenty of water and snacks for the day, lunch, sunscreen, bug spray, a rain jacket and personal work gloves.

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

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

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

Tuesday Group – Back River Paddle (Hampton)

What – Paddle

When - Tue, July 18th, at 8:45 am.

Where – Meet at Wallace's Bait and Tackle, 365 Dandy Point Rd, Hampton, VA.

Check in: 8:45a; Departure 9:00a

Meet at Wallace's Bait and Tackle, 365 Dandy Point Rd, Hampton, VA. We will explore a part of Hampton that you probably did not know existed. This is a fun paddle you will not want to miss.

Based on the July 18th tides this looks like a good day to paddle Back River and Grunland Creek from Wallace's Bait & Tackle boat ramp to Salt Ponds Inlet. Port-a-potty is available at the launch only.

Bring boat and gear, PFD (must be worn), lunch, water, blanket or small beach chair to sit on. Eat lunch

on the beach at the Salt Ponds inlet. Total round trip distance about 8 miles. High tide 10:22a, Low tide 4:25p. We will need to be crossing the skinny water behind Grandview toward home NLT 3:00.

PFDs ARE REQUIRED TO BE WORN ON ALL TUESDAY GROUP PADDLES.

To sign-up for this paddle contact Phyllis/Ellis: tuesdaygroup@tidewateratc.com

To see who has signed up so far click:

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1lhZFxtGqvCdba2e6A33nbKlkqbiBqjf8V2xkKk_rqjU/edit?usp=sharing

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

Backpack the Tuscarora Trail (Hancock, Maryland)

What - Backpacking Trip

When - Friday July 21st thru Sunday July 23rd.

Where - Hancock, Maryland - coordinate with trip leader for specifics

Description - Friday July 21 - Sunday July 23 backpack the Tuscarora Trail north from VA 671 to Spruce Pine Hollow Shelter in West Virginia just south of Hancock Maryland. On Friday, drive up there (4 1/2 hours from Williamsburg) set up a shuttle and vehicles and hike from 671 north and up three miles to Shockey's Knob Shelter, roughly a 1000' gain. On Saturday and Sunday hike approximately 12 miles each day through the West Virginia Sleepy Hollow WMA. At the end of day on Sunday we reached Spruce Pine Hollow Shelter and our vehicles and drive home. This backpacking and primitive camping but water should be in good supply.

For questions or sign-up for the hike, please contact Mark Wenger at swfl1951@gmail.com or by phone at 948-529-0043.

Tuesday Group – Lake Drummond Paddle (Suffolk)

What – 8-mile Paddle (looking for bald eagles, ducks and bears)

When - Tuesday July 25th (be at the lake by 9:00 am)

Where - LAKE DRUMMOND IN SUFFOLK, VA. AT 3100 DESERT ROAD 23434 (PH# 757 986 3705), Meet at the Boat Ramp at the end of RR Ditch Road.

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Come join the Tuesday Group on Lake Drummond for an 8-mile paddle around the Lake. We will drive the 6-mile gravel road down to the Lake, and put our boats in the water there at the boat dock on the west side of Lake Drummond in Suffolk. We can drop off our boats and then drive and park our trucks/cars alongside of the gravel road only on the right side of the road. There is a fee of \$5.00 to drive to the Lake, unless you have a National Pass. After driving the first miles on the gravel road you will come to a fee booth and a Port-O-Jon, your last one till we come out from the Lake. You can stop at the office before starting down the gravel road there on Desert Road for a bathroom break if you need. At the fee booth is where you will pay the \$5.00, drop it into the box. You do not need to check in at the office.

We will start down The Rail Road Ditch, which is about 400 feet past the main gate for the office on your left after passing the main gate on Desert Road. Driving on the R & R Ditch Road for 2 miles, you will then turn right onto The West Ditch Road for another 2 miles, then you will turn left onto The Interior Ditch Road for the last 2 miles, reaching the Lake, there is a small circle to turn around in and unload your boat, but no parking here in the circle. You may want to bring your wheels to roll your kayak back to your truck/car instead of backing down the gravel road, (there is not enough room to turn around on the road). Depending on the time we could paddle up to the Dam for a bathroom break. Bring your lunch and we will

eat at the dock on The Washington Ditch, which is on the north side of the Lake.

WHAT to BRING: BOAT, PFD(Must Ware), PADDLE, WATER, LUNCH, (SUNSCREEN, AND BUG SPRAY)

To sign-up or for information contact Bruce: julianbm@verizon.net (mailto:julianbm@verizon.net)

To see who has signed up so far click

here: <https://docs.google.com/document/d/1zalya7VYmHIHxXaEVTuN1LP3igfquAAxa2S5Yl6kLGs/edit?usp=sharing>

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Cycle High Bridge Trail (Pamplin, VA)

What - Bike Ride

When - Saturday July 29th

Where - High Bridge Trail, Pamplin, VA

Description - Saturday July 29th cycle the High Bridge rails to trails starting in Pamplin and heading east (downhill) through Farmville and ending at Moran a total distance of 33 miles. It is a two-hour drive from Williamsburg, so the plan is to meet at the trailhead for 10AM and be on our bikes which means leaving Williamsburg at 8AM. Of course, people are welcome to go the night before and stay in Farmville. My truck will hold 3 other riders and their bikes. More than that will need at least one other vehicle. Should finish up by midafternoon. Plan to pack a lunch or eat in Farmville which is mid-way. Afterwards grab a cold one at Charlies in Farmville and head home.

For questions or sign-up for the hike, please contact Mark Wenger at swfl1951@gmail.com or by phone at 948-529-0043

AT Vista (Johnson City, TN)

What - Trail Nerd Camp 🏕️

When – August 4th thru 6th

Where – Johnson City, TN

Details - <https://www.atvista2023.org>. This four-day event aims to include up to 40 guided hikes, 20 educational workshops, and ten excursions throughout the Appalachian Mountains of Northeast Tennessee. The Vista will offer hiking, educational, cultural, and historical learning programs, working with Trail Maintaining Clubs, local communities, and nearby partner organizations.

As of 7-11-23, tickets were still available!!!

Full Weekend - \$125, includes admission to all workshops, hikes, opening dinner, and closing dinner. Hike, excursion, and accommodation reservations are now available once you register via the web site.

Where to Stay: <https://www.atvista2023.org/where-to-stay> (as of 7-11-23, double occupancy dorm rooms were still available.

General Meeting (Norfolk)

When: August 9th, 2023

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) –

- Swingblade & Lopperfest #3 – August 11th – 13th, 2023
- General Membership Meeting – September 13th, 2023
- Fall Walk Through – September 29th – October 1st, 2023
- Newport News Fall Festival – October 7th, 2023
- General Membership Meeting – October 11th, 2023
- Fall Maintenance – October 20th – 22nd, 2023
- First Landing State Park Fall Festival – October 21st, 2023
- CBES 30th Between the Waters Bike Ride – October 28th, 2023
- General Membership Meeting – November 8th, 2023
- Cabin Maintenance & Orientation Trip, November 10th thru 12th.
- General Membership Meeting – December 6th, 2023

1. Second half of August does not have much scheduled, the Trailmaster is looking for volunteers!!
2. CBES Between the Waters, as of 7-10-23, they still had 50 spots open. Sign up now and let Bruce Davidson know if you are going.