

TATC Activity List for May 10th 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: May 10th, 2023

Time: 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm

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

Bamboo Hike – Near Mariner’s Museum (Newport News)

What: Local Hike

When: Saturday, May 13, 2023; Meet at 9:15, hike begins at 9:30.

Where: Park at the Mariners Museum parking lot; Hike starts on the Noland Trail.

Join us for one of our favorite hikes at Mariners Lake Natural Area. There is a bathroom at start of hike: There’s been a Porta potty in the parking lot at the start of the Noland trail and I hope it’s still there. Otherwise, please plan an alternative of your choice before we start. There are no other bathrooms until after the hike.

Description: After a short hike on the Noland Trail, we’ll cross Warwick Boulevard and continue our hike on the Mariners Lake Natural Area Trail. This beautiful hike is a winding, heavily wooded slightly hilly trail with plenty of roots, so please consider hiking poles. Deep in the interior of this hike is an amazing surprise!! Total hike ~5-6 miles.

We’ll have lunch back at the Mariners Museum café. People can order lunch at the counter and eat either inside or on the outside patio. You may also bring your own lunch to eat on the patio.

Bathrooms after the hike will be available inside the Museum.

Dog friendly; dogs must be leashed at all times, per park rules.

For questions or sign-up for the hike, please contact Stephanie (stephaniestring15@gmail.com) or Steve (waldo1089@gmail.com).

Back Bay Beach Clean Up (Virginia Beach)

What: Beach Clean-up

When: Saturday, May 13, 2023; Meet at 8:45.

Where: Back Bay National Wildlife Reservation

While this is not a TATC event, club members are encouraged to support this effort!

It is time to sign - up for May's Beach Clean-up, (May 13, 2023) please call the park visitor center at 757 426 7128 to get your name and PHONE NUMBER on the list, and if someone is coming with you, please put their name on the list also. No open toe shoes, you must have your shoes on at all times while picking up trash, bring water, sunscreen, snack if you want to. Please be at the BBNWR. parking lot at 8:45 A.M. so we can load and be on our way by 9:00 A.M. We will clean all 6 miles of beach that the park has and try to be back to the parking lot by 1:00 P.M. We have bags, gloves, and 6 buckets if you would like one. (First come, first served). Hope to see you there. Bruce Julian

Tuesday Group - Back Bay WR to False Cape SP Bike Ride (Virginia Beach)

What – Bike Ride

When – Tuesday, May 16th. 9:15 to 2 pm

Where – False Cape State Park

Description - Meet at Back Bay Wildlife Refuge located at 4005 Sandpiper Road in Va. Beach at 9:15 and plan on departing by 9:30am. We should be back to our cars by 2pm. If you have a Senior Pass that will get you in the refuge for free, otherwise there is a \$5.00 fee. If you chose to park at Little Island they charge a parking fee as well.

We will bike down either the West or East Dike and then stop at False Cape Refuge store for a break. From there we will ride to the EEC where we will be given a tour of the renovated building. We will continue a few more miles before we stop and park our bikes at the Washwoods trail head. We'll walk about 1/2 mile to view the Washwoods Cemetary. Depending on time and the weather, we'll either have our lunch at the cemetery, the beach or False Cape visitor center. Total bike milage is approximately 16. Bring water, snacks, lunch, sun, bug spray and money (if you want ice cream at the store). Only those signed up will be contacted if the ride is cancelled for severe weather. Contact Carolyn at 757-375-9139 if you have any questions.

To sign-up email Carolyn: carolynssanford27@gmail.com (mailto:carolynssanford27@gmail.com)

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Spring Maintenance Weekend with Sunday Hiking (Sherando)

Maintenance: May 20th, 2023

Camping: May 19th to 21st, 2023

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

Hiking – Weather permitting, we'll have 2 hiking options for Sunday

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

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.

We are definitely planning on having a couple of hike options available on Sunday (weather permitting!). Although details are TBD, they typically will have participants meet up around 8:00 or 8:30 in the Williams Branch area and will be complete in time for people to make the drive back to Hampton Roads Sunday afternoon or early evening. Sunday hike participants are encouraged to combine this with the Saturday maintenance work, but you are welcome to come up and stay with the maintenance team on Saturday night if you want to hike on Sunday!

To sign up or for more information on maintenance, contact:
John Sima - TATC Trail Supervisor - trailssupervisor@tidewateratc.com

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

For more information on the Sunday hikes (no advance sign-up required), contact:
Andy Grayson - TATC Hikemaster - hikemaster@tidewateratc.com

Great Outdoor Provision Company (Virginia Beach)

When: Saturday, May 20th, 10:00 am – 2:00 pm
Where: 1556 Laskin Road, Virginia Beach, VA 23451

Description: If you are able to help staff a display table (does not need to be all 4 hours) at the, Great Outdoor Provision Company please contact Jim Barnes at vbjcb123@gmail.com. He is looking for 2 volunteers

Tuesday Group – OBX Bike Ride (Southern Shores)

What – Bike Ride

When - Tue, May 23rd, at 9:15 am.

Where – Marketplace at Southern Shores, 5543 N. Croatan Hwy, Southern Shores, NC 27949.

Description: We will meet immediately to the left after you turn off Rt 158 into the shopping center, and most roads biked after leaving the shopping center will be paved and flat.

Restrooms are in the shopping center's various big box stores, i.e., Food Lion, CVS Pharmacy, etc.

Our 25-mile ride, plus or minus 5 miles, will first take us through some of Southern Shores' quiet residential areas before we cross R158. There we will continue riding through varied residential areas in Kitty Hawk and Kill Devil Hills while riding beside small quiet canals or larger bodies of water that will include Currituck Sound, Kitty Hawk Bay, and Blount Bay. We'll also view many originally built, still livable, small flat roofed OBX homes as well as many of the more recently built and unbelievable large newer homes.

We'll have a couple of interesting places to stop for snacks, one being the Wright Bros National Monument Park, and the other is a rustic working industrial marina with a little supply store where we may have the opportunity to chat with some interesting locals who always seem to hang around that area.

First Landing State Park Trail Maintenance Work Day (Virginia Beach)

What – Local Maintenance

When – June 2nd, 9 am to about noon

Where – First Landing State Park, Virginia Beach

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

The meeting location is the parking lot by the picnic area.

At least 3 volunteers are needed.

Contact: Paul Heymann at yopch56@gmail.com or localtrails@tidewateratc.com to sign up.

Trail Magic Day at Tye River or Reid's Gap (AT)

What – National Trail Day - Trail Magic Event

When – June 3rd

Where – Reid's Gap or Tye River Bridge

The club is looking at providing "Trail Magic" to hikers (targeting thru-hikers and serious section hikers) on National Trails Day by surprising them with food and drink. This event will probably be held at either at Reids Gap or at the Tye River Bridge area. Jim Newman has agreed to lead this effort, but we are looking for at least 3 others to help support the effort. Even if you are unable to travel up to the mountains that weekend, you can help by providing food or drink (please coordinate with Jim prior to purchasing anything!). Items can be staged at the Sexton's house prior to the event.

If you can help, please contact Jim Newman at jimnewman55@gmail.com.

Full Moon Beach Walk (Virginia Beach)

What: Local Hike

When: Saturday, June 3rd, 2023; Meet at 7:30 PM, hike begins at 7:45.

Where: Meet at the 67th street beach access ramp

Description: Full moon beach walk on the north end of Virginia Beach. Meet at the 67th street beach access ramp at 7:30pm for a 7:45pm departure. We will walk on the beach while the Moon makes a spectacular showing. About 2 miles total hike distance. On street parking near beach access. There are no restrooms along this hike. We should be returning about 8:45p to 9pm.

POC: Contact Lance Deaver (cactuspatch@gmail.com) 757-642-2743 if you plan to participate or if you have questions..

Tuesday Group – Shingle Creek / Northwest River Paddle (Moyock, NC)

What – Paddle

When - Tue, June 13th at 9:30 am.

Where – Shingle Landing Boat Ramp. 129 Creekside Dr, Moyock, NC 27958.

Description: Paddling through cypress tree forests, Shingle Creek, flows into the Northwest River, which is one of more picturesque rivers in the area. It is not unusual to see deer or a bald eagle, as we paddle. This is a wilderness paddle like some of the small creeks in Florida. I talked to one redneck who was fishing for carp and he claims he saw a two toed Pterodactyl in the nearby swamp when he was possum hunting. Not sure I believe him since they were last here in the Jurassic Period.

Launch Site: Shingle Landing Boat Ramp. 129 Creekside Dr, Moyock, NC 27958. Date Tuesday June 13 Launch time 9:30 AM This allows time will those west of Hampton Roads to get on this side of the river Distance: We'll paddle about 5 miles to the Northwest River Park where we can take a break for lunch, use the restroom, then head back. We'll paddle from NC to Va and back for a round trip paddle for about 10-miles. To sign-up email Richard: rpt@cox.net (mailto:rpt@cox.net)

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General Meeting (Norfolk)

When: June 14th, 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) –

- Lopperfest #1 – June 16th – 18th, 2023
- General Membership Meeting – July 12th, 2023
- First Landing State Park Maintenance Work Day – July 7th
- Lopperfest #2 – July 14th – 16th, 2023
- AT VISTA – August 4th – 7th, 2023. Johnson City, TN
- General Membership Meeting – August 9th, 2023
- Lopperfest #3 – August 11th – 13th, 2023
- General Membership Meeting – September 13th, 2023
- First Landing State Park Fall Festival – September 16th, 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